



Peace Light

The Crean Award:

Discovery:

Scouting Knowledge
Patrol Activity

Endurance:

Promise & Law
Patrol Activity

Terra Nova:

Task/Role in Patrol
Patrol Activity

Polar:

Promise & Law
Patrol Activity

The Activity:

Objective:

To participate in the Peace Light from Bethlehem project and to bring the light to your community

Activity Type:

Patrol/Troop Activity

Roles:

Activity Leaders
Community coordinators
Ceremonies coordinators

SPICES

Social
Spiritual



Plan: Peace Light

In early December each year, a candle is lit in the Grotto of Christ's Birth in the Church of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. This flame is taken by Israeli and Palestinian Scouts to Tel Aviv Airport where it goes to Austria. From Vienna, Scouts transport it across Europe and beyond.

Between 17th and 20th December there will be Light distribution services across Ireland, beginning with the Irish Reception Service at the Church of the Visitation, Fairview, Dublin at 19:30 on the 17th Dec. From there Scouts will take the Light to their communities: to places of worship, community centres, hospitals and homes.

This chain of lights is a symbol of peace, warmth, love and family. By passing on this *Peace Light from Bethlehem* we want to help spread happiness and hope into the hearts of all those who come in contact with it.

Each year, a growing number of Scouts brings the Light across the world, and from there, it continues its journey to towns, villages and into our homes. Time is limited and a continued effort and determination is required to ensure it arrives in your community.



For information on the Light Sharing events:

facebook.com/IrishPeaceLight

Also check out:

scout.org/peacelight





Do: Peace Light

Step 1: Find out where your nearest Share the Peace Light Ceremony is or make contact with the organisers to arrange to get the Peace Light to your Group. If you can at all, arrange for a number of you to attend on the Sharing Ceremonies.

Step 2: Make sure you have lamp or some other secure and safe way of moving the light.

Step 3: Plan the places in your community you would like to distribute the light to, public places are especially important. Think about places of worship, hospitals, and community centres. Then, arrange, with your Scouters, to make contact with this places and organisations to see they would be interested in receiving the light.

Step 4: Plan a simple ceremony for when you pass the Light on. Also, maybe give them a small information note on the Light.



Step 5: Make out a plan for who is going to go where to spread the Light. Also, remember that the days coming up to Christmas can be very busy for people, especially parents, so plan in advance!





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Preparing a Share the Light Ceremony

Think carefully about the location and who will be involved. If you are organising it conjunction with a local organisation or in a place of worship coordinate with them on the format of the ceremony.

Some points to consider:

- How will the ceremony work?
- Who will be involved? What roles are they? Who will do them?
- How will you explain Peace Light? What is important to Scouts?
- How will you transport the light? And, pass it on safely?
- Will you run a Scouts' Own or another type of ceremony? Should it be religious, or spiritual, or about Scouting Principles?

Scouts' Own/Reflection:

You can run a short reflection or a mini-scouts' own if you like. Here is a possible format (make sure to leave time for silence between each part):

- Opening Thought – introduce the main idea
- A reading/reflection – something to get everyone thinking about the theme
- Prayers/carols – a time to think about things beyond ourselves, to the spiritual
- Closing – thought to end the activity

Atmosphere & Involvement: It is extremely important that there is the right atmosphere. Explain to everyone what is going on and make sure the group is calm. Also, it is important to give as many people as possible a role.

Check out this resource for a selection of prayers, reflections and activities for a Scouts' Own goo.gl/94Lfi4





Review

What did you get out of being involved in the Peace Light project?

What would you have done differently?

What else can we do to promote peace and solidarity?





Review "SPICES"

Social

- Relationships
- Communication Skills
- Other Cultures
- Community Involvement
- Promise & Law

Physical

- Eat Well
- Personal Hygiene
- Balanced Lifestyle
- How Body works
- Physical Limitations
- Health Choices
- Access Help

Intellectual

- Achieving Goals
- New Ideas/Creativity
- Learn from Decisions
- Team Member

Character

- Promise & Law
- Friends & Friendships
- Plan before do
- Ensuring Fairness
- Respect
- Differences & Views
- Following Dreams
- Live the Scouting Spirit

Emotional

- Aware of feelings
- Asking/Giving Help
- Responsibility for Emotions
- Controlling Emotions
- Going Further
- Beliefs & Values
- Developing Talents

Spiritual

- Promise & Law
- Impact on Environment
- Reflection
- Changing Beliefs

