

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 NECKERCHIER, 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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