



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCAVENGER HUNT



Welcome to The National World War II Museum!

Every Boy Scout knows the Scout Law. Many of the most important lessons from WWII reflect the same values listed in the Scout Law. Here is a fun and educational scavenger hunt through the Museum's Home Front and European Theatre exhibits that reflects the Scout Law (although not in the order you're used to).

OBEDIENT

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop.

He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Find pictures and description of Gas Rationing (in the Home Front gallery)

The American government realized that civilian use of some natural resources must be limited during the war. They set up a rationing system that would allow important functions to continue on the Home Front, but would still provide resources to the fighting men. Driving less saved gasoline and meant less wear on tires.

Who received the "T" gas ration stamp? _____

List three other things that were rationed during WWII? _____

THRIFTY

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

Home Front Gallery (past the Hershey bars display)

Today, Americans are encouraged to recycle. The same was true during WWII. As Americans were supporting the war effort, they recycled, or "scrapped" many common household items that could be converted to other things – some of which could be used by soldiers overseas.

List two materials that were "scrapped" by Americans, including Boy Scouts, during the war and what could be made from them.

1) _____

2) _____

LOYAL

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

Andrew Higgins biography (just inside Higgins boat gallery to right)

Andrew Jackson Higgins helped win the war by building many types of boats at his factories in and around New Orleans. He was not just loyal to his country, but also to the people of the region. He paid all of his workers the same wage for the same job, regardless of their race or gender, long before most other employers did this.

Which future President is shaking Andrew Higgins' hand? _____

CHEERFUL

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way.
He tries to make others happy.

Edna Plaisance Oral History (in oral history booth on right as you enter Higgins gallery)

Ms. Edna Plaisance was one of the women workers who entered the factories and workshops of America during WWII. Before the war, 25% of women worked outside the home. By the end of the war 37% did.

What emotions did Edna feel on her first day at Higgins? _____

CLEAN

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

Personal Effects case (just past German/American uniform case)

Cleanliness is a very important aspect of soldiering. Throughout history, many more soldiers have died from infections or from eating spoiled food than from weapons.

What is the name of the tooth powder in this display case? _____

In your opinion, which item in this case was most important to the soldiers? _____

COURTEOUS

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position.
He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

The GIs in Britain oral histories booth (just past Deception Gallery)

Here you will hear several stories of American and British interactions during the war. Some were friendly, others less so. Courtesy played a large part in smoothing over difficult issues during the war.

What did Lt. John Ausland use for a drill field? _____

Who often did the laundry for the servicemen? _____

REVERENT

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Picture of religious service (outside Decision to Go theatre)

In war, death is never far away. Many soldiers deal with this possibility by seeking a closer bond with their God. One of the values which Americans hold dear is to respect freedom of religion – the beliefs of others.

This religious service is taking place aboard which American warship? _____

Do you think Axis soldiers also held religious services? _____

FRIENDLY

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts.
He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

Final Preparation Case (across from Decision To Go theatre)

The American government produced many items during the war to help understand peoples from around the world. Some items in this case were provided to American soldiers entering France to help overcome differences in language and customs. During WWII, Americans made many friends around the globe by sharing very simple gifts.

Which items could GIs share to make friends with French children? _____

TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises.
Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

Eisenhower letter (just past Decision to Go theatre):

General Dwight D. Eisenhower was in command of all Allied forces for the Normandy invasion. He wrote a letter to be published in case the invasion force was defeated. He was willing to accept responsibility for failure. Honesty was part of his code of conduct.

Fill in the last part of General Eisenhower's sentence: "If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt..."

Find another exhibit that represents Trustworthiness to you. Describe it's location in the Museum.

BRAVE

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid.
He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

Landing Craft Pictures (just past Armada model of ships and planes)

Take a good look at the faces of the men in this Higgins Landing Craft. Many are anxious and scared. Yet these American soldiers will go on to secure Omaha Beach during the Normandy landings on June 6, 1944, because they had good equipment and more importantly, courage, even in the face of fear.

List three things you see soldiers carrying: _____

HELPFUL

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

Photo of soldiers aiding wounded buddy (across from Pointe du Hoc oral history booth)

Soldiers came to each other's aid during WWII. Each knew he himself might need help from his buddies.

What letter is on a jacket in this photo? _____

Find another exhibit in this area that shows an American being helpful. Describe its location.

KIND

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle.
He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

Picture of American G.I. aiding French girl (along far wall when entering Utah Beach gallery)

There is strength in being gentle. The American G.I. in this photo is trying to provide aid and comfort to a little girl who is wounded.

Where is the bandage located on the girl in this picture? _____

How do you think soldiers feel about civilian casualties? _____

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Answers

- 1) Obedient – Answer: Long-distance truckers
- 2) Thrifty – Answer: Rubber, waste fat, steel/iron, aluminum foil, tin cans, etc.
- 3) Loyal – Answer: Harry S. Truman
- 4) Cheerful – Answer: Fear, being afraid
- 5) Clean – Answer: Dr. Lyons
- 6) Courteous – Answer: A football field (soccer is called football over there)
- 7) Reverent – Answer: U.S.S. Nevada
- 8) Friendly – Answer: gum, chocolate
- 9) Trustworthy – Answer: it is mine alone
- 10) Brave – Answers: various answers of soldiers equipment
- 11) Helpful – Answer: B
- 12) Kind – Answer: On her head