

Thoughts about your Red Scarf

Welcome back to the Scarf Program. Remember, this program is meant to challenge you to accept responsibility in different areas of your life, according to your age and/or grade. All members of the Scarf Society progress through the colors by thoughtfully and prayerfully choosing to accept the challenge for which they are ready.

Requirements for the Red Scarf:

You may choose to accept the challenge of the Red Scarf if you are entering 11th grade, or are 16 years old before December 1st.

The challenge of the Red Scarf: is to a sacrifice of time, talent, and personal will

If you received a Gray Scarf, you accepted the challenge to be a good citizen and a helpful camper. If you received one shield, you added the challenge of being a true friend. If you received two shields, you added the challenge of being a good example to others. If you received three shields, you accepted the challenge to accept some responsibility to be a leader. If you received four shields, you were introduced to Jesus' summary of the law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself". When you received your Blue Scarf, you accepted the challenge to be loyal to God, oneself, and others. If you received the Green Scarf, you accepted the challenge to rededicate yourself to the Christian way of life. When you received your Brown Scarf you accepted the challenge of Christian Service. If you received your Gold Scarf you accepted the challenge of understanding and concern for others. In trying to do these challenges, you built the necessary foundation for accepting the next challenge, the challenge of the Red Scarf.

Even if you did not take all these challenges, you may want to think about these areas of your life as you prepare yourself to accept the Challenge of the Red Scarf.

As you prepare to accept the challenge of the Red Scarf we would like you to think about the following:

The Red Scarf challenges you to "a sacrifice of time, talent, and personal will." Being a good friend; working with your church group; working in school or at home; or doing something that might be inconvenient at a particular moment could be part of your Red Scarf Challenge.

What does "sacrifice" mean to you? What are some of your talents? What does "personal will" mean to you? How can you sacrifice your time, talent, and personal will?

1) Red Scarf Creed (to be memorized)

We believe the best and happiest life is the one spent not for self, but for others.
With this for our ideal, we pledge our hearty loyalty to our society and its principles.
We will be earnest seekers after truth; we will be friends not only to each other, but to all, and we will do our utmost to advance in true Christian manhood/womanhood.
We will stand everywhere and always for purity and righteousness.

2) Isaiah 6:6-8 states:

“Then flew one of the seraphim to me having in his hand a burning coal, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth, and said: ‘Behold this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.’ And I heard a voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for me?’ And I answered, ‘ere I am! Send me.’ And he said, ‘Go!’”

3) The Gospel of St. Matthew (26:39) states:

“And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, ‘O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.’”

4) Psalm 40 at verse 7 states: “I delight to do what you will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart.”

5) Think about and select a person who is your ideal – a person whose spirit and attitude towards God and life you wish to emulate. Write down a few of their traits that you wish to emulate.

Aims for improvement. Write down a list of things that you want to improve in your life. Make some notes below for your discussion at the scheduled Red Scarf Discussion meeting. You might want to spend some time in quiet reflection and prayer.

Name: _____ Date: _____