

# Voice of the Eagle – Boy Scout Court of Honor Ceremony

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## 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.

**SPL:** This is the voice of the Eagle. The Eagle whose heights you have struggled hard to reach. We remember well when you first came to the base of the cliff, and how you looked up with ambition and determination.

Look back for a moment, look back over the cliff you have climbed, look back at the experiences you have encountered in your ascent. These experiences should not be forgotten – you should profit by making sure that the adverse ones do not occur again. Experience is a valuable teacher if you will heed its teachings.

## 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*

*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.*

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**SPL:** We remember when you took your first step upon the trail that leads upward. With that first step you began to build yourself physically, mentally, and morally. You started living the Scout Oath and Law. All the while you were on the trail we watched you study and learn by doing.

## **Tenderfoot Rank**

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

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**SPL:** First you were only a candidate. Then your brother Scouts called you a Tenderfoot – and they were right, you were indeed a Tenderfoot. But not for long, for soon you reached the first ledge and you greeted by a large group of Second Class Scouts.

## **Second Class**

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**SPL:** Some, like yourself, were stopping to catch their breath before continuing along the trail. You began to study more, you worked harder, and almost before you knew it, you came to another ledge – the ledge where First Class Scouts dwell.

## **First Class**

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**SPL:** There you found a tempting green meadow by a crystal clear stream and bathed in the sun. Here you were tempted to remain. Yes, you could have remained there to live in First Class glory, but your ambition stirred you on. We next remember your progress when you become a Star Scout.

## **Star**

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**SPL:** You found the trail from First Class has been an optical illusion – not as difficult as it had seemed. This spurred you on, and again you climbed further.

Now the trail was steeper, now it was less worn – fewer scouts seemed to be headed in your direction. You looked back and saw the few below you, and with the same determination with which you started you climb you continued up the trail. Soon it was the badge of Life Scout.

## **Life Scout**

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**SPL:** The heart badge that is on a Life Scouts' uniform; it has been experienced by most scouts on reaching the ledge of Life. "How I am close to the Eagle. I will carry on." The trail becomes tougher, but more interesting. The original simple principles, the Scout Oath and Law, now had a fuller meaning. Your understanding of them was greater.

We have watched your character unfold and become manlier. We have watched your leadership ability expand into a valuable asset. We have watched your mind develop and your wisdom increase. We have watched all of these things in you, and now that you are at the threshold of your goal we encourage you, for you have done your climbing in a true scout-like manner.

## 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.