

THE KENYA SCOUTS ASSOCIATION



INVESTITURE GUIDE BOOK

BECOMING A SCOUT

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The Kenya scout association is a voluntary movement for the young people. Its main mandate is to train young people to acquire knowledge and skills which help them to become good and useful citizens.

PREFACE

The scout fraternity has numerous investitures which are carried out throughout the scout calendar.

The investitures depict the life of a scout and how he/she carries out things in a different but an interesting way.

Throughout the history of scouting since its inception in Kenya in 1910, many investitures have been carried out both at the local, national and international level. Once the young people join scouting, they embark on earning badges (awards) where they do it for fun and at the end of it gain skills in a disciplined way.

Some of the investiture ceremonies carried out are full of fun and help the scouts to have a sense of belonging. It creates the sense of brotherhood and concern for each other. This gives them an opportunity to discover themselves and hence be able to cope up with the challenges that face them in life.

The guide will give you an opportunity to learn how the scout investiture ceremonies are carried out. It will also show the correct way of carrying out these investitures.



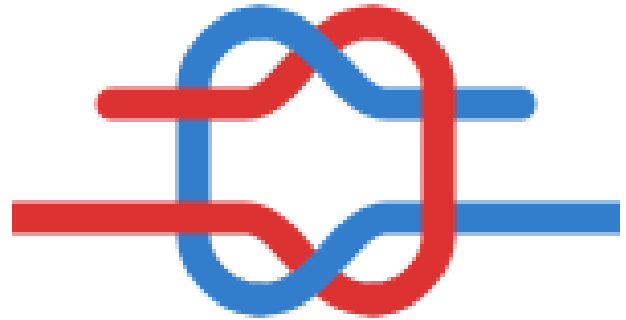
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PREAMBLE

The Kenya scout association is a voluntary movement for the young people. Its main mandate is to train young people to acquire knowledge and skills which help them to become good and useful citizens.

As a young person you may ask yourself why you should join scouting. As a parent you may ask yourself; why should you allow your child to join scouting?

This is a candid question which any person willing to join scouting should ask him/her self.

The Kenya scout association being a member of World Organization of scout movement has a rich program which is designed in a spiral way such that the details of the activities done get deeper as one grows up. The sections are also designed in such a way that one acquires a particular skill or knowledge at a particular section and age.

These activities help to build the character of the young person. He/she becomes responsible of his/her life and learn to be independent rather than depending on their parents, house helps or other close relatives

for the simple tasks in life which they can do themselves.

The association prepares the social, spiritual, intellectual, emotional and the character of a young person. This helps them to cope up with the ever increasing challenges in life.

A part from gaining knowledge and skills, the young person who joins scouting will have the privilege of joining the club of the famous people in the world who have been scouts some of these famous people in Kenya are:

1. Daniel Torotich arap Moi
2. James Sunkuli
3. Major Murugu Kinuthia
4. Hon Kalonzo Musyoka
5. Hon KFX Ole Kaparo
6. Mr. Patrick Shaw
7. Hon. Dr. Jeremiah Nyaga
8. Mr. Amalemba Musa
9. Mr. Peter Munga
10. Mr. Sammy Lui
11. Mr. Wamalwa Eugene
12. H. E. Hon. Mwai Kibaki
13. Mr. Wamalwa Kijana
14. Mr. James Orengo

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15. Mr. Oginga Odinga
16. Mr. Anyang' Nyongo
17. Mr. Raphael Tuju

Others in the world are;

1. Nelson Mandela
2. Barrack Obama
3. Bill gate
4. George w. bush
5. Rose Perrot
6. Bill Clinton
7. I. Carson
8. Gerald Ford
9. Robert Gate
10. John Major
11. John F. Kennedy



This shows that the scout movement has produced a number of famous people who have shaped the world in one way or another. Therefore joining the scouts movement is joining the list of the famous people in the world.

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In vesture ceremony of admitting a recruit scout to the worldwide fraternity of the scout movement

It is carried out once a recruit has completed and passed the pre –investiture test. After the investiture the recruit becomes a scout

The following is the standard procedure of carrying out an investiture.

Symbols: flags:

1. The flag both the National, the scout flag and the Kenya Scouts association flag are hoisted in the foreground.
2. Table or scout gadget
On the gadget or the table, the scout flag is spread on top
3. Religious symbols – the religious books to be used during the ceremony would be from various religious categories represented. i.e Bible, Quran, Gitta etc. Any other religious sign may be used as deemed fit

There should be themed billboard which elaborates the occasions

The scout anthem will be played after the investiture. During the process of

investiture recorded music will be played or a brass band would be performing

Formation the recruit would be in a horse shoe formation

Presentation of the recruits

The scout leader or the scout official who is carrying out the investiture stands in front of the table which has the WOSM flag spread on it

An invested scout commissioner is the only one who is allowed to invest the scouts

Also the scout to present the recruit for investiture should be invested

The recruit together with the presenter matches to the investing scout leader.

