

# Smarter Scouting with AI!



# What Are We Talking About?

- ~~Creating stylized paintings of your pets~~
- Using tools like ChatGPT to create text that can be used in a variety of Scouting applications
  - Meeting & event planning
  - E-mail communications with parents
  - Outlines for training
  - Social media posting
- Using AI tools to enhance what you've created



# Popular Generative AI Tools



ChatGPT



Microsoft  
Copilot



Claude



OpusClip



Gemini

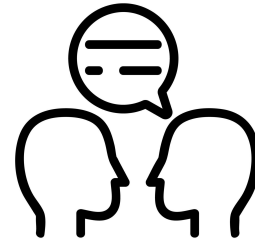


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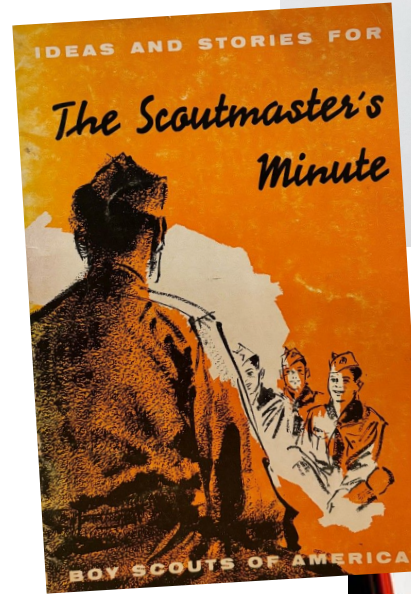
# Benefits of AI

- Time-saving
- Creative Assistance
- Enhanced Communication
- Personalization



# Practical Uses

- Scoutmaster / Cubmaster Minutes
- Social Media Posting & Planning
- Award Nominations
- Meeting Plans
- Event Planning Outlines
- E-mails
- Committee Meetings



# Cautions, Warnings, and Tips

- AI hasn't replaced human beings, yet
- **You're the boss**
- There are rules here
- **Garbage in = garbage out**
- **Consider your audience**



# Ethics of AI

- Respecting Privacy & Property
- Transparency
- Using AI to Enhance, Not Replace

*Note: Refer to Guide to Advancement (2025) for information about use of AI by Scouts for merit badges*



# How To

- Be specific
- “Act as if...”
- Say how you want your output
- Use “do” and “don’t”
- Use examples
- Consider tone and audience
- Build on previous prompts
- Correct mistakes and give feedback
- Ask what else it needs from you

From: <https://www.huit.harvard.edu/news/ai-prompts>

Scouter's AI Cheat Sheet	
Use Case	Example Prompt
Scoutmaster/Cubmaster Minute	Write a simple one-minute speech to describe the importance of loyalty to a group of 6- to 11-year-olds. Emphasize loyalty to their families, fellow Cub Scouts, the Scout Law, and their community. Include a story that demonstrates loyalty.
Social Media Post	Write a social media post to accompany photos of Scouts on a camping trip on the Oregon coast. Photos include: Scouts around a campfire, Scouts playing on the beach and doing beach cleanup, Scouts helping to cook breakfast, a Scout holding a crab claw, and Scouts eating smores.
Social Media Plan	Create a year-round plan of social media posting for a Scout troop. Target demographic is 11 to 17 year-olds and their parents. Key events include monthly camping trips or hikes, district camporee in the spring, summer camp in July, white-water rafting trip in August, and Christmas tree fundraiser in December.
Award Nomination	Write a 200-word award nomination for a volunteer scout leader who, as new member coordinator, doubled our annual recruiting, was very friendly & approachable, and took on new tasks without being asked.
Meeting Plan	Create a plan for a Cub Scout den meeting of 10 Scouts who are nine years old. The meeting should last approximately 45-60 minutes. It should include a game at the beginning that Scouts can join as they arrive that ties into the theme of the meeting. The meeting theme is first aid. The meeting will be in a meeting room. There should be an activity for each of the following adventure requirements...
Event Plan	Write a planning outline for a cub scout end-of-year event with a BBQ potluck, awards ceremony, and rank promotion.
E-mail	Write a friendly e-mail checking in on a Scout family who hasn't shown up to the last several meetings. you want to encourage them to start coming again, learn what their plans are for continuing, and not give them an easy option to quit.
Committee Meeting	Write an agenda for a one-hour monthly adult committee meeting to plan events for a Cub Scout pack. Be sure to include a review of past events, planning future events, and budget.

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# Your Homework

- ❑ Try out AI to generate something simple (e-mail)
- ❑ Iterate output with feedback
- ❑ Try the same tasks with a different AI
- ❑ Ask AI to improve something you've already made or modify it for a different use

