

The Legend

OF THE INDIANHEAD INDIAN

The area known as the Indianhead dates from the time the early native settlers came to the headwaters of the St. Croix River. A section of the eastern bank describes an Indian brave's facial profile, and hence the name - Indianhead.

Today, the River's artistry is represented by the two sides of the Indian's face in the new logo for the Indianhead Council.

The light side of his face signifies the Wisconsin portion of our Council, and the dark area Minnesota. The head of the brave crosses both sides of the River's line and serves to remind us the history of our Council is one of fellowship and unity in all endeavors.

The six bones on the brave's breastplate are marks of achievement he has won for himself and his tribe.

Today, they mark the six levels of advancement in the Scouting program. Each task is more difficult than the one before, and the corresponding bone is from a larger animal at each step. The last rank in Scouting is the Eagle and signifies a dedicated Scout who has finished all the tasks. His is a life of cheerful service.

An Eagle feather may only be worn by those who have challenged and proven themselves. The Indianhead Scouter earns the symbolic feather for his effort to do his best and help others in his daily life.

Behind the brave is a symbol of special meaning. Each person must decide for himself what Scouting means to him. No two Scouts feel the same way and no two symbols will have the same meaning to its owners.

The colors of the emblem are also significant to today's Scouts:

The ORANGE symbolizes a sense of pride and self-respect. Every Scout must have a strong sense of self-worth in the background of his experience.

The DARK BLUE is a spiritual color in contrast to its use as shadow. Each Scout pledges allegiance to God in the Scout Oath and Law and in his daily life.

RUBY RED is a combination of two colors, RED, which is power, and VIOLET, which represents virtue or love. Each Scout understands the need for both strength and love in dealing with others.

The WHITE is a symbol of piety, to show that each Scout is honest and true at all times - in his work, school or play.

And so today, the Indianhead Indian symbolizes the qualities in men and women that Scouting strives to develop in its youth members. The spirit of the young brave who sought so valiantly to protect and defend his family 100 years ago, today is found in the Scouters of Indianhead Council who live and teach the Scout Oath and Law.

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