The presenter commands the recruit to an attention position then he salutes the Leader and says the following words:

Patrol leader: (salutes and says) “I have brought {name} who has completed his pre investiture test and now wishes to be invested and takes a step backwards.

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The leader takes the recruit through the following questions for Sungura Chipukizi and Mwamba:

THE SQUIRREL CEREMONY

The Squirrel scouts stand in a circle formation.

Leader: "alert"
Squirrel scouts stand at alert. The Sixer leader (leader of the squirrel patrol) brings forward the recruit who is to be invested. After a word of greeting the Sixer marches back to the six.

Leader: "at ease"
The scouts stand at ease. The Squirrel scout leader now addresses the new scout recruit.

Leader: *Do you want to be a Squirrel scout?*

Squirrel Scout: *Yes leader, I do.*

Leader: *What is the*

Squirrel Scout Law?

Squirrel scout: *(recites law)*

Akela: *Do you know the Squirrel scouts promise?*

Squirrel scout: *Yes leader, I do.*

Leader: *Are you ready to make your promise?*

Squirrel scout: *Yes leader, I am.*

The leader puts the squirrel scout pack to alert. All make the scout sign. The new scout recruit makes the Sungura

Scout promise, repeating each phrase after the leader.

The scout leader then shakes the left hand of the new Sungura scout.

Leader: *"I trust you to do your best to keep this promise. You are now a Sungura Scout and one of the worldwide brotherhoods of scouts"*

The scout leader then presents the new Squirrel scout with the world scout badge and Kenya emblem. He/she may also present

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the Sungura section badge, scarf, membership registration card and the record book.

The Squirrel scout then turns and salutes other members, who salute back. He/she then marches back to his place.

(The Squirrel Scouts welcome him/her into the pack)

THE SUNGURA CEREMONY

The Sungura scouts stand in a circle formation.

Akela: "alert"

Sungura scouts stand at alert. The Sixer leader (leader of the Sungura patrol) brings forward the recruit who is to be invested. After a word of greeting the Sixer marches back to the six.

Akela: "at ease"

The scouts stand at ease. The Sungura scout leader now addresses the new scout recruit.

Akela: Do you want to be a Sungura scout?

Sungura Scout: Yes leader, I do.

Akela: What is the Sungura Scout Law?

Sungura scout: (recites law)

Akela: Do you know the Sungura scouts promise?

Sungura scout: Yes leader, I do.

Akela: Are you ready to make your promise?

Sungura scout: Yes leader, I am.

The Akela puts the Sungura scout pack to alert. All make the scout sign. The new scout recruit makes the Sungura

Scout promise, repeating each phrase after the leader.

The scout leader then shakes the left hand of the new Sungura scout.

Akela: "I trust you to do your best to keep this promise. You are now a Sungura Scout and one of the worldwide brotherhood of scouts"

The scout leader then presents the new Sungura scout with the world scout badge and Kenya emblem. He/she may also present the Sungura section badge, scarf, membership registration card and the record

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book.

The Sungura scout then turns and salutes other members, who salute back. He/she then marches back to his place.

(The Sungura Scouts welcome him/her into the pack)

CHIPUKIZI INVESTITURE

This the ceremony where a young recruit is admitted into the world wide fraternity of the scout movement

Although the investiture can be organized in various ways the recommendations given in the Sungura section should be revisited.

The ceremony

The scouts stand at attention in a horse shoe formation. In front of them is a table or other platform on which are laid items needed for the ceremony this are the world badges, the Kenya emblem and if possible the section scarf, Chipukizi record book and patrol badge patch. The national Flag flies in the background.

The recruit to be invested is brought forward by the patrol leader or other invested scout.

Patrol leader: *(salutes and says) "I have brought {name} who has completed his pre investiture test and now wishes to be invested*

Scout leaders: *(in a calm level voice) "do you want to become a scout?*

Recruit: *"yes leader. It means I can be trusted to be truthful and honest"*

Scout leader: *"do you know the scout law? Then recite the scout promise as a sign of your commitment to the principals of scouting."*

(All makes the scouts sign. The recruit recites the scouts promise)

Scout leader: *I now welcome into the world wide brotherhood of*

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*scout.”(Shakes his
/her left hand)*

Scout leader: *then presents the new
scout with the world
badge, Kenya badge,
scarf and other
optional items.*

MWAMBA INVESTITURE

THE CEREMONY

The scouts stand at attention in a horse shoe formation. In front of them is a table or other platform on which are laid items needed for ceremony. These are the world badges, the Kenya emblem and if possible the section scarf, Mwamba Progress record book and Patrol badge patch. The national flag flies in the background.

