

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

SETUP:

Decorate, setup seats, podium with three seats (Master of Ceremony, SM & Chairperson), take Eagle pins (Mom, Dad, Mentor(s), Eagle) out of package and lay out on Eagle pin table, American Flag (rear of hall), Troop Flag (rear of hall), flag stands (front of hall), AV projector, tables (refreshments tables, Eagle pins table at front, memorabilia table off to the side, AV table), projector screen (if needed),

Place reserved signs for Eagle Scout's immediate family seating at front.

Speaking parts: (Speakers may double up on parts and not all may be needed, but different speakers may make it more interesting.) (There are tons of different Segments and Eagle Charges on Internet.)

1. Master of Ceremonies:
2. Scoutmaster:
3. Chairperson:
4. SPL:
5. Religious Leader (Invocation / Benediction):
6. VIP Speaker (optional):
7. Presenter #1 (Segment):
8. Presenter #2 (Segment) (optional):
9. Presenter #3 (Eagle Charge, prefer an Eagle presenter):
10. Presenter #4 (Eagle Rededication, Eagle Scout presenter):
11. Special Guest Speaker #1 (optional):
12. Scout Ushers (4 Scouts):
13. Color Guards (4 Scouts, two per flag):

VIP Guests:

1. Special family members:
2. List of VIPs in attendance:

As the guests enter the hall, Scouts hand out programs and usher special guests to their seats.

All speakers, participants, and their spouses are seated in a special area up front prior to the opening.

Eagle Scout candidate(s) remain back until ushered into the hall at the beginning of the CoH.

This template is meant to be very flexible and modified by each Eagle Scout candidate.

Recommendations:

1. Choose two (2) Eagle CoH Segment stories
2. Choose one (1) Eagle Scout Charge
3. Recommend Eagle Candidate have a short speech reflecting on time in Scouts and life.
4. Recommend having one Special Guest who is friends with the Eagle Scout candidate give a personal reflection of the Scout giving stories, roasting, and making note of how special the candidate is.
5. Try to keep the whole ceremony under an hour and moving along, but this is a special event, so don't make it too short either. This is the Eagle Scout candidate(s) special day!
6. If the ceremony gets too long, I'd skip one of the segments but keep the personal stories.

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1. OPENING PERIOD

Master of Ceremonies: Good evening. My name is _____, and I'm pleased to serve as master of ceremonies as we honor _____(, _____, and _____) for their ascent up the Eagle Mountain. This is indeed a special night in the life of these Scouts and this troop.

Before we begin our program, I'd like to introduce a few special people. I ask you hold your applause until the end. *(Introduces key troop leaders, representatives of the chartered organization, presenters, speakers and VIP guests (Town Council, Representatives, Senators, etc.))*

Scoutmaster:

Chairperson:

Religious Leader:

VIPs:

"I'd like to remind you all that there will be a reception honoring our new Eagle(s) immediately following the ceremony." *(Other announcements, as necessary, are made here.)*

"Would you please escort the Eagle Scout honoree(s) into the Court of Honor."

SPL/ASPL: *(Leads in the Eagle(s) who marches in and take their seat(s) by their family.)*

SPL: *(SPL & ASPL proceed to the center front and center of hall and turns to face the audience.)*

"Everyone please rise for the invocation, presented by _____ and remain standing for the presentation of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Religious Leader or Chaplain Aide: *(Present an invocation.)*

SPL: "Color Guard ... present the Colors!"

(Once the Color Guard reaches the front of the Hall and is in place, SPL calls ...)

"Hand Salute!" *(Lead all in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.)*

"Color Guard, post the Colors!" *(Wait until CG's have placed flags into both stands.)*

"Color Guard, dismissed!"

"Everyone, please be seated." *(SPL & ASPL return)*

Master of Ceremonies: "Scouts, Scout leaders, and friends of Scouting, I welcome you to this Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This is an occasion for pride and joy, as well as a time for serious reflection. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest honor that a Scout may obtain. It is earned through years of dedication to the Scouting Way which only a very small percentage of Scouts who begin their journey ever achieve. The wearer of the Eagle Scout award is the personification of Scouting's best efforts and beliefs."

"I now call on _____, Troop ____ Chairperson, who will represent the Boy Scouts of America and will convene this Court of Honor."

Chairperson: "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 _____."

2. SCOUTING SEGMENT

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Master of Ceremonies: "I now call on _____ to present _____ (Segment title)."

