

Induction of New Scouts

Date: _____

Purpose - to officially induct new members into the Troop in the presence of the whole Troop. At the cross over ceremony, only selected Scouts were able to participate and witness the Webelos to Scouts crossover ceremony.

This ceremony is to be conducted at a Court of Honor about 1-2 months after new Scouts have joined the Troop. The ceremony gives the Scouts another opportunity to participate in a welcoming / joining ceremony. It also gives the Troop an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of pledging the Scout Oath and Law.

Setup:

SM _____ *Will conduct Ceremony*

SPL _____ *Will cut Square Knots*

_____ & _____ *hold ends of rope*

(Call new Scout(s) forward reading off each Scout's name)

Scouts, you have chosen to remain with our Troop in the Brotherhood of Scouting. Since your bridging ceremony at your Cub Scout Blue and Gold ceremony you have had time to think about what it means to be a member of Troop 221. Tonight we ask that you seal your membership in our Troop. You will be asked to pledge your loyalty and honor to Boy Scouts and to our Troop. An appropriate response will be "I will".

Scouts, please place your Left hand on the square knot in front of you, and make the Scout sign with your right hand.

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On your honor will you /Do you promise that you will do your best to do your duty to
God and your country?

(pause for response)

On your honor will you /Do you promise that you will do your best to help other people
at all times?

On your honor will you /Do you promise that you will keep yourself physically fit,
mentally awake, and morally straight?

Will you be loyal, friendly, kind, and brave?

Will you be helpful, courteous, thrifty clean?

Will you be cheerful, obedient, trustworthy, and reverent?

Will you respect and obey the rules of our Troop?

(Next, cut away square knots)

Scouts, you now stand as one holding a piece of the Troop's rope. The fiber that once held this rope together and made the rope strong is now in your hands. Separate, we each just hold a knot. But, together we can make the rope whole again. And together we can have the strength and wisdom to accomplish many great things as a Troop, that we could not accomplish by ourselves

Scouts, keep this square knot as a symbol to remind you of the ties that unite us in the brotherhood of Scouting.

Welcome to Troop 221.