

Troop 666
Eagle Court of Honor

Setting

(The Eagle COH will follow the regular Troop COH and a picnic, so that the flags are in place, and the mood has been set. The participants and Eagle board will be seated at a table toward the front of the pavilion to the right side. Two podiums will be at either side of the pavilion. The one on the left will have a Scout symbol attached to it while the one on the right will be covered with an Eagle banner. The MC will principally use the left podium. Each speaker's podium is indicated by the italic left, right or center under his name. A small table with the three pronged candle holder will be center stage. A lit red, white and blue candle will be placed in the holder.)

Left

Greetings and welcome. I declare the Eagle Court of Honor to be open. One of the Troop's most recent Eagle Scouts, will escort Eagle Candidate to the stage. (Once (NAME) is to the left of the two empty chairs laid out in a row on the stage) Eagle Scout _____ will escort the family to the stage. (Wait for the family to be seated in the chairs.)

Presentation of the Eagle Award is an important and serious matter. For the Eagle candidate before us this is a climax of his Scouting efforts for several years. Let me point out that the attainment of this award is made possible through the assistance of those with us tonight--his Scoutmasters, Troop Leaders, fellow Scouts, parents, family, friends, and members of the community.

This is an occasion for pride and joy, as well as a time for serious reflection. The Eagle is the highest rank that Scouting offers to Scouts. -- (NAME) has distinguished himself through his continued performance of active service in Scouting. He is trained and practiced in his leadership abilities, and he is marked by the character gained through an understanding of his citizenship.

It is important that each of us understand the meaning of the Eagle badge.

The appeal of the majestic eagle has prehistoric times to the present day. To the Egyptians, the eagle was the messenger to the gods and the sun, a symbol of eternal life. To the Romans, he was the carrier of Jupiter's thunderbolts and a sign of power. To the American Indians, he stood as the incentive to valor and the pledge of victory. For us today, the eagle is a living symbol of all courageous and freedom-aspiring peoples. When the Eagle badge was initially designed by the Boy Scouts in 1912, it was decided to suspend a small silver eagle from a tricolor ribbon of red, white and blue. So it has remained until today.

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with honor. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that "A Scout is Trustworthy" is the first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because of the infinite importance of doing so for himself, but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for others. Living honorably reflects credit upon his home, his Troop and his community. May the white of the Eagle badge remind you to always live with honor.

The second obligation of the Eagle Scout is loyalty. A Scout is true to his family, Scoutleaders, friends, school, and nation. His loyalty to the Troop and his brother Scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty which means devotion to community, to country, to one's ideals and to God. May the blue of the Eagle badge always inspire your loyalty.

The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be courageous. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the Courage to face physical danger, but the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in God with faith in his fellow man, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do. May the red of the Eagle badge always remind you of courage.

The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be cheerful. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile, the red, white and blue ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout Award, which has its ends turned up in a smile.

The final obligation of an Eagle Scout is service. The Eagle extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scoutings advancement Trail. Just as others helped him in his climb to the Eagle. Their performance of the daily Good Turn takes on a new meaning when he enters a more adult life of continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as the protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He always will be prepared to put forth his best.

You are deserving of much credit in having achieved Scouting's highest rank. But wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example of Scouting at its finest. May the Scout Oath and the Scout Law be your guide for tomorrow onward.

Before we confer the Eagle award to NAME, I think that it is fitting that we pause and reflect upon NAME the Scout. NAME the person (Parent NAME) will you please tell the Court a little more about NAME?

In a moment you will be awarded the award of Eagle Scout. First though, I will ask your parents to stand at your side, as they have throughout your trail to Eagle. (Parents rise) At this time, I would like to invite all those present who hold the rank of Eagle Scout to form an honor guard behind (Wait until honor guard has formed.)

No one will ever know the innumerable acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of this Eagle Scout which have led us to this night. No Scout can hope to achieve the Eagle Award without the support of his Mother and family. As a symbol of what his mother has made possible, the court now asks (NAME) to present this Eagle pin to his mother. Scout pins it on mother)

(Name,) you are now about to join the ranks of Eagle Scouts. Before doing so, however, we ask you to recommit yourself to Scouting's essential principles. I, will assist by delivering the Eagle charge.

I have the honor to give you the elevation to the highest rank in Scouting. Your position, as you know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to your fellow Scouts and mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts.

I charge you, (NAME) to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and your fellow man. So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. We have too many who use their strength and their brains to exploit others to selfish ends. I charge you (NAME) to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the Common Good.

You will now rededicate yourself by repeating the Scout Oath. Repeat it slowly, as you stand before the three lighted candles representing the three parts of the Scout Oath.

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
To help other people at all times
To keep myself physically strong
Mentally awake and
Morally straight.

Your conduct along the trail has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting, but one more thing is important. Your future. As an Eagle Scout you will become a guide to other Scouts of lower rank. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous and people will expect more of you.

I challenge you to enter this Eagle brotherhood, holding ever before you, without reservation, the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of

the Eagle Scout Promise before your fellow members, you will become an Eagle Scout. Through the words you use are similar to those by which you joined Scouting, they will mean more now than they could have meant at any time in the past. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout with the words, which close the Declaration of Independence. Scouts, parents and guests, please stand. (NAME), please raise the Scout sign and repeat after me:

“I reaffirm my allegiance---to the three promises of the Scout Oath--- I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself---the obligations and responsibilities of the rank of Eagle Scout--- On my honor---I will do my best- -to make my training an example---my rank and influence---count strongly-- for better Scouting---and for better citizenship,---in Troop 666--in the community---and in my contacts with other people---to this I pledge my sacred honor.”

PARENT PINS EAGLE BADGE ON SCOUT

Honor Guard Dismissed. Scouts, parents and guests please be seated. By the authority vested in me by the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you an Eagle Scout. My the challenges and fun you have enjoyed on the trail to Eagle remain with you forever.

(NAME) the Troop Committee Chairman, will present with his Eagle Certificate and official government congratulations.

(Makes a few brief remarks and awards the Certificate and Presidential Greetings.)

_____ will represent the Troop’s Scoutmasters and present with the Troop’s Eagle gift.

(Makes a few brief remarks and awards the gift)

I now declare this Eagle Court of Honor closed.

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