

## Troop 94 – Scout's Own Service

### REVERENT

*Troop assembles for Scout's Own Service....once everyone is seated begin the program*

**Greeting:** We would like to welcome you all to today's Scout's Own Service.

*Instruct everyone to remove their hats.....they may remain seated*

**Prayer:** Please bow your heads...

For this time and this place,  
For your goodness and grace,  
For each friend we embrace,  
We thank thee, O Lord.

Amen

*Ask Everyone to please stand for the Scout Oath and Scout Law*

**Scout Oath – Scout Sign....Please recite the Scout Oath with me**

**Scout Law - Please say Scout Law ....Two**

*Ask Everyone to please have a seat*

### **Today's Message: Hailey's Haven**

Hailey always loved the outdoors and loved camping. She would anxiously await and count down the days to each camping trip that was marked on her parents' calendar with such happiness.

She and her family were going to a state park that they had been going to since she was very little. She loved the little hidden enclave that was off the West trail. She knew exactly how to get to it and would go there every time she visited Aponi State Park. Although many people would visit the state park, mostly only locals knew about the little enclave.

Hailey walked about a hundred yards down the West trail from the trailhead, turned onto the footpath. She then traveled the footpath over the brook, around the small waterfall and past the tree line of Spruce trees, to the peaceful little clearing that she enjoyed. The area was so beautiful! There were tulips and other flowers and lots and lots of butterflies. Hailey always enjoyed the smell of the sweet, gentle breeze there.

She carefully walked around so that she would not damage the flowers. Hailey noticed how the sunlight danced across as the trees gently swayed. A hummingbird zoomed past her head and squirrels zipped around at her feet.

As she rounded a large honeysuckle bush, she saw that someone had put up swing on one of the strong trees there. Hailey ran over, hopped onto the swing and swung as high as she could! She felt like she was flying.

Hailey could not describe the joy that she felt every time she went to this clearing that she called Hailey's Haven. She felt so happy and free surrounded by the beauty of the flowers, trees and animals. She loved how you could just hear the faint sound of the waterfall a short distance away and enjoyed the sweet breeze that tickled her skin.

After swinging, Hailey walked over to the wooden boardwalk that crossed over the brook. There she saw salamanders, tadpoles and frogs in the water. She caught one of the frogs and marveled at how green it looked. He almost glimmered like an emerald. Then she quickly put the frog back into the water, realizing that it was probably scared.

Just past the boardwalk, was a tree with a bird's nest. Turns out it was a robin's nest and there were some little baby chicks chirping loudly for food. In the next moment, a robin swooped in with bugs and worms to feed the chicks.

Hailey watched from a close distance away in amazement as the chicks chirping came to a stop once their mother fed them and they felt safe.

Feeling like forever, Hailey didn't know how long she had actually wandered about her haven as she headed back to her family's campsite. She dozed off in the big hammock to the sounds of her father grilling up something for lunch and her mother preparing one of her delicious desserts in the Dutch oven.

Hailey smiled to herself knowing that this was the start of a great camping trip!

**Reflection:** Hailey had a certain reverence for the outdoors and respected nature. Things, places, people and beliefs that we revere, we respect and care for them. We take the time to enjoy them and learn more about them.

### ***Ask Everyone to please stand***

**Benediction:** May you walk in Peace. Live with Love, work with Joy, and May the Great Scoutmaster go with you.

**Closing:** Thank you for attending our Scout's Own Service. Let's close by singing the Scout Vespers

**Scout Vespers :** *Second verse optional.....Scouts may hum the tune as they exit quietly*

Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfire fades away.  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared?

**Second verse**  
Quietly we now will part,  
Pledging ever in our heart,  
To strive to do our best each day,  
As we travel down life's way.  
Happiness we'll try to give,  
Trying a better life to live,  
'Till all the world be joined in love,  
and with peace under skies above.