

VOICE OF THE 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 CLIFF, 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 REMEMBER 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~~ BY DOING. FIRST, YOU WERE ONLY A SCOUT (SCOUT

BADGE PLAQUE ALREADY SET-UP ON STAGE), THEN YOUR BROTHER SCOUTS

CALLED YOU A TENDERFOOT.....(ENTER SCOUT WITH TENDERFOOT PLAQUE

PLACE ON STAND) AND THEY WERE RIGHT, YOU WERE INDEED A TENDERFOOT

SCOUT. YOU WERE TAUGHT TO HONOR YOUR GOD.

OUR INDIAN BROTHERS WERE TAUGHT TO REVERE GOD THROUGH SONG AND

DANCE.

ONE OF THE DANCES IS THE MEDICINE PIPE DANCE WHICH HONORS THE

GREAT SPIRIT FOR ALL HE GIVES TO OUR BROTHERS. (THE MEDICINE PIPE DANCE)

SOON, YOU REACHED THE SECOND LEDGE AND THERE YOU WERE GREETED BY

A GROUP OF SECOND CLASS SCOUTS. (ENTER SCOUT WITH SECOND CLASS

PLAQUE AND PLACE ON STAND) TO REACH THE RANK OF SECOND CLASS,

A SCOUT LEARNS TO WORK WITH MEMBERS OF HIS PATROL AND HE BEGINS
TO DEVELOP PATROL SPIRIT.

SOME, LIKE YOU, ~~WERE~~ STOPPED 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

WHERE FIRST CLASS SCOUTS DWELL. (ENTER SCOUT WITH FIRST CLASS

PLAQUE AND PLACE ON STAND) WHEN A SCOUT REACHES THE RANK OF FIRST

CLASS IN HIS TROOP, HE IS REALLY FIRST CLASS. HE IS AN EXPERT IN THE

OUTDOOR SKILLS OF CAMPING, COOKING, HIKING, AND FIRST AID. AS YOU

WERE TAUGHT TO "BE PREPARED" SO WERE THE YOUNG BRAVES. THE SHIELD

DANCE HELPED PREPARE THEM FOR LIFE'S MANY BATTLES, JUST AS YOUR

TRAINING WILL HELP YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE. (THE SHIELD DANCE)

AT THE RANK OF FIRST CLASS SCOUT YOU FOUND A TEMPTING GREEN
MEADOW BY A CRYSTAL-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 REMEMBER
YOUR ADVANCEMENT TO STAR SCOUT. (ENTER SCOUT WITH STAR PLAQUE
AND PLACE ON STAND) A STAR SCOUT LEARNS TO WORK WITH THE YOUNGER
BOYS IN THE TROOP, PASSING ALONG THE KNOWLEDGE HE HAS GAINED.
THE TRAIL FROM FIRST CLASS TO STAR WAS NOT AS DIFFICULT AS IT
HAD SEEMED. THIS SPURRED YOU ON, AND AGAIN YOU CLIMBED FURTHER.
THE TRAIL WAS STEEPER, AND WAS LESS WORN. FEWER SCOUTS SEEMED
TO BE 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.

A LIFE SCOUT DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP IN THE TROOP, AND TAKES PART
IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

(ENTER SCOUT WITH THE LIFE PLAQUE AND PLACE ON STAND)

SOON, THE LIFE SCOUT BADGE--THE HEART BADGE--WAS PLACED ON YOUR

UNIFORM. YOU WILL NEVER FORGET THE THOUGHTS IN YOUR HEART--A

FEELING THAT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED BY MOST SCOUT ON THE REACHING

THE LEDGE OF LIFE. 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. THE RANK OF

EAGLE IS SCOUTING'S HIGHEST AWARD.

THE EAGLE SCOUT MUST EARN THE SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MERIT BADGES AND
MUST PLAN, DEVELOP, AND CARRY OUT AN EXTENSIVE SERVICE PROJECT,
GIVING OF HIMSELF TO OTHERS AND PROVIDING LEADERSHIP TO BROTHER
SCOUTS IN THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

HE MUST ALSO SERVE AS A TROOP OFFICER FOR A SPECIFIED TIME.

AND JUST AS YOU HAVE LEAD YOUR FELLOW SCOUTS ON OUTINGS AND
PROJECTS SO ALSO HAVE THE TRIBAL LEADERS LEAD THE BRAVES TO HUNT
THE MIGHTY BUFFALO. THIS TRAINED THE YOUNG HUNTER AND PROVIDE FOOD
FOR THEIR PEOPLE AND TAUGHT THE BRAVES TO FIND JOY AND HAPPINESS
IN THE SERVICE TO HIS FELLOW MAN. (THE BUFFALO DANCE)

(ENTER SCOUT WITH THE EAGLE PLAQUE AND PLACE ON STAND)

YES, WE HAVE WATCHED YOUR CHARACTER UNFOLD AND BECOME MATURE;

WE HAVE SEEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF CITIZENSHIP EXPAND; WE HAVE

WATCHED YOUR MIND DEVELOP AND YOUR WISDOM INCREASE; AND WE

OBSERVED YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITY GROWING INTO A VALUABLE ASSET.

WE HAVE SEEN ALL THESE THINGS IN YOU, AND NOW THAT YOU ARE AT
THE THRESHOLD OF YOUR GOAL, WE WELCOME YOU, FOR YOU HAVE DONE YOUR
CLIMBING IN A TRUE SCOUTLIKE MANNER. WE HONOR YOU WITH THE EAGLE
DANCE.