

## THE SCOUT LAW AND PROMISE

### The Promise or Oath

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### Brazil 1982

The Promise is the personal commitment that each boy or girl makes to become a Scout or a Guide.

«On my honour I promise that I will do my best:

- To do my duty to God and to my country;
- To help other people at all times and in all circumstances;
- To obey the Scout Law.»

### Greece 1960

As for this young teenager from ancient Greece, a Promise is pronounced with the right hand up, and three fingers up, in a Scout salute (see next chapter).

A cadet is allowed to make the Scout salute for the first time during the Promise ceremony.



USA 1950, Mali 1966, Gabon 1966, Central African Republic 1982, Dahomey (Benin) 1972

It is a promise («I will do my best») and not a vow, but it is made during a short ceremony to highlight this personal commitment.