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- What are the responsibilities of a sponsor?
- How will sponsors and new Scouts be paired?
- How should a sponsoring Scout teach the new Scout about important Scouting symbols and the Troop's ways of doing things?
- What will your Troop's Investiture ceremony look like? Check with your Scouters to find out the basic procedures for investiture (if you don't remember them) and then have fun adding your own ideas to make it a special occasion.

Do:

- Sponsor a new Scout. Make him or her feel welcomed to the Troop, and share some important Scouting symbols and traditions.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did it feel to sponsor a new Scout?
- What was the best way to share Scouting symbols and traditions with a new Scout?
- What would you do differently in the future?

Safety note:

While your Troop might have some special signature elements to its Investiture ceremony, the ceremony should be altogether welcoming. How can your Troop share in a significant Investiture that makes new Scouts feel welcome? How can new Scouts be made to feel as welcome as possible before they have been invested?

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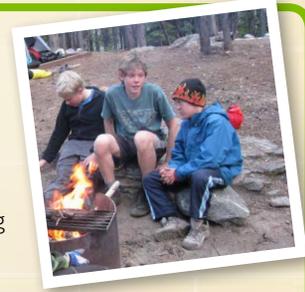
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The Adventure:

Do you remember your Investiture—when you were formally welcomed as a member of your Troop? There were a few things you needed to know before you could become a full-fledged Scout: the Scout Promise, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, the Scout Slogan, the Scout Salute, the Scout Handshake and the Scout Sign. Hopefully, you had a good understanding of the significance of each of these Scouting symbols, too.



Sponsor a youth who is joining your Troop. Share with him or her everything that you know about the important symbols of Scouting that will be part of the Investiture ceremony. You can also mentor the new Scout on the ways of the Troop, taking part in an outing and explaining how the program works, especially for your Troop. You might even play a special part in the Investiture ceremony, extending a personal welcome to your Troop's newest Scout!

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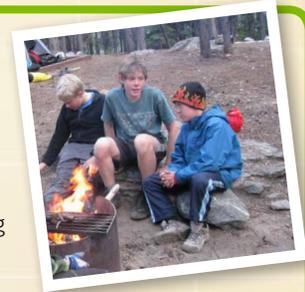
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