

Troop 94 – Scout’s Own Service

CHEERFUL

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: Choosing Cheerful..... A Matter of Perspective

Ayanna was frustrated and really struggling with all of the decisions that had to be made regarding high school and picking her courses. She was worried about keeping the perfect balance between schoolwork and her after-school activities. She was also very concerned about keeping her GPA high so that she could have her pick of any college. The thought of going to high school was overwhelming to her.

Since she was so anxious about the whole thing, she asked her father what the best thing was for her to do. Her father, Mr. Simmons, told her to bring him one egg, a tablespoon of tea leaves, and a sweet potato. While she gathered the items, he pulled out three pots, filled them with water, and placed them on the stove as they chatted for a bit.

Once the water was boiling, he told Ayanna to place the items into each pot and keep an eye on them. After about 15 minutes had past, he asked her to peel the egg, slice open the potato, and strain the leaves from the water. Ayanna did as her father said but, she was left confused by all of this and asked, “Dad. I’m not quite sure what this has to do with how I’m feeling.”

“Ah...” Mr. Simmons said as he nodded his head. He then explained, “Each of the items were placed into the same circumstance. In this case it was boiling water. Notice how each of the items responded differently.”

He continued, "The egg was soft on the inside, but it is now hard. The potato was firm inside and out, but it is soft now. And the tea leaves, they changed the water itself."

Finally, Mr. Simmons said to Ayanna, "When tough times roll around, we tend to respond in one of the three ways." "Sometimes people's spirits harden, and they become bitter about difficult situations. Others, will give up and become soft hearted – not willing to work out their problem" "Lastly, there are some people who work their way through a tough time. They manage to turn things around to their advantage and find a new strength to carry with them.

Reflection: Which one are you? An egg, a potato, or the tea leaves? Cheerfulness is a choice.

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.