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Court of Honor Conduct

- Maintain silence
- Walk, do not run
- Receive the badge with the right hand, shake with the left.
- If there is an error in presenting a badge **do not interrupt** the court of honor to correct it, wait until afterward.

Candle lighting

The Senior Patrol Leader will read through a short description of each rank, when he calls out the rank you held at the conclusion of the last court of honor come forward and light a candle, place it in front of the rank and return to your seat. *Step forward when you hear your rank called, don't wait for him to finish the description, come forward right away.*

At What Badge Do I Place a Candle?

If you are a new scout and have not received your Scout badge at a Court of Honor:

DO NOT come forward when the SPL reads through the ranks.

If you are receiving a badge of rank come forward and place a candle at the rank you held at the conclusion at the last court of honor.

EXAMPLE: You earned First Class three months ago and had the badge presented to you at a troop meeting you would still put a candle at the second class rank.

If you are receiving more than one rank place a candle at the lowest rank you held before you advanced to the first of the ranks you are earning today.

EXAMPLE: You received your Scout Rank at the last court of honor and have received Tenderfoot and Second Class badges since then at Troop Meetings, place a candle at the Scout badge.

REMEMBER: After you have received your rank and have been dismissed by the Senior Patrol leader MOVE A CANDLE UP FROM THE RANK YOU WERE TO THE RANK YOU RECEIVED.

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CANDLE LIGHTER #1

This candle represents a Scout's duty to himself; to be prepared to meet life's challenges physically, spiritually and mentally.

(Light right outside candle, give Scout sign)

A Scout is cheerful, thrifty, clean and brave.

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CANDLE LIGHTER #2

This candle represents a Scout's duty to others; to serve unselfishly, to be alert to the needs of those around him, to do a good turn daily.

(Light left outside candle, give Scout sign)

A Scout is helpful, friendly, courteous and kind.

CANDLE LIGHTER #3

This candle represents a Scout's duty to Truth; to respect the beliefs of others and to be true to his own, to fulfill his obligation to God and Country.

(Light center candle, give Scout sign)

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, obedient and reverent

Court of Honor Script

WELCOME *Scoutmaster*

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS *SPL & Color Guard*

OPENING *SPL & Candle Lighters*

CALL BY RANKS *SPL*

NEW SCOUTS SCOUT BADGE PRESENTATION *SPL & ASPL*

RECRUITER BADGE PRESENTATION *SPL & ASPL*

MERIT BADGE PRESENTATION *SPL & ASPL*

TENDERFOOT *SPL & ASPL*

SECOND CLASS *SPL & ASPL*

FIRST CLASS *SPL & ASPL*

STAR AND LIFE RANKS *SM*

OPENING OF EAGLE C of H *SM*

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN *AC*

RESUMES READ *SM*

EAGLE CANDIDATES & PARENTS

PRESENTATION OF THE BADGE

PARENTS SEATED

EAGLE CHARGE

PRESENTATION OF RECOGNITION

REMARKS FROM NEW EAGLES – MENTOR PIN

Closing Announcements

SCOUTMASTER'S BENEDICTION

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

SPL brings the audience to order

SPL: Please stand with me for the presentation of the colors and Pledge of allegiance.

Scouts Attention- Salute

(Color Guard advances and places flags in their holders.)

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SPL: Two - you may be seated.

SPL: We open this Court of honor by reaffirming our dedication to the Scout Oath and Law

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CALL BY RANKS

SPL: If you think of Scouting as a trail the ranks we earn are destinations along the way reached through initiative, preparedness and determination. The Scouting Trail challenges us all to reach out, to work together and to achieve our goals.

I am now going to call the Troop to assemble according to rank. When I call the rank you held before your last Board of Review please come forward, light a candle and place it on the candle stand in front of that rank.

All those holding the Rank of Scout please come forward

The Scout Badge signifies an understanding of and commitment to the ideals of Scouting. All who have earned this badge know and accept the standard of conduct described by the Scout Oath and Law.

Tenderfoot Scouts please come forward

Tenderfoot Scouts meet the basic requirements that prepare them for the Adventure of Scouting. The Tenderfoot challenge requires learning the fundamental skills of camping, developing self-reliance and discovering the lure of the outdoors.

Second Class Scouts please come forward

Second Class represents greater experience, greater knowledge and a further mastery of Scouting Skills. The ideals of service and leadership become clearer and dedication to growing as a Scout intensifies.

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First Class Scouts please come forward

The First Class Scout has reached the first plateau on the Scouting Trail. His role in Scouting changes from the getting to the giving side of the Troop. He is now expected to assume a role of leadership by guiding and instructing his fellow Scouts. More is expected of him as he learns to expect more from himself.

