

EAGLE CEREMONY

Escort Scouts to be at the rear of the room

MC:

Will the candidate and his parents stand.

(boy centered with parents is escorted to the front)

(Escorts to the Eagles Nest, remain standing through the ceremony)

Voice from Off Stage:

(May use slides to compliment the words)

Tonight we are presenting a symbol of Scouting, a symbol which suggests the quality of the character and ideals of a boy. For you, Arrow of Light candidate, we present the scouting trail, the trail which began by learning how to be square and by learning what it means to be a Cub Scout.

It was a proud moment when you became a Bobcat, when you first stood before your Cubmaster, with your right hand raised in the Cub Scout sign and solemnly dedicated that "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to be square, and obey the law of the Pack.

Yes, you began to show that there are ten ranks in Scouting. IN no time at all the Bobcat pin on your shirt pocket was joined with the Wolf Badge. Since so much of Cub Scouting takes place in the home, it is easy to see why your parents were involved in Cub Scouting. They helped you with your advancement work and took part in the den and pack activities.

Before you knew it you were nine years old and the color of the badge on your shirt changed from red and black to red and gold, for you had completed the requirement of the Bear. You learned that the blue stands for truth and loyalty, and gold stands for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. When you were ten years old, you knew that Cub Scouting was preparing you for Boy Scouting. You began to study the Boy Scout requirements.

You were a Webelos Scout now and you wore a different neckerchief than the younger boys. You learned the ways of a Tenderfoot Scout.

Do you remember that special pack meeting when you were presented with the Cub Scouts highest award? Yes you had earned the Arrow of Light and it was called the Webelos Award. But something else special happened to you that night, you graduated from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting.

Becoming a Tenderfoot Scout was but your first single step in Boy Scouting. There were many other steps you needed to take before you could prove yourself a real Scout. You made up your mind you wanted to get as much out of Scouting as Scouting had to offer you.

You mastered the hiking skills and a different badge was sewn on your shirt pocket, the Second Class badge. As you lived the life of a Scout you began to catch the spirit of Scouting. The Scout Law was to become your code of conduct in your everyday life. The Scout Motto would spur your learning. The Scout Slogan would inspire you to do your daily good turn.

The early steps put you on the road--but it is only as you took step after step that you would reach the goal that Scouting is aiming for. By now you were familiar with the pattern of all Scout advancement. You were learning the camping skills of the First Class. There is nothing like camp for helping you grow "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." Almost before you know it you had hiked the trail of the First Class Scout.

Your first steps in Scouting advancement brought you along the trail of the basic Scout ranks. Your next step was to set out to earn merit badges. Advancement through the basic ranks was a natural outgrowth of your troop experiences. IN the merit badge advancement you were on your own. The First Class badge was put on a Star background and sewn on your uniform pocket. Now the Scout Oath takes on a deeper meaning. The three parties of the oath mean more to you. You know that you have a duty to your God, and to you country. You know that you have a duty to other people. And yo know that you have a duty to yourself. The Star badge disappeared from your uniform and in its place appeared the heart shaped badge of the Life Scout.

Now you were close to your goal. You had taken many steps along the trail, but there were still many yet to be taken. You were learning to meet new people in the Merit Badge program and you developed your ability to talk to others and express your ideas. You began to study more and you worked harder. You stuck with the original principles of scouting, the Scout Oath and the Law. Your understanding of them was greater. New, Eagle Candidate, you are at the threshold of your goal. It is a proud moment for you and it is an equally proud occasion for your parents, your Scoutmaster and all of your friends.

MC:

Eagle Candidate _____, tonight you are taking the last few steps on Scouting trails to reach your goal. We welcome you. You have done your climbing in a true scoutlike manner.

The law of the eagle is the Scout Law, Eagle Candidate _____ you will rededicate yourself by repeating the Scout Oath: Scout Sign make, and repeat the Scout Oath: (Two) Resolve forever to uphold its principles with the same ambition and determination that has brought you this far.

Mr. and Mrs. _____, to you, the proud parents of the Eagle Candidate, may you never forget the thought in your heart tonight, it is the same thought that has been experienced by most parents when their son reaches the Trail of the Eagle.

Candidate _____ you father holds the Eagle Badge which he will pin on your breast, always remember your father is the one who has helped to wisely council and advise you. He is your best pal. Your mother is proud of you, fellow Eagle, as is your father. Never let them to disappointed in you. Their lives have all been for you. Please pin the Eagle Badge on your son.

Now, Eagle Scout _____, in recognition of the many hours of patient guidance given by your mother to you in your efforts, will you pin over her heart the miniature Eagle Badge.

Will Scouter _____, tonight representing the National Council for the boy Scouts of America, please step forth and administer the Eagle Oath.

(use the Charge or the Oath that is provided with the badge)

Eagle Scout _____, you conduct along the trail of the Eagle has been excellent, you have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting, you have heard again the law of the Eagle's Nest, but one thing is more important, your future.

As an Eagle you become a guiding light to the other Scouts below you. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are then a little more important and people will expect more of you. to falter in your duties would not only reflect on yourself, but on all your fellow Eagles, the torch you carry is not only yours, but ours, all Eagle Scouts, carry it will and be proud of your honor.

(present neckerchiefs and letters etc.)

(at this time have the Eagle escort his parents to their seats)

Eagle Scout _____, we now proclaim to all the world your accomplishments, and to say to you "step into the Eagle New with your fellow Eagles, and then fellow Eagle soar on and on to greater heights."