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A Scout is Courteous
- the 5th point of the Scout Law

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A Scout Is Courteous

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

Being courteous means treating others with respect. Scouts show courtesy to everyone, regardless of age, social status, faith, gender, or other traits. Here are some ideas for the fifth point of the Scout Law.





Courteous Meeting Topics

- Magic Words Ceremony
- Respect
- Phone etiquette
- What is Good Sportsmanship?
- Thank You Note Template
- Outdoor Code
- Leave No Trace Guidelines
- These ideas and more can be found at:
- <https://scoutermom.com/20858/a-scout-is-courteous/>





Cubmaster's/DL's Minute

- A Scout is courteous.
- A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position.
- He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

Bad manners are cool, they always have been. It has always been cool (at least to some people) to rebel against society, to challenge expectations, to be an outsider, a nonconformist. (Funny that nonconformists mostly conform to certain manners of dress and attitude.)

But courtesy is not simply good manners, one may have good manners yet be extraordinarily discourteous. Courtesy is a heartfelt expression of respect and consideration. Respect for the different ways we express ourselves and consideration for our innate desire to be understood, to belong.





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S'More Cub Scout Fun

This outline for a Pack meeting includes:

- How does the subject relate to 'Courteous'
- Before the meeting
- Gathering
- Outdoor Code Opening Ceremony
- Opening Prayer
- Welcome & Introductions
- Den Demonstrations
- Audience Participation
- Storyteller or Guest Speaker
- Recognition
- Rank Advancements
- Cubmaster's Minute & Closing
- [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/YEAR1/310-842\(15\)_August%20Courteous_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/YEAR1/310-842(15)_August%20Courteous_WEB.pdf)





Think about times in your life when...

For a moment — think about times and places where courtesy would be elevated to an extreme art. Where or when would you be on your best behavior in terms of showing courtesy to others?

In a courtroom in front of a judge?

- When talking to a policeman after he or she has pulled you over in your car?
- Meeting with your congressman or senator?
- Meeting with an important military figure.

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Have you seen movies about the middle ages when knights and kings and noble people gathered together for formal events? Did they have a set pattern of behavior in how they addressed each other or bowed to each other?

This behavior was called “courtly manners” and covered all sorts of situations. For instance how and when you could approach the king, when you could speak or ask a question, whether you were never supposed to turn your back to nobility, etc.

Nowadays we have relaxed these various rules of courtesy considerably, but if I were to meet a real king or queen, I’d want to address them properly out of respect for their position of authority.

Could we agree that even modern courtesy is a code of conduct — a way of living in a respectable relationship with other people — whether we know them very well or not at all?

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The information from the previous 2 slides and more can be found at:

https://insanescouter.org/blog/870/A_Scout_is_Courteous.html

https://insanescouter.org/blog/831/Scouts_are_courteous.html



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