The scout to be invested is brought forward by the patrol leader or other invested scouts.

Patrol leader :(salutes and says)

“I have brought {*name of the recruit*} who has completed the pre-investiture test and now wishes to be invested”

Scout leader: (in a calm, level voice) “*Do you want to become a scout?*”

Recruit: “Yes leader, I do.”

Scout leader: “Do you what honour means?”

Recruit: “Yes. It means that I can be trusted to be truthful and honest.”

Scout leader: “Then recite the scout promise as a sign of your commitment to the principles of scouting.”

(All makes the scout sign. The recruit recites the scout promise)

On My honour,

I promise that I will do my best,

To do my duty to God and to my country,

To obey the scout law.

Scout leader:” I now welcome you into the world wide brotherhood of scouts.” (Shake his/her left hand).

The scout leader then present the new scout with the world badge scarf and other optional items.

JASIRI INVESTITURE

The Jasiri investiture is carried out differently. The Jasiri scout must undergo

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a novice stage where the prescribed activities must be undertaken He/she must undergo a Virgil before investiture. This is the self examination before joining the scouting movement

The self examination will be based on the principle of scouting:

- Duty to God
- Duty to Self
- Duty to others

After a vigil the Jasiri scout will be invested through the following procedure

- The flag will be hoisted in the foreground
- There will be a table in front of the novicietes
- The invested Jasiri scout will present the novicietes to the Leader

On the table, there will be a bow or a bucket of water soap and a towel

There will be the word badge and the Jasiri scarf and a woggle

The novice, after self-examination, is brought before the jasiri scout. The crew should be in uniform and should stand

before a table, upon which is set a basin of water and a napkin. The Jasiri scout leaders stand facing the candidate(s), each of whom should have a bowline tied loosely around their waist. The Jasiri scout leader calls them by their names, and then says:

Leader:

Order: Novitiates Alert at ease, Alert by your left quick forward match!
.....Halt.

(The invested Jasiri scout will order the novicietes to match to the leader. He will salute after him/her made all to halt. He then presents the novicietes (s) to the Leader by saying)

I have brought.....
..... Who have completed his/her pre-investiture test and passed and now wishes to be invested.

(The leader asks) Have you come with the desire to become a Jasiri scout in our worldwide community?

Candidate: yes I have

Leader:

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- In spite of the difficulties you have experienced in the past, are you now determined to do your best to lead a clean life to be honorable, truthful and straight in all your dealings, clean in what you think, in what you say and all that you do?

Candidate: I do

Leader:

- Do you understand that by becoming a Jasiri scout you are joining a worldwide community dedicated to helping you carry out your ideas but which also ask you to obey our rules and carry out your motto of service to others?

Candidate: I do

Leader:

- Are you willing to give us a sign, here in presence of us all, that you are prepared to wash away your past misdeeds and that you are determined to commence a fresh

Candidate: I do

Leader:

- Then wash your hands as a sign here in presence of us all that you have washed away your past misdeeds and that you are determined to start a fresh and move on

Candidates:

- (washes hands and dries them

Leader:

- Understanding these things then: make (renew) your scout promise, bearing in mind that you are expected to interpret it not from a child's point of view but from the perspective of a young adult.

Candidate: `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,

To obey the scout law.

Leader :(*The leader performs a left hand shake with new Jasiri scout and says ;)* I trust you, your honour to keep (or *continue to keep*) your promise

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(The leader will then fasten the bowline knot on the new Jasiri scouts and present him/her with the badges saying;) let this your Jasiri knot remind you of the four younger sections of our movement. Let it remind you of your duty to the younger ones and of your responsibility as a Jasiri scout to set for them at all times an example worthy of your best self.

If one Jasiri was being invested the crew gathers around him/her and welcomes him/her to the worldwide fraternity of scout movement

The presenter puts the newly invested Jasiri into attention and orders them to an about turn and then march from the table as the other scouts welcome them with yells.

CONCLUSSION

It has been a long journey to accomplish this task. It is worth the time since time well spent has an outcome that explains why it need that time. The road to properly organized Scouts events has been set. It is for us to follow it for a good event that will attract more Scouts and non-Scouts.

This is the right path to follow.

Bravo.