

An Eagle Scout Ceremony

PARTICIPANTS:

Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Scoutmaster (SM)

Ceremony participants

Family of the Eagle candidate seated in front row right (groom)

Ceremony participants seated in front row left (bride)

CEREMONY:

MC: Good afternoon. Today we have the honor and pleasure of bestowing the rank of Eagle Scout to a member of Troop 88. This presentation takes on added significance when one considers the tempo of the times. Democracy is a fresh conquest for each generation. This is an important and serious matter and a cause for concern for every true American.

In full awareness of the challenge of the times, the parents of this young man and his Scout leaders have labored long and faithfully. Their efforts culminate today in the presentation of the Eagle Award.

The success of these efforts will manifest in the way that this and every other Eagle Scout sets a social pattern for the lives they touch.

Before we begin the program, I would like to introduce some special guests:

- Name
- Name
- Name

I would like to remind everyone that there will be a reception honoring our new Eagle immediately following the ceremony, in the atrium of the Student Center.

Please rise for the Eagle's Prayer, presented by R. Keith Miller, our Chartered Organization Representative and Troop Chaplain, and remain standing for the presentation of the colors.

CHAPLAIN:

An Eagle's Prayer

Build us an Eagle, O Lord,

Who will be strong enough to know his weaknesses,

And brave enough to face his own fears;

One who will be proud and unbowed in defeat,

but humble and gentle in victory.

Build us an Eagle, O Lord,

Whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be;

A man who will know You and know himself in relation to You.

Lead him, we pray, not just in paths of ease and comfort,

but through the stresses of difficult challenges.

There, help him learn to stand firm in the storm;

There, let him learn compassion for those who fail,

and how to help them succeed.

Build us an Eagle, O Lord,

whose heart will be clear and whose goals will be high;

An Eagle who will master himself

before he seeks to master other men;

One who will learn to laugh,

yet be unashamed to weep;

One who will strive towards the future,

while remembering the past.

Give him humility, O Lord,

so that he may embody the simplicity of greatness,

and the strength of an open mind.

Then, when his race is over, this Eagle will dare to whisper,

"I have not lived in vain."

Amen

Color Guard: (Presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance)

**For the Opportunities our Country offers to the Youth of America,
please join me in our Pledge to the Flag, the Emblem of our Nation:**

"I Pledge Allegiance..."

MC: I now call on _____, as a Representative of the Boy Scouts of America, to officially convene this Court of Honor.

Official: By the Power vested in me by the National Council of the boy Scouts of America, I declare this Court of Honor to be duly convened for the sole purpose of presenting the Eagle Scout Award to _____.

MC: The Scouting movement constitutes one of the most wholesome and significant developments of our day. Eagle Candidate _____, you have been deemed 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 now a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you will be asked to assume a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to your country, to your fellow Scouts, and to your fellow citizens. As

this is a great undertaking, it is therefore right and proper that a Board of review make a careful examination of each candidate prior to the presentation of an Eagle Award.

This Candidate, _____, presented a record of merit badges earned. These have been carefully checked against council records and certified by appointed merit badge counselors. The Board of Review carefully checked the record of this candidate for leadership in his troop, school affairs, religious affiliation, for service in his community and in the conduct of his Eagle service project: (fill in name of project).

This Candidate, _____, has demonstrated his capacity and willingness to exert leadership in activities that are constructive and worthwhile. It has been satisfactorily established by the Board of Review that _____ is putting into daily practice the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. In light of the inquiries made, and the favorable results in each case, the Board of Review has found this candidate qualified and has authorized this Court of Honor to bestow upon you, _____, the rank of Eagle.

At this time, I call up your Scoutmaster to wish you well.

SM: Eagle Scout, _____, I wish to congratulate you upon this achievement on behalf of the boys and adults of Troop 88. We are all extremely proud of your achievement and equally proud of your progress along the Scouting trail. As a small token of our pride in you, it is my honor to present this special neckerchief, emblematic of all Eagle Scouts everywhere, to you. Wear this with pride in our program and in your personal achievement. (removes old neckerchief and replaces it with Eagle Scout Neckerchief from the troop)

SM: (expresses his own personal good wishes for the new Eagle)

MC: At this time, our Scoutmaster, _____, will address all of us but particularly the new Eagle and his parents.

