

# EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 765

**For:**

**Date:**

**Time:**

**Place:**

## PRE-CEREMONY NOTES

**PA System:**

\_\_\_\_\_ will setup and test PA system prior to ceremony.

**Programs:**

Scout(s) who are to hand out programs should be in place at the main entrance to the Church at least thirty minutes before the ceremony. They will instruct late arriving scouts to be seated in the last row of the troop section. Three minutes prior to the start of the ceremony, the Program Attendants will move forward to sit immediately behind the troop. They are:

- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Color Guard:**

The Color Guard will be at the main entrance to the Church at least three minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. The Color Guard members are:

- \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior Patrol Leader:**

The Senior Patrol Leader, \_\_\_\_\_, will be at the main entrance with the Troop to ensure they are in the correct order and know where they are to go.

**Trail to Eagle:**

The six or twelve scouts selected to participate in the "Trail to Eagle" portion of the ceremony will be provided with their respective rank symbol signs at least thirty minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony. These scouts are:

- Scout: \_\_\_\_\_
- Tenderfoot: \_\_\_\_\_
- Second Class: \_\_\_\_\_
- First Class: \_\_\_\_\_
- Star: \_\_\_\_\_
- Life: \_\_\_\_\_

*Only use twelve if your troop is large enough to support using this amount. IE: Troop with more than 20 boys can use twelve.*

**Eagle Escort:**

The Eagle Escort will be at the front of the Church at least thirty minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. They will escort the Eagle Parents to their seats five minutes prior to the start of the ceremony. The members of the Eagle Escort are:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **Voice of the Eagle:**

\_\_\_\_\_ takes his place in the back at the start of the ceremony.

**SEATING:** Right Side of the Church:

### **First Row**

The first row on the right side of the Church will be reserved for the Eagle Scout, his parents. The Eagle will sit on the parents' left next to the center aisle.

*(Seating from left to right)*

(Eagle) Scout, Parents.

### **Second Row**

Reserved for the Eagle Escort.

**SEATING:** Left Side of the Church:

### **First Row**

The first row will be reserved for the Senior Patrol Leader, the color guard,

### **Second Row**

The six or twelve Scouts chosen to participate in the "Trail to Eagle" portion of the ceremony will be seated on the second row, from left to right (facing the front of the Church), in the order which they will come forward during the ceremony: Scout, Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Star, and Life.

## **STAGE SETTING, PROPS, ETC.:**

At the back of center stage, the following items will be arranged, from back to front:

The Eagle Nest Board

A table with:

- 1 three blue candles of the Scout Oath
- 2 twelve red candles of the Scout Law
- 3 one white Scout Spirit candle

*(All candles need to be pre-lit to assist in their lighting during the ceremony. The Scoutmaster will light the Scout Spirit candle one (1) minute before the ceremony begins)*

## **PRESENTATION ITEMS:**

A pulpit or lectern will be placed stage left, and immediately beside or behind it will be placed a stand or table on which the presentation items will be placed and arranged. Program participants will keep a copy of this ceremony script at the lectern or pulpit for reference.

### **FLAGS:**

Flag stands will be placed on the floor at the front corners of the stage.

# THE CEREMONY

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

**Committee Chairperson, Troop 765, \_\_\_\_\_.**

This Eagle Scout Court of Honor is now called to order.

Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and as the Committee Chairperson for Troop 765 it is my privilege to welcome you to this Court of Honor for Eagle Scout \_\_\_\_\_. At this time I would like to ask our Chaplain Aide, \_\_\_\_\_, to come forward to lead us in the Invocation.

## INVOCATION

**Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church, or Chaplain Aide \_\_\_\_\_.**

## PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND EAGLE ESCORT

**Committee Chairperson for Troop 765, \_\_\_\_\_.**

Will the audience please stand for the presentation of the Colors and the Eagle Escort.

*(Audience Stands) (the Colors are done in silence)*

*The Senior Patrol Leader, followed by the Color Guard, Eagle Escort, and Eagle Scout, advance to the front down the center aisle from the rear of The Church. At front, the Senior Patrol Leader halts and does an about face. The Color Guard moves to their respective sides and faces the audience. The Eagle Escort escorts the Eagle Scout to the first seat on the first row on the right side of The Church next to his parents. The Eagle Escort then takes their place in the second row behind the Eagle Scout.*

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Senior Patrol Leader, \_\_\_\_\_**

Will the audience join us in the Pledge of Alliance.

