

THE ROVER SQUIRE

I – Conditions of Admission to Crew.

- 1) Must be approved by the R.S.L. (Rover Scout Leader) and by the Crew.
- 2) Must be either a) or b):
 - a) Must either be recommended by a S.M. (Scoutmaster) as a Scout who is trying to act up to his Scout obligations, including the doing of good turns
 - b) Or if not previously a Scout, must be willing to learn practical Scouting, pursue the open-air life, and accept the way of life set forth in the Scout Promise and Law. (*A Rover Squire who has not been a Scout must pass the Tenderfoot test, make the Scout Promise, and be invested as a Scout*). See III.
- 3) Must be at least 17 years of age. (*Crews may waive this requirement on a case-by-case basis with Headquarters, RSA approval*).

II. On admission to a Crew, he is known as a Rover Squire until such time as he is invested as a Rover.

III – Qualifications. Before being invested, must satisfy the R.S.L. (Rover Scout Leader) that he knows the Tenderfoot Test: -

- 1) The Scout Law and Promise, and understands their meanings.
- 2) The Scout Salutes (to include Scout staff) and their importance.
- 3) The Scout Woodcraft Signs.
- 4) The composition and history of, and how to fly your country's flag.
- 5) Certain uses of the Scout staff.
- 6) The following knots: reef (square), sheet bend, clove hitch, bowline, round turn and two half hitches, sheepshank; and understands their respective uses.
- 7) How to whip the end of a rope.

IV – Investiture Ceremony. Suggested Investiture Ceremony.

Crew	<i>Formed in a horseshoe formation.</i>
R.S.L./R.M.	<i>Standing in the gap of the horseshoe.</i>
Recruit	<i>Stands just inside the circle, opposite to the R.S.L.</i>
R.M.	<i>Holds the staff and hat of the recruit.</i>
R.S.L.	<i>Orders recruit to come forward.</i>
Recruit	<i>Moves to the center.</i>

R.S.L. "Do you know what your honor is?"

Recruit "Yes. It means that I can be trusted to be truthful and honest." (*Or words to that effect*)

R.S.L. "Do you know the Scout Law?"

Recruit "Yes."

R.S.L. "Can I trust you, on your honor, to do your best –
To do your duty to God, and your country?"

Recruit "Yes."

R.S.L. "To help other people at all times?"

Recruit "Yes."

R.S.L. "To obey the Scout Law?"

Recruit "Yes."

The recruit then makes the Scout sign, as does the entire Crew while he says:

Recruit "On my honor I promise that I will do my best –
To do my duty to God, and my country.
To help other people at all times.
To obey the Scout Law."

R.S.L. "I trust you, on your honor, to keep this promise. You are now one of the world-
wide brotherhood of Scouts."

R.M. *Puts on his hat and gives him his staff.*

R.S.L. *Shakes hands with him with the left hand.*

Recruit *The new Scout faces about and salutes the Troop.*

Crew *The Crew salutes.*

R.S.L. "To your Crew, quick march."

Crew *Shoulder staffs.*

Recruit/R.M. *March back to the Crew.*

Crew *Congratulates the new Scout.*