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WHERE EAGLES REST

Climbing higher, reaching upward,
Ever soaring on.
Mighty eagle – stretching out your wings to fly
For the sky.
Dare to be an eagle free.
Dare to fly an eagle high.
Dare yourself, oh dare yourself to see,
Dare to be.
Through the blue sky heading for the sun,
See the light ahead.
With desire you can make that wish come true –
It's up to you.

Dare to dream an eagle's dream.
Dare to fly on your own wings.
Dare yourself, oh dare yourself to be,
Dare to reach.
See the vision of what you can ve –
You're a child of God.
Choicest spirit – everlasting destiny
Waits for thee.

Dare to rest where eagles rest.
Know you've done your very best/
With your Father you'll eternally be.
Dare to see.

Dare to rest where eagles rest.
Know you've done your very best/
With your Father you'll eternally be.
Dare to see
Where eagles rest.

ONE HUNDRED SCOUTS

Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that

belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought in contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.

Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save a person's life, and many will credit it with saving their own.

Four of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and a least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders, and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion, and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

This story will never end. Like the Golden Pebble of service dropped into the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men down through unending time.

EAGLE SCOUT BOARD OF REVIEW

SCOUT SPIRIT

1. State the Scout oath, law, motto, and slogan.
2. Tell what “On My Honor” means to you.
3. Tell what is your “Duty to God.”
4. How are you applying the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.
5. Explain what each of the points of the Scout Law means to you.
6. Do you do a good turn every day?
7. Which is the most important Scout Law? Why?

MERIT BADGES

1. Do you feel that you did all the requirements of the merit badges?
2. Name the badges you earned.
3. Which merit badges were the hardest for you? Why?
4. Which merit badge was the easiest?
5. Which merit badge did you learn the most from?
6. Is there a merit badge from which you might seek future employment?
7. Explain the FIRST AID merit badge, and what you do in certain emergencies: Cuts and bleeding, shock, poisoning, and a broken bone.
8. Explain or talk about the CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD merit badges.

SERVICE

1. What are some of the service projects you have participated in?
2. What kinds of service are you giving the community, the school and your religion?
3. Tell about your Eagle Project.
4. Who gains the most from a service project? Explain your answer.
5. Why should a Scout perform service.

LEADERSHIP

1. What is your present position in the troop, team or crew?
2. How are you an effective leader? State one area of success.
3. Have you received any training? Did it, or would it have helped you do your job better?
4. How can you help the scout unit you are in become a better unit?
5. Have you earned your Eagle, and why?

THE EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

RESPONSIBILITY: The Unit Committee Chairman, or in his absence that Unit Committee Advancement Chairman, is responsible for organizing the final Eagle Board of Review. This includes arranging for a suitable meeting place, establishing the time and date, and the notification of the Eagle candidate and his Unit Leader or making an appointment in those Districts with set Eagle Board dates and places. A board of Review cannot be held until the personal growth conference has occurred as outlined.

BOARD COMPOSITION: The Eagle Board of Review is comprised of a minimum of three members and a maximum of six members; however all members of the Unit Committee may participate. These members do not have to be registered in Scouting, but they must have an understanding of the importance of the Eagle Board of Review. One member of the Board must be a District Representative.

Because of the importance of the Eagle Award, the Review Committee must agree unanimously to recommend the candidate. No relatives or guardians of the candidate are allowed to participate in the Review. However, it is advisable to consult with the parents prior to the review to see if there are any areas where the candidate can be strengthened or built up.

REQUIRED PAPER WORK: The following papers must be submitted to the Eagle Board of Review with all the required signatures in place:

- Eagle Award Application with all the attachments.
- Service Project Prior Approval and Satisfactory Completion sheet.
- Completed Eagle service Project Report.

The Unit Committee Chairman should sign the Eagle application to certify that it is correct and that a satisfactory Unit Leader's conference was held.