Scouts, Salute

*(Troop flag bearer, dips the Troop Flag.)*

*(Senior Patrol Leader leads audience in Pledge of Allegiance)* **I Pledge Allegiance...**

**Two.**

**Post the Colors.**

*(Color Guard posts the colors.)* **Salute.**

*(Color Guard salutes for three seconds.)* **Two**

Scouts attention! *Scout Sign. Scout Oath. Scout Law.* **Two.**

**Color Guard Dismissed**

**Everyone Please be seated.**

*(Senior Patrol Leader and Color Guard takes their seats, ones reserved in the first row, left side.)*

## 100 SCOUTS

**Assistant Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

### THE TRAIL TO EAGLE

\_\_\_\_\_:

*(The "Voice of the Eagle" speaks using the microphone from the Eagle Room.)*

"Will Eagle escort please escort candidate \_\_\_\_\_ to the center stage.

*(Eagle steps up to center stage with Eagle Escort who then take their seats.)*

"This is the Voice of the Eagle. The Eagle whose heights you have struggled hard to reach. We remember well when you first came to the base of the cliffs, and how you looked up with ambition and determination. Look back for a moment; look down the cliff you have climbed; look at the experiences you have encountered in your ascent. These experiences should not be forgotten. You should profit by making sure adverse experiences do not occur again. Experience is a valuable teacher, if you heed its teachings."

We remembered when you took your first step upon the trail that leads upward. With that first step you began to build yourself physically, mentally, and morally. You started living the Scout Oath and Law. All the while you were on the trail, we watched you study and we saw you learn by doing. First, you were only a Scout.

*(Scout \_\_\_\_\_ steps forward and takes his place facing the audience. He should stand in front of the stage, at floor level and slightly right of center.)*

Then your brother Scouts called you a Tenderfoot, and they were right; you were indeed a Tenderfoot Scout.

*(Tenderfoot \_\_\_\_\_ steps forward and takes his place to the left of the Scout, facing the audience.)*

So, you reached the first ledge and there you were greeted by a large group of Second Class Scouts.

*(Second Class Scout \_\_\_\_\_ steps out and takes his place to the left of the Tenderfoot, facing the audience.)*

Some, like you, were stopping to catch their breath before continuing along the trail. You began to study more, you worked harder, and almost before you knew it, you came to another ledge, the ledge where the First Class Scouts dwell.

*(First Class Scout \_\_\_\_\_ steps out and takes his place to the left of the Second Class Scout, facing the audience.)*

There you found a tempting green meadow by a clear stream bathed in the sun. Here you were tempted to remain. Yes, you could have remained there to live in First Class glory, but your ambition stirred you on. We remembered your advancement to Star Scout.

*(Star Scout \_\_\_\_\_ steps out and takes his place to the left of the First Class Scout, facing the audience.)*

The trail from First Class to Star rank was not as difficult as it had seemed. This spurred you on, again you climbed further. The trail was steeper and less worn. Fewer scouts were headed in your direction. You looked down and saw the crowds below you. You looked up and saw a few above you, and with the same determination with which you started your climb, you continued up the trail. Soon you earned the badge of Life rank.

*(Life Scout \_\_\_\_\_ steps out and takes his place to the left of the Star Scout, facing the audience.)*

The heart badge was then placed on your uniform. You will never forget the thought in your heart. This feeling has been experienced by all Scouts on reaching the ledge of Life Scout. Now I am close to the Eagle, I will carry on. The trail became tougher, but more interesting. The original principles, the Scout Oath and Law, now had a fuller meaning. Your understanding of them was greater.

Yes, we have watched your character unfold and become more mature. We have watched your leadership expand into a valuable asset. We have watched your mind develop and your wisdom increase. We have watched all these things in you and now that you are on the threshold of your goal, we welcome you, for you have done your climbing in a true Scout-like manner.

This is the Voice of the Eagle.

## REVIEW OF EAGLE RANK CRITERIA

**Chairman, Scout Advancement Board, \_\_\_\_\_:**

The awarding of the Eagle Badge is an important and serious occasion, the climax and the goal for which a Scout works for many years. It is an occasion for pride and joy, and a time for serious contemplation. It is the culmination of the efforts of the various leaders of this Troop. The Eagle Award is the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting; the last major step in the advancement program. Less than 1 out of 50 scouts (or 2%) in the United States reach the Eagle Rank. At this point, we trust you have achieved our purpose in the building of character, training of leadership, and the practice of service.

