**Eagle Scout Court of Honor Script**

**[Date] | [Time] | [Location]**

**Honoring *Eagle Scout (ES)***

**ROLES:**

Adult MC/Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster: Adult #1

Honor Guard (on stage with ES): Scout #1 & Scout #2 (need to be already Eagles)

Scout MC: Scout #3 & Scout #4 (do not need to be Eagles)

Scout Prayer Leader: Scout #5

SPL: Senior Patrol Leader (or leadership designate; should be Eagle)

Color Guard: Scouts x 4-6

Guest Speakers: *Adults*

**STAGE SET UP:** *(ahead of time; directions are from audience perspective)*

* Three chairs on far stage left near podium (for various speakers)
* Next to chairs is podium/stand and microphone
* Next to podium is small table with:
  + Eagle Medal materials
    - Eagle Medal
    - Mom pin
    - Dad Pin
    - Grandparent pin *[optional]*
    - Eagle Mentor(s) Pin(s) *[optional]*
  + Eagle certificate
  + Troop Gifts for ES
* Middle of stage is large hanging Eagle medal
* Hang curtains behind Eagle medal if possible, to make stage look nice and clean
* On far Stage right three chairs for ES and his honor guard
* Initially, ES and his Honor Guard should be sitting in the front row of the audience

**INTRODUCTION**

**Adult MC:** Would everyone please take your seats and turn off or silence all cell phones. The presentation is about to begin.

Good afternoon Troop 140, family, and friends to the Eagle Court of Honor for *[ES]*. I’m *[Adult MC]*, Scoutmaster/an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 140 and an Eagle Scout. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this Eagle Court of Honor.

Scout units like Troop 140 are built on the premise of being run by the youth for the youth, building responsibility and leadership. Therefore, today’s Eagle Ceremony will be co-emceed by our Troop 140 members. I will now turn this Eagle Court of Honor over to *[Scout #3]* and *[Scout #4]* who will serve as our Masters of Ceremonies.

*Scout #3 and Scout #4 advance to the podium.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS**

**Scout #3:**

**Scouts and Scouters please rise and remove all non-religious headgear.**

Color guard, attention!

Color Guard, advance. **{Scout Salute}**

Color Guard, halt.

Color Guard, present Colors. (Color Guard does NOT salute now, nor say the Pledge. Stay at Attention.)

Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Color Guard, post the colors. (Now Color Guard salutes together and then stands at Attention.)

(Wait till flags are all posted.) **Two!**

**Scout Sign!**

**Scouts and Scouters, please recite with me the Scout Oath.**

*On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country*

*and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times;*

*To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

**Scouts and Scouters, please recite with me the Scout Law.**

*A Scout is:*

*Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,*

*Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,*

*Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.*

**Two!**

Color Guard, reform and return to post.

Color Guard, halt.

Color Guard, at ease. Scouts and Scouters, at ease.

You may be seated.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Scout #4:** I would like to ask *[Scout #5]* to come forward and to open our ceremony with prayer.

**Scout #5**:

Please remove all non-religious headgear.

*Lord, you bring us together this afternoon to honor an Eagle Scout. We acknowledge your guidance in helping youth and adults work together to build strong character, physical fitness, ethical leadership and an appreciation of the outdoors. Lord, continue to watch over these scouts as they grow into adults, and give the adults the patience and wisdom to guide them. Amen.*

**Scout #4:** Thank you, *[Scout #5]*.

I would like to introduce our honored guest for this afternoon, ***[ES]***, and ask that his Honor Guard escort him to the stage.

*ES and Honor guard should be sitting in front row. Pause until they are re-seated on stage.*

**Scout #4:** I would like to introduce our Troop 140 Senior Patrol Leader, *[SPL]*, who is an Eagle Scout himself. *[SPL]*, will you please join me at the podium?

*[SPL] walks to podium*

**A TRAIL TO EAGLE**

**SPL:** I would like to share with you a bit of background regarding the rank of Eagle Scout. It’s not just about rank advancement and merit badges. The Eagle rank is earned through a Scout’s continued performance of active service in Scouting over many, many years. He is trained and practiced in his leadership abilities; and he is marked by the character gained through an understanding of his citizenship and religious beliefs. This is an occasion for pride and joy as well as for reflection.

