

# COURT OF HONOR

## TROOP 002

### Opening

**SPL:** "Please stand for the presentation of the colors "

(Color guard \*2 scouts from each patrol\* assembles in the rear of the room.)

**Color guard, present the colors.**

(Color guard walks to the front of the room, with the American flag leading.)

**Scouts, hand salute**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Scout Oath**

**Scout Law**

**Two**

**Color guard, post the colors.**

(Color guard posts flags in stands.)

**Color guard dismissed.**

(Color Guard returns to their seats.)

**SPL:** "At this time will \_\_\_\_\_, our Chaplain's Aide, please come forward to deliver the invocation?"

**Invocation delivered.**

**SPL:** "Please be seated."

**SPL:** Introduces self.

"Welcome to Troop 002's Court of Honor".... Speech

"And now I would like to introduce our Scout Master, \_\_\_\_\_."

**SM:** Introduces self and ASMs and any special guests in attendance.

Speech

"And now I would like to introduce our Committee Chair, \_\_\_\_\_."

**CC:** Introduces self and Committee Members

Speech

**SPL:** “At this time I would like to introduce our Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, \_\_\_\_\_, and Patrol \_\_\_\_\_ Leader/Assistant Patrol Leader of the \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol.”

(Continue, introducing each Patrol’s leadership)

## **Presentation of Merit Badges**

**SPL:** “Boy scouts can earn any of 121 different Merit Badges in areas ranging from Art to Whitewater and from Camping to Space Exploration.

Today we are awarding a total of \_\_\_\_\_ Merit Badges.”

Notes: Call by Merit Badge and the scouts that have earned that badge.

SPL hands MB to scout w/ right hand and Shakes the scout’s left hand

SM shakes each scouts left hand

(photo op)

Scouts remain up front until next MB called

(photo op)

## **Candle/Torch Ceremony**

**SM:** Talk about Scouting, ending with...

(example)“...I light this candle (flame) to represent the spirit of scouting that guides all scouts. As the scout advances through the ranks of scouting, the light grows stronger within him.”

Lights candle or torch and hands to SPL. SPL moves to the candles/torches that are set up. Face the audience

**SPL:** “The light of scouting burns within every Scout, giving us direction in our daily lives.”

“The Boy Scout Oath contains three promises or duties. The first duty of a Scout is to God, Country and Scout Law.”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 1st candle): “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law.”

**SPL:** “The second duty of a Scout is to other people.”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 2nd candle): “To help other people at all times.”

**SPL:** “The third duty of a Scout is to himself.”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 3rd candle): “To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

**SPL:** “The scout is called to lead an honorable life. The Boy Scout Law identifies the character and behavior of the scout. A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful.”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 4th candle): “A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful”

**SPL:** “friendly, courteous, kind”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 5th candle): “friendly, courteous, kind”

**SPL:** “obedient, cheerful, thrifty”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 6th candle): “obedient, cheerful, thrifty”

**SPL:** “brave, clean and reverent.”

**Troop** (LOUDLY, as SPL lights 7th candle): “brave, clean and reverent.”

**SPL:** “Scout s may be seated”

## **Presentation of Rank Advancement**

**SPL:** We will now recognize those Scouts who have earned Rank Advancement. In recognition of the support that each family provides their son, our troop also presents rank pins to the Scout’s mother or parent.

**SM:** States significance/accomplishments of each rank in Boy Scouts as each rank is called.

(as example):

### **Scout**

The first award is “Scout.” To earn this award, a new Scout must agree to live by the Scout Oath and Law and complete a number of other assignments.

**SM Notes:** Call each new Scout (if there are any) and their parents to come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout’s left hand and the parent’s right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

“Please join me in welcoming \_\_\_\_\_!” Lead applause.

## **Tenderfoot**

Tenderfoot requirements offer a taste of the great adventures awaiting you in Scouting and can give you the basic skills you'll need to begin taking part in those adventures. You met many challenges in earning the Tenderfoot badge and are to be congratulated.

SM Notes: Call each Tenderfoot recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

## **Second Class Rank**

To earn Second Class, a Scout must learn how to use a map and compass, how and when to build a campfire, and to safely use pocketknives and wood tools. Second Class Scouts have proven their abilities in camping, first aid, and swimming, and other Scout skills.

SM Notes: Call each Second Class recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

## **First Class Rank**

The founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell, said that all Scouts should earn First Class. Now you have tested yourself even more. You have tried greater adventures and practiced your Scout skills many times. With your confidence and knowledge you now have, people will expect more of you, and you will expect more of yourself. You are prepared to be more of a leader in your patrol, your troop, and your community.

SM Notes: Call each First Class recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

If you have no higher ranks to award or are not lighting candles, you can skip to announcements

### **Star Rank**

As you earn your Star Rank, you have more freedom to choose the directions that interest you. The focus shifts from basic Scout skills to earning the first six merit badges you will need for Eagle. Requirements now include service to others. The Star Rank also requires the Scout to be active in his troop for at least four months. Of course, you may take longer if you wish.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the Star Scout must serve his troop in a position of leadership for at least four months and take part in at least one service project.

SM Notes: Call each Star recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

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### **Life Rank**

The Life Rank is one of the rarest ranks. This is the last rank before Eagle. You could complete your Eagle Rank now in as few as 6 months. We congratulate you and encourage you to reach for that next step. You have earned more than half of the merit badges required for Eagle. The Life Rank also requires the Scout to be active in his troop for at least six months, serve his troop in a position of leadership for at least six months, and take part in at least one service project.

SM Notes: Call each Life recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

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## **Eagle Rank**

The Eagle Rank is Scouting's highest award. Only a small percentage of Scouts have ever reached this lofty goal. The Eagle Rank is presented in a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

SM Notes: Call each Life recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

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## **Eagle Palms**

As rare as the Eagle Rank is, Eagle Palms are much more rare. Only one in ten of Eagle Scouts earn an Eagle Palm.

SM Notes: Call each Palm recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward. Present the Eagle Palms and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.

(Scout Pins Parent Ribbon)

Lead applause for each Scout.

## **Announcements**

**SPL:** Before we conclude this Court of Honor, we want to draw your attention to a couple of key upcoming events:

**SPL:** “Please stand for our benediction and Retrieval of the Colors.”

**Chaplain’s Aide:** Create Benediction or...

“Please join us in the Philmont Grace.

For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity,  
for friendship and fellowship, we thank thee O Lord. “

## **Retiring of Colors**

**SPL:** “Please stand for the retrieval of the colors.”

**Color guard, prepare to retrieve the colors**

(Color guard assembles at the rear of the room.)

**Color guard, advance**

(Color guard walks to the front of the room.)

**Color guard, retrieve the colors.**

(Color guard lifts the flags from the stands. Stands are picked up from the ground.)

**Color guard, retire the colors.**

(Color guard walks to the rear of the room, leading w/ the American Flag. Color guard posts the colors at the rear of the room.)

**Color guard, dismissed.**

(Color guard returns to their seats.)

**SPL:** “This concludes our Court of Honor for this evening. Refreshments are in the rear of the room, and scouts, remember that adults and guests are served first. Good night.”

\*\*\* For July outdoor COH ...

“This concludes our Court of Honor for this evening. Thank you for coming and please join us for swimming at the main pool. Good Night.”

(Service Patrol to assure clean up is completed before leaving the amphitheater area)