

From Scout to Life

Compiled by Roger Field and adapted by Helene Simmons, Troop 331 Omaha, Nebraska

Call to Order

SPL: Good evening. My name is _____, and I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 331.

The _____ patrol will now bring forward our American flag, a symbol of our country and our freedom, as well as our troop flag, a symbol of our troop and a record of our accomplishment.

Presentation of Colors

Color Guard leader brings room to order. (Raise the Scout sign if needed.)

The Color Guard leader walks to the front of the room and face audience.

Color Guard leader: Please rise. *Give the audience time to rise.*

Color Guard leader: "Color Guard, Post the Colors. Scout salute."

Scouts carry the US & Pack flags walking double file.

Color Guard leader: "Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Color Guard leader: "TWO."

Color Guard leader: "Please join us now in the Scout Law. Scout Sign. *A Scout is...*"

Color Guard leader: "Please join us now in the Scout Oath. *On my honor...*"

Color Guard leader: "TWO"

The color guard walks back out double-file to wait at the back of the room.

Color Guard leader: "Color guard, dismissed. Please be seated."

The Color Guard leader and color guard return to their seats.

SPL: I now declare this Court of Honor in session!

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Opening Prayer

SPL: Will _____ please come forward to lead us in prayer.

Reports

SPL: Will _____ please come forward for Reports.

A's

SPL: Will _____ please come forward for any A words.

Merit Badges and Certifications

SPL : The BSA merit badge program allows boys and young men to explore many fields, helps them round out their Scouting skills, and perhaps introduces them to subjects that will become lifelong interests and rewarding careers. In addition, advancement establishes a pattern of setting positive goals, and then working to achieve those goals—a critical life skill.

As your name is read, please come forward to receive your Merit Badge. *(Names are read along with the Merit Badge(s) earned.)*

Wait for the Scouts to come forward

Adult Recognition

SPL: Will _____ please come forward for Adult Recognition.

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Rank Advancement

SPL: Will _____ please come to the front to assist in the presentation of our rank advancement awards.

Scout Award

Awards Coordinator/Leader: The following boy(s) and their parents will please come forward: *(names are read)*

Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward

SPL: You have entered Boy Scouts and have learned the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Sign, Salute, and handshake. You have a clear goal and are taking the right path toward this goal. The Scout Badge represents the first step to achieving your goals. Good luck on your trail to Scouting!

The Leader presents the new Scout(s) with their badges and neckerchiefs

Give each Scout the MOTHER PIN to pin on his mother. Scouts are reminded to hug their mom. When all are done each Scout shakes the hand of the Scout and adult leaders up front.

ASPL: Let's congratulate these Scouts with warm applause. *Lead applause*
You may be seated.

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Tenderfoot Rank

Awards Coordinator/Leader: The following boy(s) and their parents will please come forward: *(names are read)*

Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward

SPL: The term Tenderfoot means “an experienced beginner”. You are indeed an inexperienced beginner who has taken that first step on the scouting trail by earning the Tenderfoot rank. The way was well trodden by the boys who have come before you, but it was your effort and enthusiasm that brought you here. You have started to build a foundation of Boy Scout principles and now is the time to experience the fun and satisfaction of learning new skills and sharing good times with Scouts.

The Leader presents the new Scout(s) with their badges

Give each Scout the MOTHER PIN to pin on his mother. Scouts are reminded to hug their mom. When all are done each Scout shakes the hand of the Scout and adult leaders up front.

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Second Class

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SPL: You have earned the rank of Second Class. The ends of the scroll are turned up as a reminder of the willing smile of the Scout. On the face is our motto "Be Prepared" and suspended from the scroll is the knot tied there to remind you of the slogan of Boy Scouts, "Do a good turn daily". You have remembered these things and deserve to be acknowledged for that. Continue to follow these guidelines and you will be an inspiration for those who follow you.

The Leader presents the new Scout(s) with their badges

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First Class

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SPL: One of the things you learned while earning First Class rank is to find ‘Polaris’, the North Star, because we know it will help us find our way in the wilderness. For centuries man has known the North Star is fixed in the heavens, and it has been used as a navigational aid by sailors ever since the first adventurers sailed away from the sight of land. The North Star is still used that way by mariners and space explorers. So in learning how to find it, you are joining a very long list of adventurers. There are some ‘North Stars’ in our everyday lives also.

One of them is your conscience. If you listen to your conscience, you can be sure to steer your life in the right direction. The other North Stars are the Scout Oath and Law. They are North Stars because they give us excellent guidance in how to behave and what we owe God, country, our fellow human beings, and ourselves. When you’re lost at night, look for the North Star. The rest of the time, steer your life with other North Stars – your conscience and the Scout Oath and Law.

The Leader presents the new Scout(s) with their badges

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Star

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SPL: In receiving your Star rank tonight, you are taking a long step toward Eagle. You have advanced in a way that obligates you to give younger Scouts the service and experiences that you have received. Tonight, you are leaving that group which receives Scouting, and are admitted to a smaller group whose privilege and duty it is to give Scouting – to give leadership, guidance, and inspiration to younger Scouts who will follow your lead. Your willingness to do so will be a pledge of service and a sign that your understanding of the ideals of Scouting is growing. May this Star Scout badge be a constant reminder of the star service that will shine as a guide and lead you on a trail of manhood.

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Life Scout

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SPL: You have attained rank of Life Scout. You have done this by showing your heart has the spirit of scouting. You have mastered the outdoor skills required to obtain the rank of First Class. You started learning more about the Scout Spirit and service to others on the path to Star Scout. By continuing to learn about service to others, and gaining a deeper understanding of Scout Spirit, you have earned the rank of Life Scout. The path you are going down now, the path towards Eagle, will require a deeper understanding of scout Spirit and service to others. What you will learn as you continue along the path towards Eagle Scout is that badges have no substance without the spirit and service that you show.

The Leader presents the new Scout(s) with their badges

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Special Awards and Announcements

SPL: Will the following Scout(s) please come forward: ...(announce names and award earned)

And now I will turn the floor over to _____ for the Scoutmaster Minute.

Scoutmaster Minute

Closing Prayer

SPL: Will our Chaplain's Aide, _____, please come forward to lead us in prayer.

Prayer.

SPL: Thank you, _____.

Retrieve the Colors

Please stand for the retiring of the colors.

After the colors are retired

I declare this Court of honor completed.