

# Thoughts about your Blue Scarf

If you have never received a scarf before, welcome to the Scarf Program. If you are returning, welcome back. Remember, this program is meant to challenge you to grow to accept responsibility in different areas of your life, according to your age and/or grade. All members of the Scarf Society progress through the colors by thoughtfully and prayerfully choosing to accept the challenge for which they are ready.

## Requirements for the Blue Scarf:

You may choose to accept the challenge of the Blue Scarf if you are 12 years old before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## The challenge of the Blue Scarf: to be loyal to God, oneself, and others.

If you received a Gray Scarf, you accepted the challenge to be a good citizen and a helpful camper. If you received one shield, you added the challenge of being a true friend. If you received two shields, you added the challenge of being a good example to others. If you received three shields, you accepted the challenge to accept some responsibility to be a leader. If you received four shields, you were introduced to Jesus' summary of the law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself". On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

As you prepare to accept the challenge of the Blue Scarf we would like you to think about the following:

There are three parts to the Blue Scarf challenge: Love for God, self and others. What can you do to help you meet these challenges?

Here are some possibilities:

### Guidelines for living the challenge of the Blue Scarf:

Be reverent	Be thorough	Play a clean game
Be self-controlled	Be kind	Seek health for body & mind
Be dependable	Be loyal	Be alert to the needs of others
Pray	Listen	Learn

### Devotion to God:

- What are the creeds, guidelines and beliefs of your faith?
- How can they help you in your devotion to God?
- What gets in the way of your devotion to God?
- What help do you need to change the things that get between you and God?

Devotion to Myself:

I have to live with myself and so,  
I want to be fit for myself to know;  
I want to be able as days go by,  
Always to look myself in the eye;  
I don't want to stand with the setting sun,  
And hate myself for the things I've done.

I can never hide myself from me,  
I see what others may never see;  
Know what others may never know,  
I never can fool myself, and so;  
Whatever happens, I want to be,  
Self-respecting and truly free.

Devotion to Others:

Our world provides the brushes, oils, pigments, and the canvas on which you can paint your life as you want it to be. You choose your own colors, your form, design and pattern.

What can you do while you are at camp to become more loving to others?

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**The Scarf Anthem** *(please familiarize yourself with this song.)*

I would be true, for there are those who trust me.  
I would be pure, for there are those who care.  
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer.  
I would be brave, for there is much to dare.  
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I would be friend, to all the foe, the friendless.  
I would be giving, and forget the gift.  
I would be humble, for I know my weakness.  
I would look up and laugh, and love, and lift.  
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Make some notes below for your discussion at the scheduled Blue Scarf Discussion meeting. You might want to spend some time in quiet reflection and prayer.

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