



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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### INITIATION—SECOND CLASS SCOUT

#### Initiating Team:

##### *Characters—*

Daniel Boone—Representing Scoutmaster

Kit Carson—Guide

Simon Kenton—Keeper of First Gate

Davy Crockett—Keeper of Second Gate

Dan Beard—Keeper of Third Gate

#### Costumes:

See "Boy Pioneer" Costumes by Dan Beard.

The candidate is taken from the room in which the initiation is to be held, by Kit Carson, the Guide. The candidate removes his coat and shoes and is blindfolded.

The Scouts who are First Class or Second Class, already initiated, seat themselves on the floor forming a hollow square. The Keeper of the First Gate stations himself in the middle of one side of the square, the Keeper of the Second Gate being on the opposite side of the square. The Keeper of the Third Gate is on one of the other sides and Daniel Boone opposite him. Daniel Boone is seated at a rough table, with an imitation camp fire in front of the table, and a Scout on each side of him, one with the American Flag and the other with the Troop Flag.

KIT CARSON approaches Keeper of First Gate and gives owl call three times.

SIMON KENTON—Who so rudely breaks the silence of the Forest?

KIT CARSON—'Tis Kit Carson, the Guide, oh sharp-eared Simon Kenton.

SIMON KENTON—But you come not alone, friend Carson, who is that stranger with you?

KIT CARSON—A Tenderfoot Scout who craves to learn the secrets of the forest, to do a good turn daily and be of some use in the world.

SIMON KENTON—That is a worthy purpose, friend Carson, and in your hands he should make a good Scout. Is he prepared?

KIT CARSON—He is.

SIMON KENTON—Enter by way of the rough road thru the woods.

After going over "the rough road," the candidate is turned completely around three times and taken to the second gate. Here Kit Carson gives the beaver call three times.

DAVY CROCKETT—Who dares approach the secret entrance of this forest?

KIT CARSON—'Tis Kit Carson, the Guide, oh keen-eyed Davy Crockett.

DAVY CROCKETT—But you come not alone, friend Carson. Who is that stranger with you?

KIT CARSON—A Tenderfoot Scout, who craves to learn the secrets of the forest, to do a good turn daily and be of some use in the world.

DAVY CROCKETT—That is, indeed, a worthy purpose, friend Carson, but why came he to this forest to join our troop?

KIT CARSON—Because of all the Scouts who roam these woods, he likes us best, and finds herein many friends from whom he can learn much.

DAVY CROCKETT—He has good reason for his choice, and if he can stand our tests he will prove a worthy Scout. Subject him to the hunter's test.

Candidate is then turned completely around three times and taken to the Third Gate, where Kit Carson gives the rattlesnake call three times.

DAN BEARD—Who dares penetrate to the very heart of the forest and approach the secret gathering of the . . . . . Troop?

KIT CARSON—'Tis Kit Carson, the Guide, oh good and wise Dan Beard.

DAN BEARD—But you come not alone, friend Carson. Who is that stranger with you?

KIT CARSON—A Tenderfoot Scout, who craves to learn the secrets of the forest, to do a good turn daily and be of some use in the world.

DAN BEARD—That is, indeed, a worthy purpose, friend Carson, but do you think he can stand all the tests required of a Second Class Scout?

KIT CARSON—He is strong of limb and quick of eye, and promises to fulfill all Scout requirements. He has already waited long for his hour of testing. He has traveled the rough road thru the forest and has withstood the hunter's test.

DAN BEARD—Do you think you can stand the final test of the . . . . . Troop?

KIT CARSON—His heart is strong and he fears no danger of the forest.

DAN BEARD—Let him taste the bitter brew. (Here candidate is given a bitter drink.)

DAN BEARD—He is, forsooth, a stalwart youth and fearless. I will bear your message to Daniel Boone while you tarry here.

(The lights are now put out.)

DAN BEARD—Oh, gallant Daniel Boone, there stands at the edge of our forest good Kit Carson, the Guide, accompanied by a Tenderfoot Scout who craves to learn the secrets of the forest, to do a good turn daily and be of some use in the world.

DANIEL BOONE—That is a worthy purpose, good friend, Dan Beard, but what assurance have you that he is even worthy of our consideration.