Star Scouts please come forward

Stars in the night sky while we are camping are familiar to all Scouts who reach the Rank of Star. He has met the challenge of leadership, learned the ideals of service and mastered the skills of the outdoors. Star Scouts hold important positions of responsibility within the Troop and the program depends on them.

Life Scouts please come forward

The heart on the Life badge represents dedication, devotion and enthusiasm for the Ideals of Scouting. The Life Scout has grown and, in turn, has helped others grow. Service, Leadership and a high sense of responsibility are marks of the Life Scout.

SM:

DO NOT READ EAGLE AT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Eagle

The rank of Eagle is a very special and important achievement, one that is recognized throughout one's lifetime. I would like to ask that all those present who hold the rank of Eagle to come forward and light a candle and place it at the Eagle badge.

(New scouts go up front)

Do you accept the obligations of the Scout Oath and Law?

(They answer)

Give the Scout sign and join me in repeating the Scout Oath and Law.

(SPL leads them in oath and law)

Ladies and Gentlemen, Guests and fellow Scouts please join me in welcoming the newest members of Troop 24

(Begin applause)

At this time I would like to present you with your first badge of rank; that of Scout

(SPL: hands out badges.)

SPL: Attention, Salute, Two .

You may now light a candle, place it at the Scout Badge and return to your seat.

RECRUITER PATCH PRESENTATION

SPL: The following Scout(s) have earned the distinction of having recruited a friend to join our Troop.

(SPL reads names and calls them forward)

In recognition of your service as a recruiter I am pleased to present you with the official recruiter badge and this Centennial recruiter award.

SPL: Attention, Salute, Two you may now return to your seats.

MERIT BADGE PRESENTATION

SPL: The following Scout(s) have earned Merit Badges since our last court of honor. As I call your name please come up front and form a line to my right.

(ASPL1: Hands badges to SPL who reads off names of scouts and the badges they have earned. The SPL then hands the badges to ASPL2 who presents the badge and helps line-up Scouts.)

SPL: Attention, Salute, Two you may now return to your seats.

RANK PRESENTATIONS

TENDERFOOT

SPL: The following Scouts have successfully completed a Board of review for the rank of Tenderfoot When I call your name please come up front and to receive your badge of rank.

*(ASPL1: Hands badges to **SPL** who reads off names of scouts and the badges they have earned. **ASPL2** directs them into line. **SPL** presents badges)*

SPL: Attention, Salute, Two You may now move a candle, to your new badge of Rank and return to your seat.

SECOND CLASS

SPL: The following Scouts have successfully completed a Board of review for the rank of Second Class When I call your name please come up front and to receive your badge of rank.

*(ASPL1: Hands badges to **SPL** who reads off names of scouts and the badges they have earned. ASPL2 directs them into line. **SPL** presents badges)*

SPL: Attention, Salute, Two You may now move a candle, to your new badge of Rank and return to your seat.

FIRST CLASS

SPL: The following Scouts have successfully completed a Board of review for the rank of First Class. When I call your name please come up front and to receive your badge of rank.

SM: Achievement of the Rank of First Class takes considerable effort, and no Scout can successfully reach this point without the support and encouragement of his family. I would like to ask that the parents of these Scouts come and stand with them as they receive their first Class rank.

(They do so.)

I am going to present this badge to your parents who will, in turn present it to you. I do this in recognition of the support they have given you in reaching this achievement.

(SM presents badges)

SM: Scouts attention, salute, two. You may now move a candle, to your new badge of Rank and return to your seat.

STAR AND LIFE

Scoutmaster makes Star and Life presentations

Scoutmaster's benediction closes the Court of Honor

OPENING FOR EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

SM: Earlier we asked Scouts to come forward and place a lighted candle next to the rank they hold on our candle stand. We have waited until now to invite those who hold the rank of Eagle to light a candle.

The rank of Eagle is a very special and important achievement, one that is recognized throughout one's lifetime. We are privileged to present this rank today so I would like to ask that all those present who hold the rank of Eagle to come forward and light a candle and place it at the Eagle badge and thus open our eagle court of honor.

REPORT FROM ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN

AC: In order to earn the rank of Eagle a life Scout must
Complete six months of active tenure in the Troop
Demonstrate Scout spirit by following the Oath and Law in his
daily life.

Earn a total of 21 merit badges, 13 of that are specifically
required for the rank of Eagle.

Serve actively for six months in a position of responsibility and
leadership within the Troop.

Plan, develop and give leadership to a significant service
project helpful to the wider community.

Successfully complete a board of review at which he must
submit six references to his character, a statement of his goals
and ambitions, and a complete report of his service project.

It gives me great pleasure to report that:

Have successfully appeared before a duly constituted board of
review who recommend that he should all be elevated to the
rank of Eagle

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LIGHTING EAGLE CANDLES

Introduce Advancement Chairman

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN READS REQUIREMENTS

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