



EAGLE SCOUT TRIPLE COURT OF HONOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 765



For: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Place: _____

PRE-CEREMONY NOTES

Programs:

Scout(s) who are to hand out programs should be in place at the main entrance to the Eagle Center 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 Eagle Center at least ten 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: _____

Eagle Escort:

The Eagle Escort will be at the front of the Eagle Center 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:

The Voice of the Eagle makes a final check of the PA system at least fifteen minutes before the ceremony begins.

SEATING: Left Side of the Eagle Center:

First Row

The first row on the left side of the Eagle Center will be reserved for the Eagle Scouts, and the Eagle Escort. The Eagle's will sit on the escorts' left, next to the center aisle.

(Seating from left to right)

(Eagle) Scout, Escorts.

Second Row

The second row will be reserved for the Senior Patrol Leader and the color guard.

Third Row

The six or twelve Scouts chosen to participate in the "Trail to Eagle" portion of the ceremony will be seated on the third row from right to left in the order which they will come forward during the ceremony: Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life.

The remaining troop members will sit behind them.

SEATING: Right Side of the Eagle Center:

First Row

The first row on the right side of the Eagle Center will be reserved for the Eagle Scout's parents.

Second Row

The second row, right side of the Eagle Center will be reserved for immediate family.

Third Row

The third row and beyond is reserved for family and friends.

STAGE SETTING, PROPS, ETC.:

The table on stage will hold the following items, arranged, from front to back:

Neckerchief
Neckerchief Slide
Mother's Pin
Dad's Pin
Eagle Pins
Eagle Certificate signed by the Chief Scout Executive
Plaques
Mentor Pins

A small table in front of main table will support the COH candle bar and the Eagle Crest. **If possible, new blue and red candles should be used.** You will need 12 red candles and 1 white candle for the candle bar and 3 blue candles for the Eagle Crest. Place foil under candle bar to protect table.

(All candles need to be pre-lit to assist in their lighting during the ceremony. The Scout Spirit candle will be the only one burning during Pre-Ceremony activities, which will be lit three (3) minutes before the ceremony begins)

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

A pulpit or lectern will be placed stage left, and 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. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Troop 765 should assemble, in full uniform, at the main entrance to the Eagle center at least 5 minutes before the ceremony. All scouts who are to be seated before the ceremony will be assembled by patrol in a single file line headed by the six "Trail to Eagle" scouts. Ten minutes before the ceremony begins, the Senior Patrol Leader will be responsible for the orderly entry and seating of the Troop.

All other program participants should also arrive and assemble at least thirty minutes before the start of the ceremony. Immediately following the entry and seating of the troop, the Senior Patrol Leader, Color Guard, and the Eagle Scout and Eagle Escort will assemble at the main entrance to The Eagle Center.

THE CEREMONY

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Committee Chairperson: _____

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 on behalf of Troop 765 to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts _____, _____, and _____.

INVOCATION

At this time, I would like to ask _____ to come forward to lead us in the Invocation.

I now call our Senior Patrol Leader _____ to come forward for the presentation of colors.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND EAGLE ESCORT

Senior Patrol Leader: _____

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

(Audience Stands) (The Colors are done in silence)

The Eagle Scout's and their Escorts advance to their position in the front row.

Troop; Attention!

Troop Salute!

Color Guard Advance!

The color guard advances in silence, pausing at a predetermined spot at the front of the stage. The American Flag advances to the left, in front of the Troop flag followed by the Troop flag advancing to the right until they reach the flag stands. The flags are posted, American flag first. The color guard faces the American flag and salutes for three seconds. The color guard then stands at attention.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Patrol Leader, _____

Will the audience join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

I Pledge...

(Senior Patrol Leader leads audience in Pledge of Allegiance)

TWO!

Color guard then reforms and advances to the rear of the room in silence. They return to their seats.

The audience may be seated.

Scouts attention!

Scout Sign!

Recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law

TWO!

Please be seated.

(Senior Patrol Leader and Color Guard takes their seats, ones reserved on the second row, right side.)

I now call your attention to the Presentation of the Neckerchief and Slide.

