



Procedure

Recruits who are not being invested remain with their patrols and stand fast during the ceremony. Bring the troop to the alert in horseshoe formation. Scouts who will be invested stand with their patrols next to their patrol leader.

The Troop Scouter stands in the centre of the open end of the horseshoe with his Scout Counsellors in line abreast, one pace behind. A patrol leader or another Scout stands off to one side with the troop flag, ready to bring it in. (If the flag is dedicated, it must have an escort.)

Troop Scouter: "Colour Party, present the colour."

At this command, the troop salutes and the colour bearer marches on with the flag at "carry" to take up a position one pace to the left of the Troop Scouter facing the troop. The flag bearer may either keep the colours at "carry" or return them to "order."

As soon as the colour bearer is in position, the Troop Scouter returns to alert, and the troop follows suit.

The patrol leader now brings the recruit into the horseshoe and stops one pace in front of the Troop Scouter.

Patrol Leader: "Scouter, I present (recruit's full name), who wishes to be invested as a Scout."

Troop Scouter: "Thank you patrol leader."

The patrol leader takes one step back.

Troop Scouter: "(Recruit's given name), do you know the Scout Promise and Law?"

Recruit: "Yes, sir."

Troop Scouter: "Can I trust you, on your honour, to do your best to live up to the Scout Promise?"

Recruit: "Yes, sir."

Troop Scouter: "Troop, Scout Sign!" (Only invested Scouts make the sign. The recruits, having been briefed beforehand by their patrol leaders, stand fast.)

At this command, every invested member of the troop, except the colour bearer, makes the Scout Sign. The colour bearer turns right and, keeping the flag gathered, lowers the troop colours between the recruit and the Troop Scouter. The Troop Scouter and recruit grasp the colours with their left hands and make the Scout Sign with their right.

Troop Scouter: "(Recruit's name), say after me..."
(The recruit repeats line for line after the Troop Scouter.)

On my honour

I promise that I will do my best

To do my duty to God and the Queen,

To help other people at all times,

And to carry out the spirit

of the Scout Law.

As soon as the recruit has completed the Promise, the Scout and Troop Scouter release the colours. The bearer raises the flag and returns to the former position. At the same time, the troop returns to the alert.

The Troop Scouter shakes hands with the recruit using the Scout left handshake and says: "Scout (full name), you are now a Scout in the worldwide brotherhood of Scouts. I trust you, as a Scout, to keep this Promise."

The Troop Scouter places the Scout epaulettes on the shirt, saying something appropriate, such as: "This is the sign that you are a Scout and have made your Promise." If desired, the Troop Scouter