

Scout Name
EAGLE COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY
Date, Time
OUR SAVIOURS WAY LUTHERN CHURCH

CHECKLIST OF PARTICIPANTS

- Eagle Scout Candidate—*Scout name*
- Master of Ceremonies—*ASM with Honor*
- Color Guard— TBD
- SPL—*Scout name*
- ASPL— *Scout Name*
- Invocation—Pastor or ASM with Honor
- Rededication— *ASM*
- Scout Law Team—TBD (12 Scouts)
- Eagle Charge—*ASM*
- Eagle Pledge—*ASM*
- Presentation of Eagle Award/Certificate—*Committee Member or ASM*
- Eagle Escorts (2)— *Scout Names*
- NESAs—*Committee Member or ASM*
- Eagle Roster—*ASM*
- Slide Show Presentation—*ASM or Parent helper*
- Eagle Escorts -
 - Special Family Relative will be escorted by TDB and TBD and will be seated in the second row.*
 - Grandmother/Grandfather in attendance will be escorted by Sean Casey.*
 - Parents will be escorted by TBD.*
 - Eagle escorted by TBD (2 scouts)*

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WELCOME

Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Scoutmaster TBD:

[Master of Ceremonies at anytime during the program may add any personal remarks regarding Sean if desired]

On behalf of Troop 2970, I would like to welcome you to the Eagle Court of Honor for _____. Please stand for the presentation of the colors and the pledge of allegiance.

[Presentation of Colors by Troop Color Guard]

Thank you gentlemen. I would now like to ask Eagle Escorts TBD to bring forth Eagle Scout Candidate _____.

OPENING

Master of Ceremonies _____: Our Senior Patrol Leader, _____, will now open this Eagle Scout Court of Honor for _____ by leading the troop in the Scout Oath, while ASPL _____ lights three central candles which represent a scout's duty to:

himself,
to other people,
and most importantly, to God and country.

[SPL takes his place behind the podium and ASPL positions himself behind the awards table and prepares to light the candles.]

Senior Patrol Leader _____: On my honor I will do my best...to do my duty to God and my country...

[ASPL lights middle candle]

and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times...

[light second candle]

to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.
[light third candle]

INVOCATION

Senior Patrol Leader _____: I now declare this Eagle Court of Honor in session. Would **Pastor, Family Member, or ASM** please come forward at this time to deliver the invocation? _____?

[delivers invocation and any desired personal remarks regarding Eagle]

Master of Ceremonies _____: Eagle Scout escorts ***TBD***, will you please escort Eagle Scout candidate _____ to the front?

[Escorts escort _____ to place of honor]

REDEDICATION

Master of Ceremonies _____: I will now ask **ASM TBD** to come forward and lead **Candidate** in his rededication to Scouting. **ASM TBD**?

ASM TBD _____: [Offer any personal remarks as desired]

Thank you, **Master of Ceremonies**, ***Eagle Candidate*** _____, this is a very important day for you and I am honored that you have asked me to be part of it.

It was in 1907 that a group of 20 boys met on Brownsea Island, off England's southern coast, in an experiment in Scouting by that most unique individual and dreamer, Robert Stevenson Smythe Baden-Powell. What Baden-Powell dreamed about was influencing the lives of boys in such a way that they would be better equipped, both physically and spiritually, to take a responsible place in the world and help make it a better place. The result of that experiment 106 years ago is the worldwide brotherhood of Scouting that we celebrate here today. You are an example of what Baden-Powell dreamed of, **Candidate Name**, for you have demonstrated leadership and a desire to learn more about the world that you must join as an adult.

Baden-Powell wrote a final letter to Scouts that was found in his desk after he died. In it he said, "Try to leave the world a little better than you found

it.” You have shown your community, your troop leaders and your fellow scouts that you are willing to do this. I will now ask you to repeat for everyone here the instrument of that willingness, the Scout Oath. As you stand there before the three lighted candles and say the words, I would like each Scout and Scouter here to repeat the words in their own minds, and in so doing to rededicate themselves to those same timeless ideals that Baden-Powell lived by and taught others so many years ago. *Eagle Candidate* _____, please repeat the Scout Oath.

Eagle Candidate _____: 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.

[ASM returns to his seat]

Master of Ceremonies _____: Thank you *ASM TBD*. *Eagle Candidate* _____, the Scout Law is also the Law of the Eagle. Your fellow scouts will now review for you the Law which you know so well, but which on this occasion is even more special, meaningful and important. Heed this advice and wisdom which they give to you, as they light a candle for each point of the Scout Law.

SCOUT LAW

[Twelve Scouts take places on each side of the table (six to a side) and read their portions of the Scout Law. The SPL positions himself behind the awards table and lights a candle for each point of the Law after it is read.]

Scout #1: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY. A scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

Scout #2: A SCOUT IS LOYAL. A scout is true to his family, scout leaders, friends, school and nation.

Scout #3: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL. A scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

Scout #4: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY. A scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

Scout #5: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS. A scout is polite to everyone, regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

Scout #6: A SCOUT IS KIND. A scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

Scout #7: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT. A scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Scout #8: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL. A scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

Scout #9: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY. A scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses his time and property.

Scout #10: A SCOUT IS BRAVE. A scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

Scout #11: A SCOUT IS CLEAN. A scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

Scout #12: A SCOUT IS REVERENT. A scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

[Law of the Eagle team exits left and retakes their seats.]