Scouting Segment #1: Presenter #1 (e.g., *One Hundred Eagles*)

Master of Ceremonies (Optional): "Thank you for that presentation. I now call on _____ (VIP) to present _____ (special presentation)."

VIP (Optional): (VIP makes special presentation.)

Master of Ceremonies: "Thank you for that presentation. I now call on _____ to present _____ (Segment title)."

Scouting Segment #2: Presenter #2 (e.g., *Eagle Mountain*)

3. EAGLE SCOUT SEGMENT

Master of Ceremonies: "Thank you for that presentation. I now call on _____ to present the Eagle Scout Charge _____ (Charge title)."

Eagle Scout Charge Presentation: Presenter #3 (e.g., *Eagle Mountain Charge*)

Scoutmaster: "Thank you _____ (Presenter #3)."

(Optional) "We have some letters of congratulations and well wishes to present."

(This is optional because it can get long and tiring. You can just read one/two of the most interesting (e.g., Mike Rowe of Dirty Jobs, President of the United States and make mention that the rest are on display in the rear of the hall. At this time, any other presentations—from the troop, chartered organization, etc.—are made.)

"I'd like to give a special congratulations to _____. I've known them for ____ years and have always been impressed by their abilities. (SM briefly congratulates the Eagle Scout on behalf of all the Scouts and leaders.)

4. PRESENTATION OF THE EAGLE SCOUT BADGE

Master of Ceremonies: It's now time for the highlight of our program: the presentation of the Eagle Scout Award. I'd like to ask Scoutmaster _____ to come forward to make the appropriate presentations.

Scoutmaster: "Will Eagle Scout(s) _____ please come front and center."

"I invite _____ (Presenter #4) to present the Eagle Scout Rededication."

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Eagle Scout Rededication Presenter: **Presenter #4:** "Many times over the last few years, you've joined with your fellow Scouts in repeating the Scout Oath. Now, you will stand alone and repeat a new oath, the Eagle Scout Promise.

Though the words you say are similar to those you've said so many times before, tonight 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 ask all Eagle Scouts in the audience to stand with our new Eagle(s) and rededicate themselves by repeating the Eagle Scout Promise with our new Eagle Scout(s).

Please make the Scout sign and repeat the 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.

Two. *(To the Eagles in audience)*

Please be seated." *(Eagle Scouts remain front and center.)*

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Scoutmaster: "Thank you for that presentation. Would the parents of these Eagle candidates please come forward."

(Addressing the honoree Eagle Scout(s)) "_____, your parents have undoubtedly been your primary source of help and strength."

"No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice from your mother. I'd like your mother to pin the Eagle medal on your uniform. "

(She does so.)

"In recognition of your mother's devotion, please present her with this Eagle **mother's** pin. "

(Scout pins on mother's pin.)

"Your father has been the source of much advice and guidance along the Eagle trail, so I'd like him to present the Eagle Scout certificate to you."

(He does so.)

"In return, please present your **father** with this Eagle lapel pin."

(He does so.)

(Facing the audience) And now, it gives us great pleasure to present to you our newest Eagle Scout, Hunter, Joseph, and Allen!

(The audience responds with a standing ovation, which you may need to initiate.)

Eagle Scout(s): *(Eagle(s) present Mentor pins. Scout gives a short presentation of why this one (or two) mentor(s) were so important to them during their Scouting career.)*

Chairperson: We have heard a lot tonight about what it means to be an Eagle Scout. Now our honoree(s) will have the chance to tell us a little about what their climb up Eagle Mountain has meant to them.

Eagle Scout(s): *(Talks about what they have learned in the program, what the highlights of their time in Scouting have been, and what being an Eagle means to them.)*

Master of Ceremonies (Optional): "The Eagle Scouts have asked one person to speak about them."

Special Invited Guest Speaker(s) (Optional): *(Eagle Scout(s) previously asked someone to speak about them who may recall some special moments in this Eagle's life and Scouting career to give a better picture of who this Scout really is.)*

6. CLOSING PERIOD

Master of Ceremonies: *(Master of Ceremony may wish to make a couple brief comments about the Scouts to finish out the CoH.)* "I now call on _____ to give our benediction."

Religious Leader or Chaplain Aide: *(Gives benediction.)*

Master of Ceremonies: "Tonight has indeed been a special night. Thank you all for coming and participating in this wonderful event. Let's give our new Eagle Scout(s) one more round of applause."

"This Court of Honor is hereby officially closed."

"Please join us for refreshments."