SM: I have the honor of presenting this Presentation Kit and Certificate on behalf of the National Court of Honor of the boy Scouts of America to you.

MC: Many times over the last few years, _____, you've joined with your fellow Scouts in repeating the Scout Oath. Now, you will stand with your Eagle brothers, and repeat a new oath, the Eagle Scout Promise. Though the words you say will be similar to those you've said so many times before; today they will mean more to you than they ever have. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your oath with the words which closed the Declaration of Independence.

I'd like all Eagle Scouts in the audience to stand at this time, introduce yourselves by name, year you made Eagle, Troop #, and location, and then join me here on stage, as we re-dedicate ourselves by repeating the Eagle Scout Promise, along with our newest Eagle Scout Candidate.

Congratulations _____! You've made it. You've climbed the Eagle Mountain. I applaud your achievement. Now it's time to look forward to the future, toward those other mountains on the horizon.

How are you going to climb them? The same way you climbed Eagle Mountain. Just remember the things you learned on your way to Eagle, and you'll be able to climb any mountain, to overcome any obstacle.

Do you remember when you first looked up at the eagle Mountain? How high it seemed back then? But you took that first step along the trail and began climbing. One step at a time, you followed the trail blazed by others. Then, when that path faded away, you blazed your own trail, a trail that others are now following. And finally, always keeping your eye on the goal, you reached the top.

You have mountains waiting to be climbed; some may seem insurmountable, but they can all be conquered. Just set your goal, take that first step, follow the blazed trail until it's time to blaze your own, and always keep your eye on the goal, and faith in your heart.

I would like to ask the Eagle Charge presenter _____ to come forward.

Charger: May God be with you as you begin your next climb.

All Eagle Scouts...please make 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 an Eagle Scout.
On my honor I will do my best
To make my training and example,
My rank and my influence
Count strongly for better Scouting
And for better citizenship
In my troop,
In my community,
And in my contacts with other people.
To this I pledge my sacred honor.”**

MC: Two. *(To Eagles on stage, except Eagle Scout)*

Please be seated.

Your parents supported you throughout your Scouting effort and it is at this time that I ask them to please join us here. Will the Honor Guard please escort Mr and Mrs _____ forward to join their son.

(Honor Guard escorts parents forward)

The Boy Scouts of America and Troop 88 recognize the importance of a Scout's family in standing behind and encouraging their Scout. _____

is a lucky young man whose parents have stood behind him.

_(Scout)_____ has asked that _(father)_____ present the Eagle Medal. _____. At this time, would you please pin the medal over _(Scout)_____’s left shirt pocket

_____, your family has undoubtedly been your primary source of help and strength.

Because your mother nurtured you and gave you solace, comforted you and assisted in development, no one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice from your mother. In recognition of this devotion, please present her with the Eagle Mother pin, an outward symbol of your achievement which she may wear with pride. (Scout pins on Mother’s pin)

Because your father raised you, taught you important lessons, gave you solace, comforted you and assisted in your development, and has been the source of much advice and guidance along the eagle trail, please present your father with this Eagle lapel pin, an outward symbol of your achievement which he may wear with pride.

Just like your past progress along the trail, you did not go it alone. Your fellow Patrol and Troop members assisted you greatly. Your friends and those in your community supported you while you completed the service projects in the Troop, including your own Eagle Service Project.

At this time, _____, a fellow Eagle Scout, would like to read to you a special message sent to you from the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America.

Reader: Before I read this, I wish to call upon all eagle Scouts to please stand. (reader reads the letter and then presents it and the Eagle Scout card to the father of the Scout, who then presents it to the Eagle Scout.)

MC: _____ This is a special day and now this is your opportunity to say something.

(New Eagle shares memories, presents thanks you gifts and mentor pin.)

This has indeed been a special day. Thank you all for coming out and participating in this wonderful event.

Following the retirement of colors, you are all invited to join us at the reception for refreshments and to congratulate our newest Eagle _____ . Be sure to visit the table of exhibits. Again, thank you for coming.

I now call upon Mr Keith Miller, Troop Chaplain, to give our benediction.

R.Keith Miller: (gives benediction)

MC: This Eagle Court of Honor is closed. Please stand for the retirement of the colors.