To become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 of which are required. He must serve actively in a troop leadership position for a period of six months after achieving the rank of Life Scout. While a Life Scout, he must plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or community in a manner worthy of an Eagle Scout. He must demonstrate, through the testimony of character references and otherwise, that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. Finally, he must appear before a Board of Review.

\_\_\_\_\_ has been in Troop 765 for \_\_\_ years. He has earned a total of \_\_\_ merit badges and has served as \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ 's Eagle Project was \_\_\_\_\_.

As Chairman of the Scout Advancement Board for Troop 765, it is my pleasure to report that after a thorough review of his qualifications, \_\_\_\_\_ has qualified for the rank of Eagle Scout and is entitled to receive the Eagle Scout Award.

At this time, I ask \_\_\_\_\_, Assistant Scoutmaster to come forward to administer the Eagle Scout Responsibilities.

## EAGLE SCOUT RESPONSIBILITIES

**Assistant Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

As your Assistant Scoutmaster, I challenge you to accept the responsibilities as well as the honor of the Eagle Award. These responsibilities are as follows:

An Eagle Scout must live with honor. His honor is sacred; the foundation of all character. An Eagle will live so that he reflects credit upon his home, church, school, friends, and himself. May the white of your badge remind you to live with honor.

An Eagle Scout is to be loyal. "To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night and the day, thou can't not then be false to any man." Neither pain nor profit, pride nor personal loss shall sway his loyalty. The blue on your badge is the emblem of loyalty.

An Eagle Scout is courageous. Courage gives all character force and strength. With trust in God and faith in his fellow man, he faces each day unafraid and seeks his share of the world's work to do. Let the red of your badge remind you of courage.

Finally, an Eagle Scout is service oriented. Extend a helping hand to those who toil along the Scouting trail you have completed, just as others have aided you. The daily Good Turn must take on a new meaning and better life pattern of service. Protect and defend the weak and helpless; comfort the unfortunate and oppressed. Uphold the rights of others as well as your own. Remember, real leadership is founded upon real service.

## THE EAGLE SCOUT OATH

**Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(At the saying of each point, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, \_\_\_\_\_ lights a blue candle.)*

Will all the Eagle Scouts present please come forward and stand behind \_\_\_\_\_ for the reading of the Eagle Scout Oath? \_\_\_\_\_, please give the Scout Sign and repeat the Eagle Scout Oath 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, example, rank, and influence.... count strongly for better Scouting.... and for better citizenship.... in my Troop,.... in my community,.... and in my contacts with other people.... always. ...."

The Eagles may return to their seats.

*(Eagles return to their seats.)*

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

**Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chartered Organization Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Scoutmaster) Will the Eagle Escort please escort the parents of the Eagle candidate forward?

(\_\_\_\_\_ (mother) takes her place on the Eagle's left; \_\_\_\_\_ (father) takes his place on the Eagle's right.)

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from \_\_\_\_\_'s mother which have helped lead us to this day. As a symbol of what his mother made possible. The court now asks \_\_\_\_\_ to present his mother with a miniature Eagle pin.

(COR gives pin to \_\_\_\_\_, who then pins it on his mother.)

\_\_\_\_\_, your father has stood by you over the years and has offered his encouragement and assistance. As a symbol of what he has contributed to your attainment of this award, the court now asks you to present him with a miniature Eagle pin.

(COR gives pin to \_\_\_\_\_, who then pins it on his father, or gives it to him and shakes his hand.)

\_\_\_\_\_, by the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege to pronounce you an Eagle Scout, and it is with distinct honor and pleasure that I present you with the Eagle Scout Award, which I will ask your mother to pin over your heart.

(COR gives the Eagle Award to \_\_\_\_\_ (mother), who pins it on \_\_\_\_\_'s left chest just above the pocket.)

I now present you with the Eagle Scout Certificate signed by the Chief Scout Executive and the President of the United States. It reads: (Scoutmaster reads Certificate and presents it to \_\_\_\_\_.)

## PRESENTATION OF THE EAGLE NECKERCHIEF AND SLIDE

**Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chartered Organization Representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Would all scouts, adult leaders, and committee members of Troop 765 please stand)

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of all Scouts, adult leaders, and committee members of Troop 765, it is my pleasure to present to you the Eagle Scout neckerchief and neckerchief slide.