The pathway to Eagle can be described as a steep trail leading up to three peaks, the highest being that of Eagle Scout. Officially, the trail starts with the Tenderfoot rank and continues through Second and First Class ranks. Then, the mountain climbing begins. The path is marked with merit badges, leadership responsibilities, service projects, and the practice of Scouting skills and ideals. The first peak reached is that of Star Scout, the second peak is Life Scout, and, finally, Eagle Scout. It should be noted that only about 6.5% of those who join the Boy Scouts, ever achieve Scouting’s ultimate rank of Eagle.

**Scout #3:** It is important that each of us understand the meaning of the Eagle Medal like the one displayed here in the middle of the stage. The Eagle stands for strength of character, and for knowledge of all phases of Scouting. It represents an understanding of community and nation, and a deep respect for one’s country. The Eagle is a symbol of what a young man has done, as well as what that young man will do when he grows to manhood. The Eagle is a leader. The Eagle is respected, both by his peers and by his adult leaders.

The Eagle Scout rank is not a patch, an award or certificate to hang on the wall. It is a way to live your life. Although the trail to Eagle is hard work and fun; it is much more. The Eagle rank is an education. Each rank is a chapter. The conclusion is that by earning the Eagle rank the individual has the tools to be a responsible citizen who would gladly advance the group before the individual.

**SPL:** *[ES]*, you deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting’s highest rank. But wear your award with humility, be ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and the Scout Law be your guides for tomorrow and into the future.

***[Optional]:***

We have a very special guest with us today. Please join me in welcoming *[Special Guest]*.

Special Guest speaks.

**Scout #3:** Thank you *[Special Guest]* for sharing your experiences with us.

**ABOUT THE SCOUT**

**Scout #4:** It’s now time to learn more about [ES] and his scouting journey.

I would like to invite Adult #2 to share a few words.

**Adult #2:** comments

**Scout #4:** Thank you *[Adult #2]*. I would now like to invite [ES]’s Dad/Mom, Mr./Mrs. ???, to the podium to share a few words.

**Parent(s):** Parent’s comments

***[Optional but nice to have]***

Please enjoy this video montage of *[ES]*’s progression through scouting.

**Slideshow**

*Slideshow begins; parent(s) return to seats.*

*At the end of slideshow, Adult#1 returns to the podium.*

**Adult #1:** A scout might pass all the requirements and get the Board of Review’s approval to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, but what really confirms his commitment to the ideals of being an Eagle Scout is the next part of today’s ceremony: the promise before his community that he does what is expected of an Eagle Scout in the future.

After he recites the Eagle Pledge, he is then awarded his Eagle Medal and called an Eagle Scout. As Scoutmaster/an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 140 and an Eagle Scout, it is my pleasure to administer the Eagle Scout Challenge.

**EAGLE CHALLENGE**

**Adult #1:** *[ES]*, please stand and approach the Eagle flag. Are you willing to accept the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout?

**[ES]:** Yes, I am.

**Adult #1:** As an Eagle Scout, you serve as a guide to other Scouts. You become an example in your community. Remember that people will expect more of you. To falter in your responsibility would not only reflect badly upon you, but on your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting. The torch you carry is not only yours, but ours also.

[ES], I challenge you to enter this Eagle brotherhood, holding ever before you, without reservation, the ideals of honor and service. By repeating the Eagle Scout Promise before these assembled, you will become an Eagle Scout. Though the words you use are similar to those by which you joined Scouting, they mean more now than they could have meant at any time in the past. When you pledge yourself “on your sacred honor,” you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout. Are you ready to take this pledge?

**[ES]:** Yes, I am.

**EAGLE PLEDGE**

**Adult #1:** [ES] -- Before taking the Eagle Pledge, please repeat the Scout Oath for all those assembled here.

**Adult #1 and [ES] perform Scout Sign**

**[ES]:** On my honor, I will do my best, To do my duty, to God and my country,

and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

**Adult #1:** Two.

The Eagle Scout candidate will now take the Eagle Scout pledge.