PRESENTATION OF THE EAGLE NECKERCHIEF AND SLIDE

Scoutmaster, _____

Asst. SM, _____ Asst. SM, _____ Asst. SM, _____

"Will Eagle candidate _____ please step up to the center stage and face the audience.

(Eagles step up to center stage with Eagle Escort who then return to their seats.)

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.

Assistant Scoutmasters take off Troop neckerchief and slide and place the Eagle neckerchief and slide on Scouts. They then shake their hands, congratulate them, and return to their seats.)

THE TRAIL TO EAGLE

"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 you're climbing in a true Scout-like manner.

This is the Voice of the Eagle.

Scouts may be seated on stage.

100 SCOUTS

Committee Member: _____

Of the 100 boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the 100, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the 100 will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these 12 and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the 100 will become pastors.

Each of the 100 will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one half will serve in the military and in varying degrees' profit from their scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life, and many will credit it with saving their own.

Two of the 100 will reach the rank of Eagle, and at least one will later say that he values his Eagle badge above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit-badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the 100 boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

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. One out of fifty (or 2%) in the United States reach the Eagle Rank. At this point, we trust you have achieved 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 13, 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 _____

_____ 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 their qualifications _____ has qualified for the rank of Eagle Scout and is entitled to receive the Eagle Scout Award.

At this time, I ask our Scoutmaster _____ to come forward for the Eagle Scout Oath.

THE EAGLE SCOUT OATH

Scoutmaster: _____

(At the saying of each point, Troop member, _____ lights a blue candle.)

Will all the Eagle Scouts present please come forward and stand behind this young man for the reading of the Eagle Scout Oath? *(Eagles in the audience stand.)*

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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Scoutmaster: _____ Asst. SM: _____ COR: _____

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

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

(Assistant Scoutmaster) No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from the mother of [scout name] which has helped lead us to this day. As a symbol of what his mother has made possible. The court now asks [scout name] to present his mother with a miniature Eagle pin.

(COR gives pin to Eagle Scout, who then pins it on his mother.)

(Assistant Scoutmaster) 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 your father with a miniature Eagle pin.

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

(Scoutmaster) _____, 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 the mother who pins it on the Eagle Scouts left chest just above the pocket.)

I now present you with the Eagle Scout Certificate signed by the Chief Scout Executive. It reads:
(COR reads Certificate and presents it to the Eagle Scout.)

Congratulations _____

Parents may return to their seats.

EAGLE SCOUT RESPONSIBILITIES

Scoutmaster: _____

As your 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, 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 shall not be false to any man." Neither pain nor profit, pride nor personal loss shall sway your 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.

I now call up _____ for his remarks and presentation.

VISITING DIGNITARY PRESENTATION

Dignitary: _____

PRESENTATION OF THE ROSE

Scoutmaster: Would the eagle escort please bring the mother of _____ to the front.

I now invite _____ to come forward.

Rose Presenter: _____

Throughout Scouting's history, the rose has been associated with the presentation of the Eagle.

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 duty 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 Scout presents his mother with 7 red roses. Mother return to her seat.)

At this time, I call Asst. SM. _____ forward to deliver the Eagle Charge.

THE EAGLE CHARGE

Assistant Scout Master: _____

_____ 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.

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.

I now call up _____ to deliver the Scout Master Minute.

SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

Scoutmaster: _____

[Scout name], you may return to your seat.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

It is with great honor that I now present _____ with a plaque to show my appreciation for his successful journey to the Rank of Eagle.

THE EAGLE'S REMARKS

At this time, the court invites _____ to make his remarks and to present his mentor pin on this occasion.

I now call _____ to come forward for the Benediction

THE BENEDICTION

Chaplain or Chaplains Aid: _____

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT

Committee Chair: _____

After the ceremony is over, I invite you to attend a reception on behalf of _____
_____ & _____ and their families.

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

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

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

Senior Patrol Leader _____

Attention!
Troop Salute!
Color Guard, retire the colors!
(In silence)

SPL moves forward down the center aisle followed by Color Guard until they reach the rear of the room.

TWO!

Eagle Escort flanking Eagle Scout, file out 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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