

Scout Troop 166/066

Newcomer Guide: Troop Lore

Songs

The troop has a song sung with all members in a circle, arms crossed left-over-right, hands joined. This is usually sung at the end of a meeting.

Troop 166 Song — "Raise the Banner High"

(Sung to the tune of Rally 'Round the Flag)

Verse 1:

Raise the banner high, boys,
Sing out loud and clear.
Shouting out Troop 1-6-6 forever.
We're the finest Troop around,
And we want the world to hear.
Shouting out Troop 1-6-6 forever.

[Refrain]

Onward, Upward! Hark, the Eagles call!
On to truth and knowledge,
Until we're Eagles all.
Raise the banners high, boys,
Sing out loud and clear,
Shouting out Troop 166 forever.

Verse 2:

From the mountain tops,
and to the valley floor.
Shouting out Troop 1-6-6 forever.
We will hike up to the lakes,
and camp the ocean shores,
Shouting out Troop 1-6-6 forever.

[Refrain]

Verse 3:

We try to be prepared,
 'cause we want to do our best,
Shouting out Troop 1-6-6 forever.
The oath and law
 will help us meet the test,
Shouting out Troop 1-6-6 forever.

[Refrain]**Scout Vespers**

(Tune: O Tannenbaum)

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
In everything to be prepared?"

Listen Lord, oh listen Lord,
As I whisper soft and low,
Bless my Mom and bless my Dad,
There is something they should know.
I have kept my honor bright.
The Oath and Law has been my guide.
Mom and Dad, this you should know,
Deep in my heart I love you so.

Courts of Honor & the "Scout" Rank

Rank advancement and achievements are an important part of the Scouting experience. Courts of Honor are held every four months to award advancements. For most ranks, the scout is called up for the patch and tokens. However, the first earned rank — "Scout" — is honored with a very special ceremony.

The scout is brought before the Troop and presented. An honor guard of 12 scouts each lights a candle representing one word of the Scout Law. A speaker describes what that word means. The candidate is then invited to light a candle, adding their own light and joining the Fellowship of Scouting.

See the Scout Induction Ceremony document and the Official Song Book, available separately.

Patrol Council Meeting Procedures

The troop uses a version of Robert's Rules of Order adapted for Scouts — "Scoutified" parliamentary procedures.

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