



2018 National Order of the Arrow Conference

Everyday Leadership: 12 Rules to Lead By

Session Length: 45 Minutes

Through this session, you will:

- Explain** How participants can adapt Scout Law to aid in leadership
- Demonstrate** Provide examples of interpretations of the Scout Law
- Guide** Provide groundwork for participants to make own interpretations
- Enable** Challenge participants to form their own “Laws for Leadership”

Learning Outcomes: [create a brief list of what participants should take away with them]

- Scout Law can be adapted for Leadership
- Examples of first objective
- Groundwork for own interpretations

Theme Connection:

The theme of NOAC 2018 is “Decide Your Destiny,” emphasizing the message that today’s decisions shape tomorrow’s reality. This session will relay this theme in the following ways:

- By adapting their leadership with the Scout Law, they are deciding their destiny as leaders.

Required Materials: [tailor specifically for this session after the syllabus is done, e.g. handouts, flipcharts, projector, screen]

- Flip Chart
- BSA Handbook

To prepare for this session, the trainer must either familiarize himself with the provided interpretations of the Scout Law, or form his own. The goal of the presentation is to introduce to the audience the idea that the Scout Law can provide a solid foundation for their leadership style.

Session Narrative



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Introduction

5 minutes

Is anyone in the audience involved with their troop or lodge leadership in any capacity? Do any of you serve in a leadership capacity in other extracurricular activities? One of the goals of Scouting is to prepare its youth members to be leaders. In fact, many of us will have our first leadership positions within Scouting. Because of this, most of us are still developing our leadership styles, which can be quite difficult. I remember when I served as a Den Chief in my troop, years ago. There was certainly a learning curve for me, and I made plenty of mistakes. I thought to myself, “There are so many ‘self-help’ books out for so many different topics, I wish there was one for being a Den Chief!” Years later, I realized that there was. It’s right here, in our BSA Handbook.

Trainer Instructions: Hold up the BSA Handbook.

A great way to become a better leader is to set rules for yourself, and how you’ll lead your group. I realized that the 12 points of the Scout Law can all be interpreted to serve as these rules. Before I share with you some of these interpretations, I feel it would be appropriate if we all recited the Scout Law.

Points of Scout Law (5-6)

20 Minutes

Trainer Instructions: The trainer will lead the session in reciting the Scout Law. Afterwards, he will list and elaborate on rules for leadership. There will not be time to cover all twelve, so the trainer should pick 5 or 6 to cover.

Trustworthy:

- Be Consistent
- Team will know what to expect from you (and vice-versa), and can be more comfortable relying on you and each other

Loyal:

- Be a Servant Leader
- Team will more effectively reach its goal if you lead with that goal in mind, not selfish reasons

Helpful:



-Depending on the task, not every member of your team will have the skills necessary to complete the task

-An example would be a group of younger scouts trying to complete a knot competition

-Instead of getting frustrated, help struggling members of the group work through any issues that arise.

Friendly:

-Don't be short with team members

-When problems come up, use skills you have been taught (EDGE)

Courteous:

-Don't demand respect. Gain respect through your actions.

Kind:

-Golden Rule, treat others how you would like to be treated

Obedient:

-You'll always answer to someone, even as a leader. Show the same respect to them that you expect from the people you lead.

Cheerful:

-Set a positive example

-Make your team more open to accomplishing a goal by breathing energy into the group, and modeling the work ethic you expect from them

Thrifty:

-Don't waste your team's time

-Use time effectively to reach goal

Brave:

-Don't make your group do anything you wouldn't

Clean:

-Use formal language when speaking to people

Reverent:

-Know and respect the beliefs of others in your group

Buzz Groups

15 minutes

Trainer Instructions: Each buzz group should have about six participants in it. Have them form their own groups quickly to save time, and if they aren't all equal size it is not an issue. Once the groups are together. Give the buzz groups the task of creating rules for the points of the Scout Law you did not cover, then have them share them.

Takeaway Challenge

5 minutes

Given what you've learned this morning, I would like you to take this leadership "hack" back to your lodges, and use it to become a better leader. The last thing I would have you all do is take out a



sheet of paper and write down other resources we have as Boy Scouts that we can use to tailor our leadership style.

Appendix: Resources and Source Material

- BSA Handbook