

## THE INVESTITURE OF A SCOUT

It is important that the right atmosphere exists. It should be held either at the beginning or just prior to the close of a meeting. Not straight after a boisterous game (panting, and puffing etc.)

***This is but one ceremony and is in its basic form:***

The Cub Scout who has gained the Link badge is prepared for immediate Investiture – possibly following the going up ceremony. Others should be invested as soon as possible after leaving the Pack.

It is sometimes necessary to invest more than one recruit, but each recruit **MUST** make his own Promise separately and will be bought forward by his/her Patrol Leader separately.

For this reason it is undesirable to invest more than three recruits on any particular occasion.

The scout leaders and Patrol Leader have, and present the appropriate badges. SL= World scout Badge, and the group scarf, ASL= Australian Flag, and woggle, PL= District, and patrol identification badges.

The Group Leader should be present and take part in the ceremony, and can present the Group's scarf, the duty PL and APL hold the Troop Flag. (substitute if recruit is from duty PL's patrol)

If a Cub Scout is already a member of the group he continues to wear his group scarf, if the recruit is from another group, the group leader will present his/her new scarf, and group name tag.

As mentioned this is the basic investiture ceremony, each Troop have their own unique ceremonies, which are traditional and handed down..

## INVESTITURE PROCEEDURE:-

The whole troop is in the "Horseshoe" formation. The Scout Leader faces the troop with the assistant leaders in line, one pace behind him..

The Group Leader will be on the right of this line. The duty Patrol Leader and his Assistant Patrol Leader holds the troop flag and stand on the left and right of the scout leader. The recruit to be invested is with his/her Patrol standing next to his/her Patrol Leader in the "Horseshoe".

SL.. All stand at ease..

The Scout Leader briefly describes the significance of the occasion, and then calls on the Patrol Leader to bring forward the recruit to be invested. The Patrol Leader brings the recruit within two paces facing the Scout Leader; the Patrol Leader salutes the Scout Leader and introduces the new recruit, then takes one step back. The duty Patrol Leader and his assistant step one pace forward and lower the Troop Flag at waist height in front of the Scout Leader.

Leader:- Recruits name ( John Smith) Do you know what your honour is?"

Recruit:- "Yes it means that I can be trusted to be truthful and honest"

Leader:- "Do you know the Scout Promise"

Recruit:- Yes

Leader:- "Can I trust you, on your honour, to do your best, to do your duty to your god and to the Queen of Australia, to help other people, and to keep the scout Law?"

Recruit:- "Yes"

Leader:- "Please place your left hand on the Troop flag"

Leader:- Calls the Troop to the Alert position, and make the scout sign." (All leaders, scouts, and the recruit make the scout sign. Half salute)

Leader:- Recruits name ( John Smith) I ask you to repeat the promise after me...

**On my honour.. I promise that I will do my best.. to do my duty to my god... and to the Queen of Australia... to help other people... and to keep the scout law..**

Leader:- At the end of the promise, all present at ease, the two flag bearers return next to the scout leaders side. The scout Leader then shakes hands with the new scout, and says " I trust you, on your honour, to keep this promise you have made, you are now a members in the great world wide brotherhood of Scouts. He then hands the new scout his badges, the Assistant Leader hands his badges out, Group Leader presents scarf if needed, the Patrol Leader hands him/her his badges and all scouts returns back to their Patrols in the horseshoe formation. End of Ceremony...