

O. A. EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

OPENING: DONE BY THE LOCAL UNIT

PERSON CONDUCTING SHOULD TURN THE TIME OVER TO THE ORDER OF THE ARROW.

CHIEF: MY BROTHERS, THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO GO OUT AND FIND YOUR-  
SELF ON THE MOUNTAIN. AS YOUR MIGHTY CHIEF, I WANT YOU TO GO AND  
CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN. CLIMB AS HIGH AS YOU CAN UPON THE MOUNTAIN.  
WHEREVER YOU STOP YOU MUST PICK UP SOMETHING TO SHOW HOW HIGH  
YOU WERE ABLE TO CLIMB, A PIECE OF GRASS OR A BRANCH FROM A TREE.  
THEN RETURN WITH THIS THING TO ME AS SOON AS YOU CAN. GO.

1ST. INDIAN

RETURNS: "OH MIGHTY CHIEF, I WENT OUT TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN BUT WAS ONLY  
ABLE TO GET A LITTLE WAY UP IT. I PICKED THIS OFF A BUSH NEAR  
WHERE I STOPPED."

CHIEF: MY YOUNG BROTHER HAS DONE WELL. THIS IS A PIECE OF SAGEBRUSH.  
YOU HAVE JUST BEGUN THE TRAIL TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND  
THIS HEAD BAND IS YOUR REWARD. TAKE YOUR PLACE BEFORE ME.

OFF STAGE VOICE: LIKE THIS YOUNG BRAVE, A YOUNG MAN STARTS IN SCOUTING WITH LIMITED  
SKILLS AND ABILITIES. ONE OF THE EARLY DANCES THAT THE YOUNG  
BRAVE LEARNS IS THE MEDICINE PIPE DANCE IN WHICH HE SHOWS  
HONOR AND REVERANCE TO HIS TRIBAL TRADITIONS. SO IT IS IN

SCOUTING THAT A YOUNG MAN LEARNS TO HONOR AND REVERE THE SCOUT

LAW AND OATH.

"THE MEDICINE DANCE"

2ND INDIAN

RETURNS: "OH MIGHTY CHIEF, I WENT OUT TO CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN AND PICKED THIS  
BRANCH WHERE I WAS FORCED TO STOP AND RETURN."

CHIEF: YOU HAVE DONE WELL MY YOUNG BROTHER. YOU WERE ABLE TO GET WELL  
INTO THE FOOTHILLS. THIS IS A PIECE OF SCRUB OAK TREE. YOU HAVE  
EARNED THIS ONE FEATHER HEAD BAND AS YOUR REWARD. GO AND TAKE YOUR  
PLACE BEFORE ME.

OFF STAGE VOICE: THE YOUNG SCOUT GROWING EARNS SKILL AWARDS, DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP  
ABILITIES, LEARNING FIRST AID AND CITIZENSHIP, BUT LIKE THE YOUNG  
BRAVE THE PATH TESTS THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STRENGTH OF THE YOUNG MAN.

3RD INDIAN

RETURNS: "OH MIGHTY CHIEF, I CLIMBED FAR PAST THE FOOT HILLS AND PICKED  
THIS BRANCH WHERE I STOPPED."

CHIEF: MY YOUNG BROTHER HAS DONE WELL. THIS IS A BRANCH OF THE ASPEN  
TREE. YOU HAVE MADE A GOOD START ON THE TRAIL TO THE TOP OF  
THE MOUNTAIN. THIS TWO FEATHER HEAD BAND IS YOUR REWARD. GO NOW  
AND TAKE YOUR PLACE BEFORE ME.

