

**A SCOUTING CHRISTMAS CAROL
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NARRATOR: This is the story of a Christmas miracle that changed a rotten, grumpy old man named Ebenezer Scrooge. You see, Ebenezer used to be a very active scout as a young boy, but over the years, he forgot what the true meaning of Scouts was and had lost his Scouting Spirit. He was more interested in himself than what it meant to be a good scout.

SCENE ONE

(SCROOGE IS IN A CHAIR IN A VERY BAD MOOD, READING A NEWSPAPER. HIS SON TIMMY ENTERS, VERY EXCITED)

TIMMY: DAD! Can I join the Cub Scouts, PLEASE? There's a Pack Meeting tonight! Please can I join?? Please?

SCROOGE: SCOUTS!! Bah humbug! What a waste of time! You're old enough to get a job and start earning some MONEY!

TIMMY: But Dad, you were a Cub Scout when you were a kid!

SCROOGE: Well, things were different then. Times have changed. Now leave me alone!!!! I need to take a nap before dinner.

(TIMMY EXITS AND LOOKS VERY SAD. SCROOGE FALLS ASLEEP IN HIS CHAIR AND BEGINS TO SNORE)

NARRATOR: While Scrooge is napping, he will be visited by three Scouting Spirits that will remind him of the importance of Scouting.

(SPECIAL EFFECTS GROUP RINGS SOME BELLS)

(THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING PAST ENTERS AND SHAKES SCROOGE'S CHAIR)

SCROOGE: AAAH! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SPIRIT NO. 1: Scrooge, I am the Spirit of Scouting Past. I have something to show you that will help you remember what it was like to be a Scout.

SCROOGE: What? Popcorn forms to fill out? No thank you!

SPIRIT NO. 1: You'll see, come with me.....

(SCROOGE AND SPIRIT NO. 1 WALK OVER TO A GROUP OF SCOUTS HAVING A DEN MEETING)

(DEN LEADER IS HELPING THE KIDS FOLD A FLAG. ONE OF THE SCOUTS WATCHING IS SCROOGE AS A BOY)

DEN LEADER: Ebenezer, what does the red on the flag stand for?

YOUNG

EBENEZER: Courage and Bravery. Thousands of Americans have given their lives to make sure our country remains free.

DEN LEADER: That's right, Ebenezer. Great job today scouts. Next meeting you will all be getting your citizenship belt loop.

(SCROOGE AND SPIRIT NO. 1 WALK AWAY FROM GROUP OF SCOUTS AND SCOUTS EXIT)

SPIRIT NO. 1: Scrooge, do you remember how proud you were to receive all your scouting awards? Scouting is all about fun with a purpose!

SCROOGE: Yes, I remember. But that was a different time. Things are different now. Kids don't need scouts anymore. They would rather play sports or video games.

SPIRIT NO. 1: Oh, Scrooge, Scouting is still all about teaching kids to be good citizens and leaders. Maybe the next ghost will convince you...

(SCROOGE FALLS BACK ASLEEP IN HIS CHAIR AND THE SPIRIT DISAPPEARS)

NARRATOR: Later that evening, Scrooge is visited by a second ghost, the Spirit of Scouting PRESENT.

SCENE TWO

(SPECIAL EFFECTS GROUP RINGS SOME BELLS)

(SPIRIT OF SCOUTING PRESENT ENTERS AND SHAKES SCROOGE'S CHAIR)

SCROOGE: AAAH! WHAT'S GOING ON?

SPIRIT NO. 2: Scrooge, I'm the Spirit of Scouting Present! I'm here to show you how kids today still have fun being Scouts and learn to be good citizens and leaders.

(SCROOGE AND SPIRIT NO. 2 WALK OVER TO A GROUP OF SCOUTS HAVING A DEN MEETING)

DEN LEADER: Scout Salute! Bobby, will you lead us in the Cub Scout Promise?

