

Year of the Promise & Law

2009

Living the Promise



All Groups are invited to participate in the Promise and Law special initiative for 2009.

A special badge has been commissioned that all members are encouraged to wear. The badge consists of two parts - the bottom (larger portion) can be worn by all members for 2009 and can be purchased in the Scout Shop. The top portion (completing the badge) is awarded to members who have undertaken a unique project, activity or event that explores some aspect of the Scout Promise and Law.

How to go about it

Gather the members of your Section around and ask them to explore each element of the Scout Law and Promise. Using your favorite brainstorming techniques create, fun, crazy, inspiring ideas that can explore one or many aspects of the Scout Law and Promise. All activities need to be completed in an outdoor setting.

When you have completed your project, fill out the application form (available on scouts.ie). Attach a picture of your Group undertaking the project and write up a small summary of what you have done. Send it into headquarters and the top portion of the Promise 2009 badge will be



returned to you and can be displayed proudly, by the members of your section, on their uniform.

Important.....You can seek the top portion of the badge anytime from the 1st March. The final date for applications for the badge is the 1st December 2009. So, if you are planning events and projects late in the year be sure to have returned your application by that date to ensure supply. Applications after the closing date can not be assured that badges will be available.

Notes to consider

Getting members to recite the Scout Promise and Law is not a valid activity. Get out, have some fun, and explore any aspect of the Promise and Law that appeals to your members, take sometime after the event to reflect and seek deeper understanding of what the Promise and Law means to each member.

Attendance at a Provincial, County or Group event with a Promise and Law theme or comprised of Promise and Law activity bases is not a valid project to receive the top portion of the badge. It must at all times be driven by the young people in your sections - they come up with the ideas, they take part, and then receive the badge for their efforts.