

WELCOME REMARKS BY: JOSEPH PETER KAMVABINGU

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Theme: “Scouting Tradition, Innovation, and Service.”

All protocols observed.

I am honored to stand before you today as we launch the CHAMBO Scout Troop, a new journey of leadership, unity, and service.

Scouting has always been about preparing young people for life. It teaches discipline, teamwork, resilience, and responsibility. But in today’s world, to “Be Prepared” also means to embrace technology, to use digital skills as tools for building a better future while fully upholding the Scout Laws and values

Why CHAMBO?

The Chambo fish is a proud symbol of Malawi. It represents life, resilience, and unity feeding families and bringing communities together. In the same way, our troop seeks to nourish the spirit of Scouting, sustain growth, and create unity among young people, preparing them to contribute positively to our nation.

Our Vision

To develop Scouts who are not only grounded in Scouting traditions but also equipped with modern digital skills, ready to serve, innovate, and lead always following the principles of the Scout Law.

Our Mission

To empower young people with discipline, skills, and values for service.

To integrate digital literacy and technology into Scouting responsibly, ethically, and with respect for all.

To build a community of Scouts who are resilient, united, and future-ready.

Our Goals & Aspirations

At CHAMBO Scout Troop, we believe in shaping opportunities for young people that go beyond traditional learning. Our troop dreams of achieving the following:

Youth Resource Center

a hub for skills training, counseling, and youth empowerment. This center will host trades such as welding, carpentry, plumbing, farming, craftsmanship, and electrical work preparing young people for real life and sustainable livelihoods.

Innovation & Digital Growth We will teach coding, robotics, and digital creativity, helping young people design solutions for today and tomorrow. We aim to pioneer the first Malawian Online Scout Badges, where Scouts can earn recognition for digital skills, leadership, and service always following the Scout Laws of honesty, service, respect, and kindness.

Leadership Development Building young people who grow from Cub Scouts to Leaders, ensuring that no one is left behind in the digital and practical world we live in today.

These goals are not distant dreams they are steps we are ready to take together.

First Project Announcement: “Digital Scout Malawi”

I am proud to announce our first project: **Digital Scout Malawi**. This initiative will connect Scouts across the country using digital platforms, promote learning and sharing online, and ensure that no matter where a Scout is from Chitipa to Nsanje they can access opportunities, share ideas, and grow together.

CHAMBO Scout Troop will cover the entire Scouting journey from Cub Scouts to Leaders because we believe every stage of life matters, and no one should be left behind in the digital world we see today.

Scouting is evolving, and CHAMBO Scout Troop will be at the forefront of this change. We will camp, hike, and serve our communities, but we will also code, innovate, and connect in the digital world always guided by the Scout Laws, ensuring honesty, respect, and service are at the heart of everything we do.

I invite each of you to walk with us on this journey. Together, let us make CHAMBO Scout Troop a symbol of tradition, innovation, and service.

With these few remarks, I thank you and officially welcome you to the launch of CHAMBO Scout Troop.