OFF STAGE VOICE: TO BECOME A FIRST CLASS SCOUT, THE YOUNG MAN MUST EARN HIS FIRST  
MERIT BADGE--TRULY A BADGE OF COURAGE FOR THE TRAIL IS LONG AND

STEEP WITH MANY SNARS THAT MAY DISCOURAGE THE YOUNG SCOUT. MANY  
TIMES, LIKE THE YOUNG BRAVE HE MUST PROVE HIS DETERMINATION  
THROUGH ACTS OF COURAGE. THE YOUNG BRAVES OFTEN DEMONSTRATED  
THEIR COURAGE BY DOING THE SHIELD DANCE. "THE SHIELD DANCE"

4TH INDIAN  
RETURNS: "OH MIGHTY CHIEF, I CLIMBED UNTIL I GOT TIRED AND STOPPED, MORE  
THAN HALFWAY UP THE MOUNTAIN. I PICKED THIS BRANCH WHERE I STOPPED."

CHIEF: YOU HAVE DONE VERY WELL MY BROTHER. THIS IS A PINE TREE BRANCH.  
YOU ARE NOW OVER HALF THE WAY TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. THIS  
THREE FEATHER HEAD BAND IS YOUR REWARD FOR YOUR CLIMB. GO NOW AND  
TAKE YOUR PLACE BEFORE ME.

OFF STAGE VOICE: TO BECOME A STAR SCOUT, ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGES MUST BE EARNED.  
MANY NEW LEADERSHIP SKILLS ARE DEVELOPED. THE YOUNG MAN LEARNS  
TO ASSIST NEWER SCOUTS ON THEIR TRAIL TO THE MIGHTY EAGLE--SERVICE  
PROJECTS TEST THE METAL THE YOUNG MAN IS MADE OF.

5TH INDIAN  
RETURNS: "OH MIGHTY CHIEF, I CLIMBED VERY FAR UP THE MOUNTAIN AND WHEN I  
BECAME TIRED I STOPPED AND PICKED THIS BRANCH FROM A TREE."

CHIEF: YOU HAVE DONE VERY WELL ALSO MY BROTHER. THIS IS THE BRANCH OF  
A FIR TREE, THE HIGHEST TREE ON THE MOUNTAIN. YOU HAVE ALMOST

COMPLETED THE TRAIL TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. THIS HEAD DRESS  
OF MANY FEATHERS IS YOUR REWARD. GO NOW AND TAKE YOUR PLACE  
BEFORE ME.

OFF STAGE VOICE:

NOW WELL ON THE TRAIL TO THE EAGLE, ADDITIONAL MERIT BADGES,  
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND A SERVICE PROJECT DEMAND A WIDE VARIETY  
OF SKILL OF THIS YOUNG MAN. THIS IS REPRESENTED IN THE HOOP DANCE.  
EACH HOOP ADDING DIFFICULTY AND REQUIRING MORE OF THE YOUNG  
BRAVE. "THE HOOP DANCE"

6TH INDIAN

RETURNS: "OH MIGHTY CHIEF, I CLIMBED VERY HIGH UPON THE MOUNTAIN AND WHEN  
I COULD CLIMB NO MORE I LOOKED AROUND FOR SOMETHING TO PICK TO  
RETURN TO YOU, BUT COULD FIND NOTHING BUT ROCKS AND THIS FEATHER.  
I LOOKED UP IN THE SKY AND SAW A MIGHTY EAGLE CIRCLING ABOVE ME."

CHIEF: MY BROTHER, YOU HAVE DONE THE BEST OF ALL IN YOUR CLIMB TO THE  
TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. THIS FEATHER OF THE MIGHTY EAGLE IS THE  
GREATEST FIND OF ALL. IT SHOWS THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE  
THE CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND THE END OF THE TRAIL.  
YOUR HONOR IS GREATEST OF ALL. THIS HEAD DRESS OF MANY EAGLE  
FEATHERS IS YOUR REWARD. GO NOW AND TAKE YOUR PLACE OF HONOR  
BEFORE ME.

CHIEF: I HAVE SENT MANY BRAVES OUT UPON THE TRAIL IN SEARCH OF ANY OTHERS  
WHO HAVE REACHED THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN AND HAVE SEEN THE EAGLE.

