

SAMPLE BP AWARD PRESENTATION

The Baden-Powell Scout Award should be presented at a time and place chosen by the Awardee. The BP Award is a significant one and necessitates some form of formality and celebration, however the form and content of the presentation ceremony is the individual's choice, generally in conjunction with the Crew.

Below is a simple ceremony with some useful readings that may be considered when deciding on how you would like to be presented with the Award.

Example Baden-Powell Scout Award Presentation

Flag Break

Crew Leader

Welcome to the Presentation & Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay my respects to their Elders both past and present.

MC - Chosen by Awardee

BP Award Recipient escorted forward by

*Crewmember #1
Crewmember #2*

**A Reading from Rovering to Success
Many Rovers choose BP's thoughts on success**

Appropriate Speaker

Scouting Background

Where appropriate, this section can be used to outline the Awardee's time in Scouting from Joeys through to Rovers, with different speakers for each section. Though not essential, as the BP Award is the last award in Scouting, it is appropriate to set the scene for the long term development of the Awardee as a member of the Scout movement.

Appropriate Speaker for each Section

Requirements of the Award

The badges and citation of service

At this point the requirements for each badge (from the Red BPSA book) should then be read out, and the appropriate details of what the Rover did to achieve each badge should be explained by a Crew member or other appropriate person for each badge.

MC

Award Charge and Reaffirmation of Scout Promise

Presenter - Chosen by Awardee

Presentation of BP Award

Recipient's Response

Recipient

Other Presentations as appropriate

Many Crews and Groups make their own presentation to the Awardee.

Unveiling of Honour Board/s

Crew and/or Group Leader

Reading of BP's Last Message or another appropriate text

Rover Advisor or another appropriate speaker

Flag Down & Dismissal

Crew Leader

Refreshments served

BP's Thoughts on Success

BP's thoughts on success were best summarised in the outline of the preface of "*Rovering to Success, a guide for young manhood*", which was first published in 1922. I would like to read these thoughts to you now, the lines do not flow but they could explain to you the ideals that BP sought to instill in young men and now women through Rovers.

This gives you an outline of what the book is about and of what I meant by "Success."

HOW TO BE HAPPY THROUGH RICH - OR POOR.

A canoe trip is like the voyage of life.

An old 'un ought to hand on piloting hints.

The only true success is Happiness.

Two steps to Happiness are: Taking life as a game and giving out love.

The Burmese are an example of a happy people.

Happiness is not mere pleasure nor the outcome of wealth.

It is the result of active work rather than the passive enjoyment of pleasure.

Your success depends on your own individual effort in the voyage of life,

And the avoidance of certain dangerous rocks.

Self – education, in conjunction of what you have learned at school, is necessary.

Go forward with confidence.

Paddle your own canoe!

If these thoughts have set your mind turning, they are further explored in BP's book *Rovering to Success*.

BP's Last Message

Toward the end of his life, although in comparatively good health, Baden-Powell prepared a farewell message to his scouts, for publication after his death, it read:

Dear Scouts,

If you have ever seen the play "Peter Pan" you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die, he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same for me, although

I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word goodbye.

Remember, it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

I believe that God put us in the jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time, but have done your best.

“Be prepared” in this way, to live happy and die happy. stick to your Scout Promise always. Even after you have ceased being a boy. And God help you do it.

Your friend,

Baden-Powell of Gilwell.

Baden-Powell Award Charge and Scout Promise

I charge you ever to remember and discharge your duties as a Baden-Powell Scout Award Holder to – set an example to the younger members of the Movement and to your peers and to place your knowledge at the disposal of the Scouting Movement and the community at large.

I further charge you to continue to be a self-directing personality, and a responsible participant in the world around you and I remind you that you accept these obligations of good citizenship and service to others.

To remind you of your responsibilities as a Scout, I ask you to re-affirm your Scout Promise.

Parade Alert!..... Make the Scout Sign

The recipient is to choose which version of the Scout Promise they wish to reaffirm (see below) ahead of time.

*On my honour, I promise
To do my best,
To be true to my spiritual beliefs,
To contribute to my community and our world,*

*On my honour
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to my God, and
To the Queen of Australia*

*To help other people,
And to live by the Scout Law*

*To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law*

Note: the person requesting the award recipient to reaffirm the Scout promise must be a uniformed member. If the presenter is not a uniformed member, a uniformed member nominated by the award recipient should perform this role.

Presentation of the Baden-Powell Scout Award Badge

The presenter pins the BPSA badge on the recipients left sleeve and at the same time says:

**You have been awarded the highest badge a Rover can gain.
I hereby invest you with the Baden-Powell Scout Award and offer you my
congratulations.**