BOBBY: (LEADS THE DEN IN THE CUB SCOUT PROMISE.)

DEN LEADER: Great job guys!! Give yourselves the Spider Cheer!!

(SCOUTS DO THE SPIDER CHEER WITH THE DEN LEADER)

DEN LEADER: O.K. boys, let's finish the meeting by filling out our Good Deed Sheets.

SCROOGE: Good Deeds? You mean Scouts still do that?

SPIRIT NO. 2: Of course, Scrooge. Scouting isn't just a passing fad, like Justin Beiber or moustaches. Scouting has been teaching boys leadership skills and character for over 85 years...almost as old as Cubmaster Bowen. Besides, it's really fun being a Scout...would you rather have your boys in a den meeting learning scouting skills and an appreciation for the great outdoors or sitting at home playing video games?

(SCROOGE FALLS BACK ASLEEP IN HIS CHAIR AND THE SPIRIT DISAPPEARS)

SCENE THREE

NARRATOR: Still later that evening, Scrooge is visited by the last ghost...THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING FUTURE.

(SPECIAL EFFECTS GROUP RATTLE CHAINS AND MAKE SPOOKY NOISES)

(SPIRIT OF SCOUTING FUTURE ENTERS FROM BEHIND THE CURTAIN, WEARING A DARTH VADER MASK; SPIRIT TAPS SCROOGE'S CHAIR WITH A STICK)

SCROOGE: (FRIGHTENED) What's happening? What's going on? You must be the Spirit of Scouting Future!

SPIRIT NO.3: (NODS TOWARD SCROOGE)

SCROOGE: I've seen enough spirit, I don't want to see anymore. We just don't have the time for Scouts....I mean....the Texans are playing this weekend....

SPIRIT NO. 3: (SHAKES HIS HEAD NO AND MOTIONS FOR SCROOGE TO GO TO THE FRONT OF THE STAGE)

SCROOGE: (CRAWLS ON KNEES, WHILE SAYING) Oh SpiritWhat are you going to show me now?

(SPECIAL EFFECTS GROUP FLCKERS THE LIGHTS ON & OFF)

(ENTER KIDS, INCLUDING TIMMY, WALKING AROUND LOOKING MEAN. AN OLD LADY CARRYING GROCERIES CROSSES STAGE. ONE OF THE BOYS TRIPS HER AND SHE SPILLS HER GROCERIES. THE BOYS LAUGH, STEAL THE GROCERIES AND RUN OFF LAUGHING. KIDS DO THE GANGNAM STYLE DANCE AS THEY EXIT)

OLD LADY: KIDS TODAY ARE SO ROTTEN! I remember when Scouts taught boys to become fine young men.

SCROOGE: (FRIGHTENED) Spirit, one of those boys was my son, Timmy. Tell me this isn't how he will grow up!

(SPECIAL EFFECTS GROUP FLCKERS THE LIGHTS ON & OFF)

(SCROOGE FALLS BACK ASLEEP IN HIS CHAIR AND THE SPIRIT DISAPPEARS)

SCENE FOUR

(TIMMY ENTERS AND SHAKES SCROOGE AWAKE)

SCROOGE: AAAH! What's happening? Timmy! (SHOCKED TO SEE HIM.) You're not a gang member! (SCROOGE HUGS HIM.) Come on Timmy, we've got to go.

TIMMY: Where are we going?

SCROOGE: To the Batmobile! No.....to the Pack Meeting!

(SCROOGE AND TIMMY WALK OVER TO A SCOUT LEADER)

SCROOGE: We want to join Pack 130. Are we too late?

LEADER: No, it's never too late to join Scouts.

SCROOGE: That's wonderful! And look, I even brought Pinewood Derby cars for everyone!!! (HOLDS UP A BAG FULL OF PINEWOOD DERBY KITS.)

TIMMY: Thanks, Dad! AND MAY GOD BLESS US EVERYONE!

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