

Troop 49
Court of Honor Script

Court of Honor Opening

[The CoH Master of Ceremony comes to the Podium to begin the Ceremony.]

Master of Ceremony: This Court of Honor is now called to order. Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen.

My name is _____ and it is my honor to welcome you on behalf of Troop 49.

Flag Ceremony

MC: At this time, I would like to ask our Wolf Patrol Leader, , to come forward to lead the presentation of the colors.

SPL: Will everyone please stand. Troop Attention...If not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart. Color Guard, Color Bearers, please present the colors. Troop Salute. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. [PLEDGE] .

Please be seated

MC: We are here tonight to recognize the many achievements of members of our Troop. But first, we must remember that a Scout is Reverent. Will Mr. Casey and Michael Casey come forward to lead us in the Invocation.

Scout Oath and Law Ceremony

MC: When a boy becomes a Boy Scout, there is within him something that we call the Spirit of Scouting. **This single candle before you represents that spirit.** Because the Spirit of Scouting embodies the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, it becomes a shining beacon of inspiration. Alone, this light may seem feeble, but when multiplied by millions of youth in Scouting around the world, it is powerful indeed. After a boy enters Scouting, he goes by a new set of guidelines, the Scout Oath and Law.

Will our Dragon Patrol Leader lead us in the Scout Oath. All Scouts and former Scouts please stand.

"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country; to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically fit, mentally awake, and morally straight."

MC: In the Scout Oath, the young Scout promises upon his honor to do his best to do his duty, first to God and his country; second, to other people, by helping them at all times; and third, to himself, by keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law is made up of twelve separate traits; each is an important foundation in the building of strong character, which is one of the three aims of Scouting.
I would ask that our Falcon Patrol Leader ____leads us in the Scout Law.

*A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful.
Friendly, Courteous, Kind.
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty.
Brave, Clean, and Reverent.*

Rank Ceremony

[The Master of Ceremony comes forward to introduce the Rank Recognition Ceremony]

MC: Advancement is one of the Eight Methods used by the Boys Scouts of America to achieve the Three Aims of Scouting, Character, Citizenship, and Fitness. To earn the highest rank in Scouting, that of Eagle Scout, each scout must spend a great deal of time and effort learning and demonstrating a set of skills that should serve him well in the outdoors and more importantly, throughout his lifetime. Therefore, the occasion that recognizes these achievements should be memorable.

Scout Rank Ceremony

[The previous presenter sits down and the presenter for the next rank comes forward]

Will __please come forward.

You have decided to become a Boy Scout. Millions of boys have gone before you to participate in a program designed to bring adventure, fun and achievement to their lives. In the process they learn new skills, make new friends, and develop self-reliance and leadership skills. Welcome to our family of Scouts and Scouters. We know you'll do well.

Congratulations, you have taken your first step on the Boy Scout journey by earning your Scout rank. Will the mothers of these scouts please come up? As you earn new ranks, we will also give you a pin for your mother to wear in recognition of all the help and encouragement your parents will offer you along your scouting journey. Please add the Scout pin to your mother's sash.

Can we have a round of applause for our new Scouts?

Tenderfoot Rank Ceremony

Will ___ and his mother please come forward.

There is a saying: "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." There's a lesson for us in that saying. In Scouting as in life, the rewards do not come to those who sit back and wait but to those who continually take steps both large and small towards their ultimate goals.

Congratulations , you have taken another step on the Boy Scout journey by earning your Tenderfoot rank. As you look over your Boy Scout Handbook during the coming weeks, you will probably find lots of interesting things that you want to investigate. By doing this, you are taking small steps towards your next big step in the journey, Second Class.

Round of applause for our newest Tenderfoot

Second Class Rank Ceremony

Will ___and his mother please come forward.