\_\_\_\_\_ SUCH HAVE BEEN FOUND.

WOULD EAGLE CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE STAND.

WOULD THE EAGLE ESCORT PLEASE ESCORT THE EAGLE CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE STAND BEFORE ME.

CHIEF: WHO CAN STAND AND REPORT ON WHAT THIS CANDIDATE HAS DONE TO REACH

THE END OF THE TRAIL AND SEE THE EAGLE. (I CAN) PLEASE DO SO

REPORT-

CHIEF: WOULD THE EAGLE ESCORT PLEASE ESCORT THE PARENTS OF THE EAGLE

CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_ FORWARD TO STAND BY THEIR SON.

WILL MR. \_\_\_\_\_, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF

AMERICA AND THE LAKE BONNEVILLE COUNCIL, PLEASE ADMINISTER THE

EAGLE OATH TO THE CANDIDATE AND PRESENT THE EAGLE AWARD.

WILL THE EAGLE ESCORT PLEASE ESCORT THE NEW EAGLE SCOUT TO THE

EAGLE'S NEST.

WILL THE EAGLE PLEASE ESCORT THE PARENTS BACK TO THEIR SEATS.

(REPEAT THE ABOVE IF NEED FOR 2 OR MORE EAGLES)

OFF STAGE VOICE:

THE DANCE OF THE EAGLE

THE EAGLE IS A HIGHLY HONORED BIRD BY THE INDIANS, REPRESENTING GREAT STRENGTH AND COURAGE FROM WHICH POWERFUL MEDICINE WAS OBTAINED. THIS DANCE IS NOT AN ORIGINAL INDIAN DANCE, BUT ONE DEvised TO PROMOTE THE GOALS IN SCOUTING. AS THE INDIANS BELIEVED IN THE FOUR DIRECTIONS AS SACRED POWERS, SO SCOUTING HAS A MAGIC NUMBER OF THREE. THE THREE CORNERS OF THE SCOUT NECKERCHIEF, THE THREE FINGERS IN THE SCOUT SIGN AND THE THREE POINTS IN THE SCOUT BADGE ALL REPRESENT THE SAME THING, THE IDEALS OF SCOUTING. THUS THE EAGLE DANCES IN A TRIANGLE TO THE THREE DIRECTIONS OF SCOUTING. FIRST HE DANCES TO THE FLAG OF OUR NATION, REMINDING US OF OUR DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY. THEN DANCING TO THE SECOND CORNER BRINGING TO OUR MINDS SERVICE TO OTHERS. THEN THE LAST CORNER REPRESENTING OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PHYSICALLY FIT, MENTALLY AWAKE, AND MORALLY STRAIGHT.

AS HE CIRCLES AT EACH CORNER HE CLIMBS HIGHER GAINING A BROADER PERSEPECTIVE OF THE SCOUT TRAIL. AFTER HE DANCES THE TRIANGLE THREE TIMES HE DIVES IN FIGURE EIGHTS FOR HIS PREY OR GOALS GAINING IN SPEED AS HE DESCENDS. AS ALWAYS THE EAGLE RETURNS TO HIS NEST HIGH

IN THE MOUNTAINS VICTORIOUS AND ACCOMPLISHED. BY THIS DANCE MAY WE  
SUGGEST THAT AN EAGLE SCOUT HAS GAINED THESE QUALITIES WITHIN HIS  
HEART AND IS ALWAYS WILLING TO STAND FOR THE GOOD VIRTUES TAUGHT IN  
SCOUTING.

WOULD MR. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE BANK OF \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE

COME FORWARD AND MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION TO THE NEW EAGLE SCOUTS.

WOULD MR. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE ROY ELKS LODGE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COME FORWARD AND MAKE YOUR PRESENTATION OF THE NEW  
EAGLE CANDIDATES.

I WILL NOW TURN THE TIME BACK TO \_\_\_\_\_.

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

REFRESHMENTS

CONGRATULATE THE NEW EAGLES

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