



TROOP 20 COURT OF HONOR SCRIPT

Date of Court of Honor: _____
Location: _____
Master(s) of Ceremonies: _____
Refreshments: _____

Presentation of the Colors

MC: Would SCOUT please present the colors.

Color Guard: (Present colors)
(Lead Pledge of Allegiance)
(REMAIN STANDING!)

MC: Scout will lead us in the Scout Oath & Law.

MC: Scouts two. Please be seated.

Opening

MC: Welcome to Troop 20's Court of honor. I am Scout 1, and I am Scout 2, your master(s) of ceremonies.

MC: SCOUT, would you please lead us in our opening prayer?

Introductions

MC: Would our Troop Committee Chair Mrs. Hoffman please introduce yourself and the members on the Troop Committee?

MC: Next would Scoutmaster Mr. McGuffin introduce yourself and the Assistant Scoutmasters?

MC: Finally, we ask our Senior Patrol Leader, SPL to introduce yourself, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and the Patrol Leaders.





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Announcements

MC: Before we start this Court of Honor, Scoutmaster McGuffin would like to draw your attention to a couple of key upcoming events:

Awarding of Merit Badges

MC: Boy Scouts can earn any of 121 different Merit Badges in areas ranging from Art to Whitewater and from Camping to Space Exploration. To earn a Merit Badge, a Scout picks a subject and reads the Merit Badge Book. A Scout develops his skills and knowledge. When he is ready, his Merit Badge Counselor tests him. Today we are awarding a total of _____ Merit Badges.

MC: Would our Senior Patrol Leader, SPL,
Awards Chair Mr. Fairhall and Scoutmaster McGuffin join me in presenting these awards?

MC Notes: Call up each Scout individually.

Announce their merit badges.

Presenters and SPL shake the Scout's left hand.

Lead applause for each Scout.

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Awarding of Rank Advancements

Next, we will recognize those Scouts who have earned Rank Advancements. The Boy Scouts of America recognizes your achievements by awarding badges of rank. The first 3 are Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Next come Star and Life. The highest rank is Eagle. Our Scout Handbook tells us that, “Though you can advance at your own pace, active Scouts will usually earn First Class within a year”. National policy adds that older Scouts should advance at least one rank each year.

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.

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

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

Please join me in welcoming Scout! 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.

MC Notes: Call each Tenderfoot recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward.

Present the awards

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

Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

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.

MC Notes: Call each Second Class recipient to come forward.





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Present the awards and pins.

Shake the Scout's left hand.

Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

First Class Rank

MC Note: Option - Would all current First Class Scouts please rise?

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.

MC Notes: Call each First Class recipient to come forward.

Present the awards.

Shake the Scout's left hand.

Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

Star Rank

MC Note: Option - Would all current Star Scouts please rise?

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.⁴ In addition, the Star Scout must serve





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his troop in a position of leadership for at least four months and take part in at least one service project.

MC Notes: Call each Star recipient to come forward.

Present the awards.

Shake the Scout's left hand.

Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

Life Rank

MC Note: Option - Would all current Life Scouts please rise?

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.

MC Notes: Call each Life recipient to come forward.

Present the awards.

Shake the Scout's left hand.

Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

Awarding of the Mothers pin for any Life scouts:

- COR to announce the description of this award
- Scout to present the award to his Mom.

Eagle Rank

MC Note: Option - Would all current Eagle Scouts please rise?

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.

MC Notes: Call each Life recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward.

Present the awards.

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





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Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

Eagle Palms

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

MC Notes: Call each Palm recipient to come forward.

Present the Eagle Palms.

Shake the Scout's left hand.

Please join me in welcoming Scout! Lead applause.

Closing Comments

MC: Here is SPL to offer the Senior Patrol Leader's Moment.

MC: Here is Mr. McGuffin to offer the Scoutmaster's Moment.

MC: Would Scout please lead us in our benediction?

Retiring of Colors

MC Note: Signal the Bugler to come forward and prepare for Taps.

MC: Please retire the colors. (Exchange salutes.)

MC: **Color Guard:** Color Guard, retrieve the colors.

(To Audience) Please rise for the retirement of the colors.

Scouts salute. Color Guard, forward, march!

MC: Scouts, two.

MC: After taps is played let us all join in refreshments. (Nod to bugler)

Option: Bugler plays Taps