

Opening ceremony of the Boy Scouts of America

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On February 1st, 2020, volunteer leaders, the Youth aged between 11 and 25 years, as well as parents attended the opening ceremony for the Boy Scout of America at the Edgewater High School to enroll young people into the Boy Scout of America club. The event was a one-day supplemental training event for boy scouts, the Youth and volunteer leaders. The youth were trained on ethical as well as moral choices they have to decide on as they await adulthood.

To gain clear insights into what the event symbolized, the event organizer who is also the chairman of the Boy Scout of America association, central Florida council was interviewed. The event organizer went on to point out not only the importance of the opening ceremony event but also the importance of the Boy Scouts of America, as being “an event that is intended to prepare the youth in society to make both moral and ethical choices over their lifetime”. To have a broader understanding of the significance of the ceremony to the youths who attended the event, two young people aged 18 and 19 years were interviewed as well. The two highlighted the main reason they attend the event which was to gain scouting values and skills that include; good citizenship, trustworthiness as well as outdoor skills.

The opening ceremony started off with the presentation of the U.S. flag that was intended at reminding the young individuals the importance of patriotism. The presentation had a narrator who guided the young troops using words such as “attention!” and “Hand salute!” Afterward, the pledge of allegiance was recited by all members who attended the event. Also, the narrator had an essential role to play during the recital of the pledge of allegiance. He guided the youth who attended the ceremony on how to recite the pledge by starting of the words and allowing them to repeat them. After the recital of the pledge of allegiance, the young individual were taught the scouts oath which they repeated, the scouts law that included the scout’s values and a scout’s outdoor code that encompassed skills to survive outdoors.