(Scoutmaster and COR take off Troop neckerchief and slide and place the Eagle neckerchief and slide on him. They then shake his hand, congratulate him, and return to their seats.)

## PRESENTATION OF NESA MEMBERSHIP

**Assistant Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

The National Eagle Scout Association was established in 1972 as a fellowship of men who have achieved the Eagle Rank. \_\_\_\_\_, in recognition of your achievement, your parents have given you a NESA membership. On behalf of your parents, it is my pleasure to present to you a certificate of membership in the National Eagle Scout Association.

*(Assistant Scoutmaster gives the certificate to \_\_\_\_\_ and congratulates him.)*

## PRESENTATION OF NESA NECKERCHIEF

**Assistant Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of all the Eagle Scouts who have ever been associated with Troop 765, it is my pleasure to present you a National Eagle Scout Association neckerchief.

*(Assistant Scoutmaster presents neckerchief to \_\_\_\_\_, congratulates him, and shakes his hand.)*

At this time I call \_\_\_\_\_ forward to deliver the Eagle Charge.

## THE EAGLE CHARGE

\_\_\_\_\_, I have the honor of giving you the Eagle Scout Charge on this occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movements in the world's history, and you have been counted worthy of the highest rank in its membership. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you well 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 fellow Scouts, and to 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. When you fail, you bring down by so much the good name of all true and worthy Scouts.

Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow Scouts to your country and God. America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these things depend, for the most part, on the character and leadership abilities of her citizens. You are to help her in all that she needs most. She has a great past. You are here to make her future greater.

I charge you 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 highest level of service to God and fellowman. So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to the finest living. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and abilities to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence to God, and whatever others may do, you will leave behind a record of which every Scout may be proud.



## PRESENTATION OF THE ROSE

**Assistant Scoutmaster:** \_\_\_\_\_

Would the eagle escort please bring \_\_\_\_\_'s mother \_\_\_\_\_ to the front, next to \_\_\_\_\_ for the presentation of the Rose.

I now invite \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward to present the Rose.

**Rose Presenter:** \_\_\_\_\_

## THE LEGEND OF THE ROSE

The path of a boy from Scout To Eagle is long and often times hard. He does not travel the "Trail To Eagle" alone. Many people have been involved with him in his process.

There is one person in particular that is honored in addition to the Eagle Scout, that person is his mother.

From that first overnight camp-out to the pinning on of his Eagle, she has shared the adventures of Scouting with her son in a special way. With her guidance and encouragement, she has helped her son achieve a goal many fail to reach. She has watched her son mature from a young boy to a young man with a purpose to his life.

She has been there to share his excitement of camping and hiking with his brother scouts. She has washed load after load of dirty clothes brought home from camping trips. Most important of all, she has been there for her son when the going got rough and spirits low, as only a mother can. Her love has been an important ingredient in her son's achievement.

We honor her today with the presentation of seven red roses, each rose a symbol of rank in the seven ranks of Scouting.

*(Eagle Scouts mother returns to her seat)*

I now call our Scoutmaster, \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward for the Scoutmaster Minute.

### **Scoutmaster Minute:**

At this time, the court invites Eagle Scout \_\_\_\_\_ to make his remarks on this occasion and to present his mentor pin.

## THE EAGLE'S REMARKS & MENTOR PIN

**Eagle Scout** \_\_\_\_\_

*(After his remarks, \_\_\_\_\_ returns to his seat and the Pastor or Chaplain Aide comes to the front to give the benediction.)*

# THE BENEDICTION

**Pastor of St. Michael Catholic Church or Chaplain Aide**

## RETIRING OF THE COLORS

**Committee Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_

After the ceremony is over, I invite you to attend, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ and his parents, a reception here in the McCauley Center, located under the church.

I now declare this Eagle Scout Court of Honor adjourned. Please stand for the retiring of the Colors.

*(Senior Patrol Leader takes a position front and center and the Color Guard takes up flags.)*

Senior Patrol Leader \_\_\_\_\_:

Color Guard retire the colors. *(in silence)*

*(SPL moves forward down the center aisle followed by Color Guard, who are followed by Eagle Escort flanking Eagle Scout, who are followed by the parents of the Eagle, who are followed by the Scouts in single file, who are followed by adult leaders and program participants, who are followed by the audience to the exit.)*

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Troop 765, Jim Gnadinger, Scoutmaster