

BENEDICTION

Dear Lord:

Give me the youthful spirit to let the young be young, and the maturity to know when to stop them.

Give me the strength to lead when I must lead, and the wisdom to let them lead when they can lead.

Give me the knowledge to teach them and the intelligence to learn from them.

Give me the skills to make the boys good Scouts and the character to make the Scouts good men.

Amen

FIVE RIVERS -FINGER LAKES MEGA TRAINING WEEKEND



SCOUT'S OWN SERVICE
9-30-07

INVOCATION

(CALL TO WORSHIP)

LEADER: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us enter the house of the Lord".

ALL: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all
ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come before his presence with a song.
(Psalm)

SONG

For the Beauty of the Earth

(See handout)

RESPONSIVE READING

READER: How wonderful, O Lord, are the
works of your hands! The heavens declare
Your glory, the arch of sky displays Your
handiwork.

RESPONSE: The Heavens declare the glory
of God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Oh Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds.
Whose breath gives life to the world, hear me.
I am small and weak. I need your strength and wisdom.
May I walk in beauty. Make my eyes behold the red
and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things
you have made, and my ears sharp to hear your voice.
Make me wise so that I may know the things you have
taught your children the lessons you have written in
every leaf and rock.
Make me strong, not to be superior to my brothers,
but to fight my greatest enemy - myself.
Make me ready to come to you with straight eyes so
that when life fades as the fading sunset, my spirit
may come to you without shame

Chief Yellow Lark, of the Sioux Nation, 1887

READER: In your love You have given us the power to behold the beauty of Your world, clothed in all its splendor, The sun and the stars, the valleys and the hills, The rivers and lakes. All disclose Your presence.

RESPONSE: The earth reveals God's eternal presence.

READER: The roaring breakers of the sea tell of Your awesome might; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air bespeak Your wondrous will.

RESPONSE: Life comes forth by God's creative will.

READER: In your Goodness You have made us able to hear the music of the world, the raging of the winds, the whispering of trees in the wood, and the precious voices of loved ones reveal to us that You are in our midst.

RESPONSE: A divine voice sings through all creation.

MESSAGE

LEADER

PERIOD OF PRAYER

AND

OFFERING

The offering will be presented to the World Brotherhood of Scouting in the name of the Five Rivers Council

SONG

On My Honor

(see handout)

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

(see handout)