DAN BEARD—He accompanied good Kit Carson on this rough and rugged journey to the very heart of

this forest without faltering. He has been tried many times, is strong in limb, quick of eye, and in every test he was prepared.

DANIEL BOONE—Your report is good, bring the candidate in.

DAN BEARD—to Kit Carson—Friend Carson, conduct the candidate to our leader Daniel Boone. (Here Kit Carson brings the candidate in front of the camp fire and un.masks him.)

KIT CARSON—Tenderfoot Scout. . . . . the man who now sits before you represents Daniel Boone, the rugged old Scout of years gone by.

He was a man of the woods, strong in character, and at all times prepared to do a man's work. He was loved and obeyed by all loyal men, and it is expected that in the same spirit you will obey all of your Scout-master's injunctions and give him your hearty and loyal support.

DANIEL BOONE—Whom have you here Kit Carson?

KIT CARSON—(Name of candidate), a Tenderfoot Scout.

DANIEL BOONE—(Name of candidate), you have completed the tests required for advancement to the rank of Second Class Scout. Before presenting your badge, I must ask you the usual questions.

Have you, to the best of your ability, kept all promises of the Scout Oath and Scout Law?

Have you kept in mind the daily good turn, and regularly done your duty in this respect?

You will again repeat the Scout Oath, thus renewing your allegiance to Scouting and your promise to uphold its principles.

Before investing you with the emblem we have chosen to mark you as a Second Class Scout, it is appropriate that I explain to you more fully the meaning of the ceremony through which you have passed.

You have outgrown your Tenderfoot days, and stand on the threshold of a broader Scout career. You are about to learn more and more of that life which marked the days of America's early pioneers who made America of today possible. They were high minded, clean lived men. Your Guide represents Kit Carson, a famous Scout who lived in the early part of the 19th century. He was fearless, brave, and a guide who knew the woods and its people.

Simon Kenton, who first challenged your entrance, was one of the generous, lovable, mild-minded, dare-devil pioneers of the old frontier. He lived during the years of the Revolution, and you will want to read a full description of his narrow escapes and his great bravery.

Davy Crockett, who next challenged you, needs no introduction to the red blooded American boy. If you have not read of his pioneer experiences, a treat is in store for you.

Dan Beard, the Keeper of the Third Gate, needs no introduction to any redblooded, live American boy. Living in our day and standing for all that is good and manly in a boy, he is eminently fitted to occupy a place in the gallery of America's famous Scouts. He first put into actual practice what has long been dormant in the heart of the American boy, the desire to know the woods better and to get a taste of the great out-doors. He opened the secrets of the woods to the boys of our day. He has for many years actively advocated the usefulness and manliness of the boys of today. Years have not dimmed his ardor nor have rebuffs cooled his enthusiasm. He has lived to see his life's work become the greatest organization of boyhood the world has ever seen. He has seen the great Government at Washington officially acknowledge the Scout Movement and enact laws protecting the uniform of the Boy Scouts. He is the living proof that a real Boy Scout can never grow old.

Daniel Boone, whom I represent, was a great, simple-hearted man. He was born here in Pennsylvania, and at the age of 12, our Scout age, he was presented with his first rifle by his father. He built himself a lodge in the woods where he spent months at a time by himself. He fought with Washington at the famous scene of Braddock's defeat, and no doubt his knowledge of the woods and the trails saved that little band from being entirely wiped out. He knew and loved the denizens of the woods and was the first man in America to stand for the protection of our wild game.

These great Scouts each exemplify some side of Scouting which should appeal to you as a Second Class Scout. It was from this same class of pioneer Scouts that we received one of our greatest Americans—Abraham Lincoln.

In order to make these wonderful pioneer days more real to you, I now invest you with the beaver hat, which was worn by these Scouts of older days. May it be a reminder to you of the character and lofty ideas of these old Scouts who have been impersonated before you tonight.

They were men with big hearts, who went into the serious game of building the frontiers of this Country, with as much interest and enjoyment as you boys of today display upon the athletic fields.

It also gives me pleasure to hand you, . . . . . the chevron of the Second Class Scout, bidding you wear it with honor to yourself and to your troop, and I remind you that there are still further tests to be passed and badges and honors to be earned. I hope that you will not stop until you wear the silver eagle, the highest badge of Scouting.