

Troop 94 – Scout’s Own Service

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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 LawTwo*

Ask Everyone to please have a seat

Today’s Message: **Do A Good Turn Daily...Holding the Door Open....**

Dakota was on his way to morning basketball workouts with a few of his teammates after meeting up earlier to play some 3-on-3. His team was very close to becoming the NJAC conference champions so they wanted all of the extra practice time that they could squeeze in. He always thought that, “To beat the best, you have to be the best!”

After the early morning 3-on-3 practice, they went back to the dorms to get showered, hydrated, and stretched out for the team workouts. Dakota noticed that they were risking being late and Coach Tanaka is all about being on time. If one of them is even 30 seconds late, the whole team has to do extra laps and still practice afterwards! Coach Tanaka loves to say, “Early is on-time, on-time is late and late is unacceptable!”

As Dakota and his teammates were rushing to the University Sports Center, he saw an elderly woman, walking very, very slowly, towards the doors where they normally enter the building near the Athletic Director’s and Coaches offices.

She was walking so slow, Dakota figured that she would need some help pulling open that heavy metal door. While the others ran into practice, he and one of his teammates, Roland, each held one of the two doors open for the elderly lady.

The lady was so grateful and thanked them kindly. Once they escorted her to the Athletic Director's office, Dakota and Roland raced as fast as they could the rest of the way through the building to the gym.

Unfortunately, they were just over a couple of minutes late. The team wasn't upset because they knew why the two of them were late. All of the team felt that helping the lady was the right thing to do. Since the coach generally does not accept excuses for being tardy, no one said anything to him, and the team just got ready for the extra laps that they knew were coming.

The memory of that tough practice melted away as the final buzzer sounded at the championship game! Dakota and his team had won the championship!

At the University Athletes awards dinner, they had a special guest speaker. Dakota and his teammate, Roland, noticed that it was none other than the old lady that they held the door open for the other day.

The lady's name was Mrs. Nolan, and she was a graduate of the University from many years ago. She explained that she was the president of the foundation that provides academic and athletic scholarships for the school. Then, in front of everyone she mentioned how a couple of days ago, two young athletes had patiently waited and held open a door for her as she approached the Sports Complex. She said that it was a blessing to her since she had fallen recently and was moving a little slower than usual. Dakota was glad that he was able to help Mrs. Nolan.

Reflection:

You never know who you might be helping! Small, kind gestures mean a lot to people sometimes! Your kindness might put a smile on someone's face or it could be a huge help for someone having an awful day. You just never know. Never miss an opportunity to do a good turn daily!

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 us 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.