



Glacier's Edge Council (620), BSA Advancement Committee

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Eagle Court of Honor Recommendations

Congratulations on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout!

Presentation of the Eagle Scout Award is an important event to recognize and celebrate this pinnacle achievement. It should reflect the significance of the accomplishments of a new Eagle Scout; thus, must be well planned and coordinated.

Although an Eagle Court of Honor is typically organized by individual Units or a new Eagle Scout and their family, the Council Advancement Committee recommends considering the inclusion of the following elements:

- 1) Opening
 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Scout Oath
- 2) Welcome & Introductions
 1. Recognition of Unit Leadership in attendance
 - 1.1. Key 3 – Unit Leader, Unit Committee Chair, Charter Organization Representative
 - 1.2. Other Charter Organization representatives (Pastor / Lay leadership / Officers)
 - 1.3. Unit Commissioner
 - 1.4. Retired Key 3 Leaders
 2. Recognition of District Leadership in attendance*
 - 2.1. Key 3 – District Director/Executive, District Committee Chair, District Commissioner
 - 2.2. Other District Representatives (e.g., Eagle Board of Review Representative of Advancement Chair)
 3. Recognition of Council Leadership present*
 - 3.1. Scout Executive / Assistant Scout Executive / Development Director
 - 3.2. Other Council representatives (e.g., Alumni Committee Member(s)/Chair or Advancement Committee Chair)
 4. Recognition of Distinguished Guests
 - 4.1. Eagle Project Beneficiary
 - 4.2. City/County/State government representative(s)
 5. Recognition of All Eagle Scouts present (*may be included elsewhere in program*)
- 3) Include any unit-specific traditions
- 4) Incorporate a ceremonial element that highlights the significance of the Eagle Rank
- 5) Incorporate a ceremonial element that highlights the specific accomplishments of the new Eagle Scout
- 6) Eagle Medal Presentation
- 7) Parents Pins Presentation
- 8) Closing

* District/Council representatives try to attend
if invited with sufficient notice

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BSA Troop Resources provide suggested scripts for Eagle Ceremonies:

<https://troopresources.scouting.org/eagle-courts-of-honor/>

Other options for ceremonial elements can be found by searching on-line (*one particular website is:* <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/eagle.asp>). Several alternatives are listed below for consideration.

Optional elements for the Opening may include:

Presentation of Colors

Invocation

Optional elements that highlight the significance of the Eagle Rank may include:

The Scout Spirit Candle

Eagle Scout Oath

Eagle Scout Charge

The Eagle

Eagle Scout Challenge

What is it worth?

Eagle Scout Pledge

It's Only a Pin

History of the Eagle and Man (Voice of the Eagle)

A Hike of A Thousand Miles Starts with The First Step

Note: A light box for the ceremony is available from the Scout Office.

Optional elements that highlight the specific accomplishments of the new Eagle Scout include:

Trail to Eagle

The Eagle Scout Trail

New Eagle Scout Address

Keynote Address

Slide show

Memorabilia display

Other presentation elements for consideration may include:

Mentor Pin(s) Presentation

Grandparents Pin(s) Presentation

Congratulatory presentations from local, state or national dignitaries (*one particular website with suggestions for congratulatory letters is:* <http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>)

Optional elements for the Closing may include:

Scoutmaster's Minute

Benediction

Scout Vespers

Scout Leader's Prayer

Eagle Scout Charge/Challenge/Pledge/Oath

Retiring Colors

A Reception following the ceremony is another option.

