



Boy Scout Troop 50

Eagle Scout Ceremony

Rolls

- Eagle candidate - _____
- Scoutmaster - _____
- Chairman - _____
- Introducer - _____
- Parade & Color Guard - _____
- Eagle Escorts - _____
- Invocation - _____
- Scout Oath - _____
- Scout Law - _____
- Buckle Presentation - _____
- Palm Presentation - _____

PREPARATIONS

- ✓ Eagle Emblem in place
- ✓ Small table in front
- ✓ Three candle log with three blue candles lit on the small table
- ✓ Two Eagle Scout Escorts at back of auditorium with Troop and American Flags

DOCUMENT NOTES

- ***ROLL*** – This font indicates a roll in the ceremony.
- *Text*– This is text to be read by the current roll.
- **Action** – This indicates some action is to be performed.



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SCOUTMASTER

Give Scout sign and quiet the audience

Will everyone please stand! Troop attention! Salute!

Parade the Colors / Post the Colors / To!

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please be seated.

INVOCATION

Read invocation

SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to god and my country and to obey the scout law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

1. A Scout is **TRUSTWORTHY**. A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie or by cheating or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout Badge.
2. A Scout is **LOYAL**. He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due; his Scout Leader, his home and parents and country.
3. A Scout is **HELPFUL**. He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one good turn to somebody every day.
4. A Scout is **FRIENDLY**. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.
5. A Scout is **COURTEOUS**. He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.
6. A Scout is **KIND**. He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature, needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.
7. A Scout is **OBEDIENT**. He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.
8. A Scout is **CHEERFUL**. He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.
9. A Scout is **THRIFTY**. He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy objects. He may work for pay but must not receive tips for courtesies or good turns.
10. A Scout is **BRAVE**. He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies; and defeat does not down him.
11. A Scout is **CLEAN**. He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.
12. A Scout is **REVERENT**. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

INTRODUCER

For the purpose of conferring the Eagle rank, I ask that all Eagle scouts, present here, please come forward to serve as court members and witnesses of tonight's Eagle court proceedings.

Friends, it is now my pleasure to introduce and present Mr. _____, who will serve as the chairman of tonight's Eagle ceremony.

Mr. Chairman, the court is assembled and awaits your pleasure.

CHAIRMAN

Thank you. Under the authority granted by the national council, I declare this Eagle court of honor now in session for the purpose of considering the award of the rank of Eagle scout.

Mr. _____, I ask that you submit to the court the name of the candidate seeking to advance to the rank of Eagle scout.

INTRODUCER

Thank you. Mr. Chairman.

I wish to present the name of one life scout who has met the Eagle requirements and is worthy of the court's consideration for the receipt of the Eagle award.

He is: _____ [Eagle candidate's full name]

CHAIRMAN

Will the candidate please stand?

Will the Eagle escorts, _____ and _____, please escort the candidate into the court?

Escort the candidate to the front facing the Chairman and return to their positions

Mr. _____, the court assumes that you are prepared to certify this candidate and asks that you proceed with this important matter.

INTRODUCER

Mr. Chairman, it is indeed my pleasure to present this scout to the court and to testify in his behalf that he is qualified to receive the rank of Eagle scout.

Please allow me to introduce the scout to the court:

Insert Candidate's Biography, Part I, Scouting Career

INTRODUCER

[Eagle candidate's first name] _____, understands that he has not achieved these honors on his own, but has enjoyed the steady and loving support of his family and the old buzzards of Troop 50 -- fine men such as _____ and so many others. He has also garnered much from his fellow scouts who have helped him along the way. But the member of the troop who has influenced him the most has been _____.

Insert Candidate's Biography, Part II, Other Activities

CHAIRMAN

The court is pleased to declare this candidate to be duly certified and worthy to receive the rank of Eagle scout. As is custom I would counsel the candidate before his formal charge is administered.

[Eagle candidate's first name] _____, in today's world of uncertainty and disarray the ethics and mores of the scout oath and law become even more meaningful to society. It will fall to you and others of your generation to build a better tomorrow. In so doing do not sacrifice truth for political correctness or other euphemisms of the time.

Seek the truth and use it to build a better future for society.

At the conclusion of this ceremony you alone will be forging your own Eagle trail. May you do this with discipline, honor, and dedication to the ideals of scouting.

I wish you success and happiness in all of your endeavors.

The court deems it proper that scouter Mr. _____ should give the Eagle charge.

CHARGER

[Eagle candidate's first name] _____, please turn and face the audience.

[Eagle candidate's first name], _____ it is indeed an honor for me to give you the Eagle charge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in scouting. The boy scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome influences in the world's history. You have been counted worthy of this high rank in the boy scouts of America.

All who know you will rejoice in your achievement. Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. As an Eagle scout you are a marked young man. You have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to god, to your country, to your 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 your fellow scouts.

Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow scouts. It extends to your country and your god. America has many good things to give you and to give your children after you, but these good things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens. Our country has had a great past. You can help make the future still greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only in justice and with high ideals. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to god and to your fellow man. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired by your principles. We have too many that use their strength and their wits to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts and hands to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for god. Then, whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a record of which you may justly be proud.