EAGLE CHARGE

Master of Ceremonies _____: *Eagle Candidate* _____, your conduct along the Eagle Trail has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting, you have heard the Law of the Eagle, and you have accepted the Eagle Challenge. But one thing more is

important, your future as a citizen of the greatest country the world has ever known. I will now call on ASM, to give you the Eagle Charge. ASM?

ASM: [Make any personal comments you wish]

Eagle Candidate, the Eagle Badge of leadership and self development identifies you as one of a very select group of young men. 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 this high rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, your Country, to your fellow scouts, and to mankind in general. As you live up to your obligation, you bring honor to yourself, your parents and family, your brother scouts, and your community.

The foremost obligation of a Scout is to God and Country. America has many things to give you and your children after you; but these things depend for the most part on the quality of Her citizens. Our Country has had a great past, it is your obligation to make its future even greater.

I CHARGE YOU, Eagle Candidate, to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift every task you do, and every office you hold, to the highest level of service to God, Country and fellow man. Live and serve so that those who know you will themselves be inspired to the highest living.

I CHARGE YOU, Eagle Candidate, to be among those who dedicate their skills and abilities to the common good of mankind. Help build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for God. And whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a legacy of which every scout, and every son and grandson, can be justly proud. THE RESPONSIBILITY YOU CARRY IS NOT JUST YOURS, BUT ALL EAGLES BEFORE YOU AND ALL EAGLES TO COME.

If you are will to accept these charges, then please say "I do so promise"

Eagle Candidate: I do so promise

EAGLE PLEDGE

ASM _____: And now for the Eagle Pledge

Eagle Candidate _____, please raise your right hand in the Scout Sign and repeat after me:

I, Full Candidate Name _____, acknowledge my obligation... to my fellow man... to my home... to my country... and to my God. I will at all times do my best... to assist other scouts... who are climbing the Eagle Trail... and to give back to scouting... more than it has given me. I will assist my troop as much as possible... and be a living example of the Scout Oath and Law... to the best of my ability as an Eagle Scout.

PRESENTATION OF EAGLE AWARD, LETTER, AND CERTIFICATE

Master of Ceremonies: Thank you ASM. Will Eagle Scout, National Capital Area Council Vice President of Operations Committee Member or ASM _____, please come forward now to present the Eagle Award.

- Eagle Scout Escort TBD, will you please escort Parents _____ to the front to join Eagle Candidate _____.

Committee Chair or ASM _____: Eagle _____, we now proclaim your accomplishment to the entire world. The symbol of your success is the Eagle Award Medal on the table in front of you. Your dad is the one who has wisely counseled and advised you as you followed the Eagle Trail. Your mom's patient guidance supported you along the way. I will ask your father now to take the Eagle Medal and hand it to your mother so that she may pin it over your heart.

And now, Eagle Scout Eagle _____, in recognition of the love and devotion of your parents, and the countless contributions they have made to help you in your quest for the Eagle Award, please pin over your mother's heart, the Eagle Mother's pin.

And now, please also present the Dad's Eagle Pin to your father.

Congratulations, Eagle _____ to you and your entire family, for your outstanding achievement.

It is now my pleasure to read the official letter of recognition and his official Eagle Certificate to Eagle _____ from the Boy Scouts of America.

Eagle Scout Escorts, you may show the Kelly family back to their seats.

PRESENTATION OF NESA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Committee Member or ASM _____: Presentation of ***Eagle's*** Lifetime Membership and insignia for membership in the National Eagle Scout Association.

[Committee Member or ASM _____ makes remarks regarding NESA]

EAGLE SCOUT STATEMENT

Master of Ceremonies _____: Thank you, ASM or Committee Member _____. I will now ask Eagle Scout ***Eagle Name _____*** to come forward to make some brief remarks.

[Scout comes forward to podium to make a statement]

TROOP 2970 EAGLE HONOR ROLL

Master of Ceremonies _____: Thank you everyone. I will now call upon ***ASM TBD*** to read the Eagle Honor Rolls.

ASM TBD:

[Personal remarks as desired]

ASM TBD _____: ***Eagle Candidate***[parenthesis if applicable](started in Boy Scouts with Troop 970 and so we will start with the last scouts in Troop 970 so that we don't forget the Heritage of our Troop and then continue with the) Troop 2970 Eagle Honor.

ASM TBD _____1: Please stand after your name is called. (READS LIST)

I now call upon all other youth and adult Eagle Scouts here today to stand. Please introduce yourselves starting in the back, tell us your name, the town where you received your Eagle, your troop number, and year (or date!) you received your Eagle.

[Eagles introduce themselves with Eagle Candidate introducing himself last]

Eagle Scout _____, take a minute to look around you. These outstanding individuals have come not only to honor you, but to welcome you into the ranks of a very exclusive group of Scouts -- those gifted few have received the highest rank the Boy Scouts has to offer.

[Applause]

CLOSING

Master of Ceremonies _____: Thank you ASM TBD. Today has been a very special occasion for Eagle _____ and his family and Troop 2970 and they thank you for joining them this afternoon. It is now time to close our celebration, enjoy a slide show of Eagle _____ Scouting journey highlights. Immediately following the slide presentation there will be the flag ceremony to retire the colors. Finally, the Eagle Escorts will lead Eagle _____ and his family out where you are invited to extend the congratulatory hand of Scouting to them during the reception downstairs.

[The next three parts are seamless with no interruption or an introduction until Eagle Candidate closes the ECOH]

Slide Presentation... managed by TBD _____ (approx 10 mins)

Color Guard...Called by SPL.

- SPL _____: I now declare this Eagle Court of Honor closed. Will Eagle Escort Scouts TBD _____ escort Eagle Candidate _____ and the last name of candidate _____ family to the Fellowship Hall for the reception.