

# Court of Honor Ceremony – Rank Requirements

*Created 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward to lead us in prayer.

## Reports

**SPL:** Will \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward for Reports.

## Announcements

**SPL:** \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward for any announcements/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  
After all Merit Badges are awarded, lead applause*

## Adult Recognition

**SPL:** Will \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward for Adult Recognition.

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## Rank Advancement

**SPL:** Advancement is the process by which youth members of the Boy Scouts of America progress from rank to rank in the Scouting program. Advancement is simply a means to an end, not an end in itself. Everything done to advance and earn these ranks, from joining until leaving the program, should be designed to help the young person have an exciting and meaningful experience. Education and fun are functions of the Scouting movement, and they must be the basis of the advancement program. A badge is recognition of what a young person is able to do, not merely a reward for what he has done. The badge is proof of certain abilities, and is not just a reward for the completion of a task. Each boy progresses at their own rate. Advancement is not a competition between individual young people, but is an expression of their interest and participation in the program.

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 decided to become a Boy Scout. Millions of boys have gone before you to participate in a program designed to bring adventure, fun and achievement to their lives. In the process they learn new skills, make new friends, and develop self-reliance and leadership skills. Welcome to our Scout family. We know you will do well.

*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 Awards**

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

*Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward*

**SPL:** You have achieved the rank of Tenderfoot. To earn this rank you have attended a troop campout in a tent you have pitched, and helped cook a meal. You demonstrated how to tie two half hitches and the taut-line hitch knots. You have learned first aid skills; understand personal safety and the rules of safe hiking. You have repeated from memory the scout oath, law, motto, and slogan. Wear your new rank with pride.

*The leader presents the new Tenderfoot Scout (s) with their new badges, pins and cards.*

*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 Tenderfoot Scouts with warm applause. *Lead applause*  
You may be seated.

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## Second Class Award

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

*Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward*

**SPL:** You have achieved the rank of Second Class. To earn this rank you have demonstrated how a compass works and how to orient and read a map. You have taken a 5-mile hike using a map and compass, and know the principles of Leave No Trace. You have participated in at least five separate troop or patrol activities, two of which included camping overnight. You have demonstrated how to start a fire and have helped plan and cook a hot meal. You have participated in a service project and have demonstrated skills in swimming and water rescue methods. Wear your new rank with pride.

*The leader presents the Scouts with their badges, pins and cards.*

*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 new 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Scouts with warm applause. *Lead applause* You may be seated.

## First Class Awards

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

*Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward*

**SPL:** You have achieved the rank of First Class. To earn this rank you have completed an orienteering course using a map and compass, participated in 10 troop or patrol activities, explained safe handling of food and the gear needed to prepare a meal. You have also prepared a meal and led grace. You have tied several knots, successfully completed a swimming test, and helped practice rescue and first aid skills. You know safe internet skills and provided specific examples of living the scout oath. Wear your new rank with pride.

*The leader presents the Scouts with their badges, pins and cards.*

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

### **Star Scout Awards**

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

*Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward*

**SPL:** You have achieved the rank of Star Scout. To earn this rank you have completed six merit badges, four of which are Eagle required badges. You have done at least six service project hours, and have served actively for four months in one or more troop positions of responsibility. Wear your new rank with pride.

*The leader presents the Scouts with their badges, pins and cards.*

*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 our new Star Scouts! *Lead applause.* You may now be seated.

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## Life Scout Awards

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

*Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward*

**SPL:** You have achieved the rank of Life Scout. To earn this rank you have demonstrated the Scout spirit. You have now earned 11 merit badges, and have done six service project hours. You have served actively for six months in one or more troop positions of responsibility, and have helped teach a younger scout. Wear your new rank with pride.

*The leader presents the Scouts with their badges, pins and cards.*

*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 our new Life Scout(s)! *Leads applause.* You may be seated.

## Eagle Scout Awards

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

*Wait for the Scouts and families to come forward*

**SPL:** You have achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. You have earned at least 21 merit badges and have demonstrated the Scout Spirit through the Boy Scout Oath and Law, service and leadership. You have completed an extensive service project that you planned, organized, led, and managed. A special ceremony will be held in which we will celebrate this amazing achievement.

**ASPL:** Let's congratulate our new Eagle Scout! *Leads applause.* You may be seated.

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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 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*

This now completes our Court of Honor.