I charge you, [Eagle candidate's full name]_____, to enter this Eagle scout brotherhood, holding without reservation ever before you the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of the Eagle scout promise before this court and your fellow scouts, you will become an Eagle scout. Though the words will be similar to those by which you joined scouting, tonight they will mean more 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 closed the declaration of independence.

You will now give 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 my influence count strongly”

“For better scouting and for better citizenship”

“In my troop and in my community”

“and in my contacts with other people”

“To this I pledge my sacred honor.”

[Eagle candidate's first name]_____, may the oath you have taken remain graven in your heart forever. As you grow into advanced years, the memories of your youth will fade. Man’s mind was created for the present and for the future, not the past. However, memories that the eye has seen and the ear has heard are those that remain the strongest.

I therefore ask that you reflect upon the symbols of tonight’s ceremony and fix them firmly in your memory. The twelve white candles have represented the twelve parts of the scout law.

The three blue candles have stood for the three parts of the scout oath. Yes, the principles they represent have been the guideposts of your youth; may god grant they become firm regulations for the remainder of your life.

Mr. Chairman, the charge has been administered.

Chairman

Will the Eagle escorts please escort _____ and _____ into the court?

No words of this court of honor could do justice to the devotion and perseverance with which these parents have blessed their son and guided him along the path of maturity to this pinnacle of scouting.

For the presentation of the Eagle medal, I ask that the audience please rise, that the troop come to attention and that each scout and scouter raise his hand in the scout salute.

In recognition of fatherly advice and guidance, I now ask [Eagle candidate's father] _____ to present his son with the Eagle medal from the national court of honor.

(As father pins Eagle Medal on the left breast pocket of his son.)

CHAIRMAN

By the authority vested in me and in this court by the national council of the boy scouts of America, I now declare you to be an Eagle scout.

Scouts and scouters, to! Troop and audience please be seated.

[Eagle candidate's first name], _____ this court of honor gives you a miniature Eagle pin. As your first official duty, you may present it to your mother who has assisted you to attain this highest scouting honor.

Chairman hands pin to Candidate who in turn pins it over his mother's heart and then gives her a big kiss.

[Eagle candidate's mother] _____, this miniature pin is emblematic of parental faith, love, and encouragement, without which very few scouts are able to reach the rank of Eagle. You are privileged and will be honored to wear it always – as a memento of this occasion.

_____ and _____, may I congratulate you as a family and may I remind you that scouting should now become an even greater tie between son and parents, binding you even more closely together as a family. To the new Eagle scout, I express confidence that he will honor scouting with his life and service as tonight scouting honors him.

Now as is custom in Troop 50, I ask that _____ make the buckle presentation.

BUCKLE PRESENTATION

[Eagle candidate's first name] _____, Troop 50 presents you with this buckle as a symbol of our esteem for you and your achievement. It designates you as Troop 50's _____ Eagle scout! May you always wear it in good health and with pride in scouting, and remember that you are not only an Eagle but that you are a Troop 50 Eagle!!

PALM PRESENTATION:

Some people think that after becoming an eagle scout, a scout has reached the end of the trail. As _____ knows, however, they are mistaken. This scout has continued to lead, to serve and to grow as an eagle. He has expanded his scouting knowledge and shared his expertise with new scouts joining the troop.

Bronze: this bronze eagle palm represents the completion of at least 26 merit badges: 21 to reach eagle, plus 5 more for the bronze palm. If an eagle scout completes more merit badges, he can earn a gold, and then a silver palm.

Gold: this gold eagle palm represents the completion of at least 31 merit badges: 21 to reach eagle, plus 5 for a bronze palm, plus 5 more for the gold palm. If an eagle scout completes more merit badges, he can earn a silver palm after this.

Silver: this silver eagle palm represents the completion of at least 36 merit badges: 21 to reach eagle, plus for a bronze palm, plus 5 more for a gold palm, and plus 5 more for the silver palm. This emblem of recognition for advancement is not the last one to be earned. If an eagle scout completes more merit badges, he can earn more bronze, gold, and silver palms.

In addition to completion of merit badges, to earn an eagle palm, a scout must be active in his troop, demonstrate the scout oath and law and continue to develop leadership skills. _____ has successfully done all these things.

On behalf of the boy scouts of America, longhorn council, trinity trails district, troop 50, I am pleased to present [this eagle palm/these eagle palms] to _____. Please have your parent pin the emblem(s) to your eagle ribbon.

CHAIRMAN

May god bless each of you and keep you steadfast.

The business of this Eagle court is concluded. The rank of Eagle scout has been duly conferred upon:

[Eagle candidate's full name]._____ - Eagle scout:

[Eagle candidate's full name]._____, please move your name tag to the Troop 50 Eagle honor roll.

Provide appropriate remarks.

I invite all in attendance to come forward and congratulate the new Eagle and his parents.

After appropriate remarks, relocation of name tags, etc., ask that Scouts, Scouters and friends come forward and congratulate the new Eagle and his parents.