As the candidate takes this pledge for the first time, will those Eagle Scouts who are present in the audience please stand and reaffirm their pledge?

Will each of you please give the Scout Sign and repeat after me in unison?

**On my honor, I will do my best - to do my duty to God.**

**On my honor, I will do my best - to do my duty to my country.**

**I reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath.**

**I thoughtfully recognize,**

**and take upon myself,**

**the obligations and responsibilities,**

**of the rank of Eagle Scout.**

**On my honor, I will do my best**

**to make my training an example**

**and to make my rank and influence**

**strongly count for better Scouting,**

**and for better citizenship,**

**in my Troop**

**in my community**

**and in my contact with other people,**

**regardless of race, color or creed.**

**To this, I pledge my sacred honor.**

**Two**.

Eagles, you may be seated.

**Presentation of Eagle Medal**

**Adult #1:** Would the Honor Guard please escort [ES]’s parents to the stage. (Pause)

It is my pleasure to introduce [ES]’s parents, [Parents].

[ES], will you and your parents please join me at the podium.

May the oath you have taken remain engraved on your heart forever. It is my privilege and pleasure to present this Eagle Medal to you, [ES], an Eagle Scout. Our sincere hope is that you may always wear your Eagle Badge and Eagle Medal with dignity and pride. They are symbols of your success as an Eagle Scout.

I’d like to ask your mother to help pin the Eagle Medal now.

[Present medal to ES]

**Parent pins medal on [ES]**

[Adult #1 and ES perform scout handshake]

**Adult #1:** And now to acknowledge your mother …No one will ever know all of the support and guidance that come from the mother of an Eagle Scout. [ES], please pin the Eagle Mom pin on your mother in recognition of the contributions she has made to your accomplishments.

*[ES] places pin on mom’s ribbon.*

**Adult #1: [ES]**, your father is very proud of you and your accomplishments throughout your scouting experiences and has enjoyed watching you grow as a scout and a young man through your years as a Boy Scout. **[ES]**, please pin the Eagle Dad pin on your father in recognition of the role he played in your accomplishments.

*[ES] places pin on dad’s ribbon.*

**Adult #1:** *[Parents]*, you may be seated.

**EAGLE AWARDS PRESENTATIONS**

**Adult #1:** And now the Troop has some gifts for you, [ES]. On behalf of Troop 140, I’d like to present you with an Eagle knife inscribed with your name and the date you became an Eagle Scout, an Eagle neckerchief and slide. In addition, your name will be added to the Troop Trailer as a member of our Eagles’ Nest.

**EAGLE’S REMARKS & AWARDS**

**Adult #1:** I believe our new Eagle Scout [ES] has a few words for us.

*Adult #1 returns to his seat.*

**[ES]: speech from ES**

***[Optional]***

If performing, give grandparent pin to grandparent

If performing, give Adult Mentor pins to Adult mentors

*[ES] returns to his Honor Guard.*

**Scout #4: Please join me in congratulating to our newest Eagle Scout, [ES]!**

*Encourage all to stand and clap. [ES] & Honor Guard stand up.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Thank you. *[Scout #5]*, would you please close our ceremony with a prayer.

**Scout #5:**

Closing prayer

**Scout #4:** Before we complete this ceremony, please remember that everyone is invited just outside the sanctuary for refreshments. Scouts, please allow the family of [ES] and any other guests to go first.

**RETRIEVAL OF THE COLORS**

**Scout #3:**

**Scouts and Scouters attention!**

Color Guard, attention!

Color Guard, advance.

Color Guard, halt.

Color Guard, retrieve the Colors [Color Guard salutes just before removing flags from stands.]

[Note: As flags start to move… say the following]

**Salute**!

Color Guard, return to post.

Color Guard, halt.

**Two!**

Color Guard, at ease. Scouts and Scouters at ease.

**This concludes today’s Eagle Court of Honor.**

**Please join us in the lobby for refreshments.**