This Second Class rank represents the second major step in your Scouting experience. You have earned the rank of Second Class by gaining a better idea of the skills you need for Scouting and your life beyond Scouting. The experience of Scouting can lead you in many different directions. Only you can decide on the direction you want to take. Just like a compass and map are useful for finding your way through the woods, you can use the Scout Oath and the Scout Law to chart your trip up the Eagle Trail. As you receive your Second Class, you have started charting your course through Scouting and you need to continue to follow this path.

Congratulations, you have earned the rank of Second Class. Take a close look at your Second Class Badge. The ends of the scroll are turned up as a reminder of the willing smile of the Scout. On the scroll is the Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared" and a knot is tied there to remind you of the slogan of the Boy Scouts, "Do a Good Turn Daily." You have remembered these things and deserve to be acknowledged for that. Continue to follow these guidelines and you will be an inspiration for those who are to follow you. Please accept the congratulations of all who have joined us today, and be sure to help those who come after you see their way.

Round of applause for our newest Second Class Scout

First Class Rank Ceremony

Will __and his mother please come forward.

The First Class rank represents a significant step on the Eagle Trail. First Class Scouts have learned to abide by the code to which a true and mature Scout is forever bound, his personal honor and the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts earning this rank have mastered the outdoor skills of Scouting and can be counted on to take care of themselves and others in just about every outdoor setting. First Class Scouts have advanced from a novice to enjoy living in the outdoors for longer periods of time. As we present you with your First Class badge and rank advancement card, we charge you to continue your development as a Scout, so that you may better serve others.

In your next steps in Scouting you will start learning the skills that will help you guide others along the path of Scouting. You will earn the next ranks in scouting by learning from the members of your community. Merit badges will teach you various areas of knowledge that the community has. Community service will help in developing your pride and confidence in what you do. Junior leadership in your patrol and the troop will help you with taking on responsibility as you grow. The guide posts for your next steps in Scouting are the Scout Oath and Law. You will be asking the community for help in your advancement and you need to provide the community with your help as well. We trust that you are willing and able to accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges that accompany the First Class Scout rank.

Round of applause for our newest First Class Scout

Star Rank Ceremony

Will __and his mother please come forward.

This Scout being recognized for earning the Star rank tonight has taken a long step toward Eagle. He has advanced in a way that obligates him to give younger Scouts the service and experiences that *they* have received. Star Scouts leave the part of the troop which receives Scouting and are now admitted to a smaller group who now provides Scouting to our less experienced Scouts. Luc now has the privilege and duty to give Scouting - to give leadership, guidance, and inspiration to younger Scouts who will follow his lead. His willingness to do so is a pledge of service and a sign that his understanding of the ideals of Scouting is growing. The Star Scout badge that he will wear is a constant reminder of the star of service that will guide him on the trail to manhood.

You are no longer just a First Class Scout; you are the Star. Even though you have the support of your parents, you now can stand alone. You have earned the right to improve on your own. To

you goes the honor of choosing your field. Before you lays the horizon of endless opportunity. The Star on your new badge will guide you like the stars in the sky and lead you to your next step, that of Life Scout. The Star you have earned should also guide those that come after you as they shall be looking to you for leadership and encouragement. The Scout participation, spirit, and service you completed to earn this award will guide you and others like a star to further advancement. As you complete merit badges for the next step— Life Scout— you'll be a constant source of help to your fellow Scouts. They'll be counting on you for leadership and guidance to show them the way!

Round of applause for our newest Star Scout

Merit Badges

It is at this time that I would like to ask that our ASPL please come forward to present the merit badges and Special Awards earned since our last court of honor.

Please come forward to receive your awards when your name is called.

Closing

Congratulations to all of the scouts whose hard work has been recognized tonight.

I will now turn things over to our Scoutmaster(*Or Assistant*) for a final thought.

[scoutmaster speaks]

Will everyone please stand for the retiring of the colors.

Color Guard you may now retrieve and retire the colors. Troop salute. This concludes our ceremony, thank you all for coming and have a great night.

Please enjoy the refreshments provided by our families.