

# PRESENTATION 10

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## THE DEACON/SCOUT PROGRAM

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**Objective:** Participants will better understand the characteristics of deacon-age young men and how the Quorum and Scouting can help accomplish the purposes of the Aaronic Priesthood for this age group.

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### 1. The challenges/characteristics of young men ages twelve and thirteen

- a. Characteristics of 12- and 13- year-old young men fall into several categories:
  - Physical
  - Mental and intellectual
  - Spiritual
  - Social and emotional
- b. Their concerns include:
  - Acceptance
  - Family
  - Church
  - School
  - Friends
  - Dress and appearance
  - Music and entertainment
- c. Their interests include:
  - Clear challenges
  - Being outdoors
  - New opportunities
  - Being part of a group
  - Being with and around adults – the quorum and how it can help

### 2. Goals of Deacons/Scouting Program

What do we really want to have happen in the lives of our young men age twelve and thirteen?

- a. Conversion, development and retention of young man
- b. Teach duties and develop behavior of a priesthood holder
- c. Serve members
- d. Build faith in Jesus Christ
- e. Strengthen family

### 3. Priesthood responsibilities–

- a. Review *The Church Handbook of Instructions, Book 2*, 175-192.
- b. What type of family, priesthood, and Scouting leaders influence will achieve these goals?
- c. Use of all recommended opportunities to teach and train the quorum presidency to lead their quorum.
  - Ward Aaronic Priesthood Committee Meeting
    1. Who presides?
    2. How often do you hold it?
    3. What is on the agenda?
    4. How does Scouting fit into the agenda?
  - Quorum presidency meeting
    1. Who presides?
    2. How often do you hold it?
    3. What is on the agenda?
    4. How does Scouting fit into the agenda?
  - Quorum meeting
    1. Who presides?
    2. How often do you hold it?
    3. What is on the agenda?
    4. How does Scouting fit into the agenda?
  - Quorum activities
    1. Who presides?
    2. How often do you hold it?
    3. What is on the agenda?
    4. How does Scouting fit into the agenda?

### 4. Scouting: How the program can help

An effective Scouting program should include:

- a. Well-planned activities with a priesthood purpose
- b. Regular campouts with a summer camp experience
- c. Well trained leaders including Wood Badge training
- d. Use of all 8 of the methods of Scouting, not just advancement
- e. Church awards
  - Faith in God (Primary age)
  - Duty to God (deacon certificate)
  - On My Honor
  - Adult On My Honor
- f. Courts of honor, with attention to:
  - Purpose
  - Frequency

g. Teaching and living the Scout Law:

<b>A Scout is:</b>	Trustworthy	Obedient
	Loyal	Cheerful
	Helpful	Thrifty
	Friendly	Brave
	Courteous	Clean
	Kind	Reverent

h. Teaching and living the Scout Oath, Motto, and Slogan:

**Scout Oath:** "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

**Scout Motto:** Be prepared.

**Scout Slogan:** Do a good turn daily.

- i. An effective troop committee.
- j. Understanding of and compliance with Church policies regarding Scouting (see the *Scouting Handbook* [35814], 5-6).
- k. How the Aaronic Priesthood Duty to God achievement program and Scouting complement each other.

## NOTES

[nerderma@ldschurch.org](mailto:nerderma@ldschurch.org) - for training document examples

Brother Arnold talking about Brother Marquis  
(clip from General Conference)

Tie each scout skill to a spiritual theme

Recognize BSA progress in troop meeting

Attributes of a 12<sup>-13</sup> yr old boy:

Fun loving

Be cool - worried about appearance

Follower

Physical Changes - feel awkward

Like recognition

Work out a stake & ward training plan