

Ten Reasons Why "A Scout is Thrifty"

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One. So many Scout Merit Badges – including Citizenship, Entrepreneurship, Fish and Wildlife Management, Gardening, Personal Management, Nature, Public Health, Soil and Water Conservation, and Wilderness Survival – relate to the concept of thrift. So while some people think being thrifty just means being cheap and stingy, Boy Scouts know better! They know it means making the wisest use of all that we have. After all, the word "thrift" comes from the word "thrive."

Two. A big part of thrift is taking good care of the woods, of wildlife, and of our natural resources. Boy Scouts are committed to wise conservation and care for the natural world.

Three. A big part of thrift is planning for the future – Be Prepared!

Four. Scouting is about building character. Mr. S. W. Straus, founder of American Society for Thrift, said: "As we build the ideals of thrift, we build character".

Five. A Scout is grateful for, and wants to take good care of, all that God has given him. This idea is sometimes called stewardship. Being thrifty is another way of being a good steward.

Six. A Scout is generous. He promises to "help other people at all times," and to "Do a Good Turn Daily." Being generous is a huge part of being thrifty.

Seven. Scouting teaches the way to success. So does thrift. "Be industrious and frugal, and you will be rich."—Ben Franklin.

Eight. The founders of the Boy Scouts believed that thrift is very important. The very first statement of the Boy Scout Law, in 1910, stressed that "A Boy Scout is Thrifty."

Nine. Years ago, the Boy Scouts helped to sponsor "National Thrift Week"—one week each year during which Americans focused on the great importance of thrift.

Ten. Today we live in some very challenging economic times. We need to reduce waste. We need to save and conserve. In short, in today's tough times, more than ever, we need: – THRIFT!

There you have 'em! Ten good reasons why "A Boy Scout is Thrifty."