PROCEDURES: The Board of Review members should convene 30 minutes before the Eagle candidate appears to review the Eagle Application, Certification of Prior Approval, the service project, and also to discuss the candidate's eligibility with the Unit Leader. If the candidate is not well know by the Eagle Board, someone should be assigned prior to the review to check with references. Also, the board may choose to visit with the candidate's parents or guardians prior to the Review. It is recommended that the candidate bring two additional copies of the service project report for the board members. Black and white copies including any photos made on a standard copy machine will be sufficient. After the Board completes its' 30 minute briefing, it will follow an outline similar to the one below:

- The candidate's Unit leader is to introduce the Eagle candidate to the Board members. The Unit Leader does not participate but may be called upon to clarify questions about the candidate on his eligibility.
- The candidate will review his project. Board members will be free to ask questions concerning it. These questions will determine how the candidate feels about project, what was learned from it, and/or what he would do differently if he had the opportunity to do it over again.
- Following the presentation of the project, the candidate will be asked questions concerning Scouting principles and skills earned and learned to date. He will be asked to demonstrate some skills. During this time of the Review, the Scout may be asked some

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additional questions of a general nature to determine how he feels about his Scouting experience, his future commitment to Scouting, and what his future plans may be.

- Following the Review, the Eagle candidate and his Unit Leader are to leave the room while the Board members discuss the acceptability of the candidate. However, there are times when it would be advantageous for the Unit Leader to return to be present during the Board discussion. When this occurs, the Board should ask the Unit Leader to return.
- The candidate, (and his parents if he chooses) will then be asked to return to the room. He will then be informed of the board's decision to recommend or reject him as a recipient of the Eagle Rank. If the candidate is unacceptable, the causes will be discussed in detail and the ways he can meet the desired requirements within a given period of time will be given the Eagle candidate.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: The board of Review must reach an unanimous decision in recommending the applicant to receive the Eagle Rank. If, however, the candidate performs poorly in the Review or clearly fails another board of Review will need to be scheduled. The candidate must be counseled as to where he fell short and encouraged to prepare for the next Review.

Sometimes the application can be approved contingent on additional work for the service project, additional tenure in leadership or greater tenure in living Scouting spirit, etc. Specific dates should be established and a follow-up assigned to a member of his unit.

SUGGESTED EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

TIME	ACTIVITY
PM	Approximately 30 minute briefing. The board and the Unit Leader are to meet for briefing and review of the application and project. All the paperwork and two additional copies of the project are needed.
PM	Unit leader presents the eagle candidate to the board members after which the Board of Review is to begin.
PM	Presentation of the Eagle Project by the candidate.
PM	Review of Scouting advancements, principles and skills. These may include Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan, Six Basic Knots, Lashings, first Aide Skills, The Patrol Method, Scout Badge Symbols and their meaning, map and compass skills, etc.,.
PM	Review of Merit Badges earned.
PM	<p>General discussion and questioning. There are no set questions that the Eagle candidate will be asked. The following, however, are sample questions that the Review Board can consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your hobbies? • What do you consider to be the purpose of the Merit Badge program? • What merit badge interested you the most, and why? • What merit badge was the most difficult for you to pass off? • What place in society should the Eagle Scout assume? • What is an Eagle Scout's duty to his country? • What does the Scout <i><u>Do a Good Turn Daily</u></i> mean? • What does <i><u>Duty to God</u></i> mean to you? • When you earn your Eagle rank, is this the end to your Scouting? <p>What do you believe you can do personally to help make your troop a better one?</p>
PM	The candidate and his Unit Leader are to leave the room while the Board makes a performance evaluation.
PM	The candidate and his Unit Leader are called back in (including the parents if the candidate desires), and is advised of the Eagle Board of Review results.
PM	Board is adjourned.

The Eagle Court of Honor

The Eagle Court of Honor culminates the years of work by the candidate, dedicated leaders, and parents who have helped along the way. It should be a special occasion planned just for the candidate. Eagle Court or Honors are to be held separate from other events, and should encourage others to attain this special award, while honoring those who have already achieved the rank.

We have many requests for information on how to conduct these occasions. The book, "Creative Courts of Honor" available at the Scout Service Center is an excellent resource for unique ideas. A suggested program is included below. It may be modified as to the candidate's wishes but needs to include those items marked with an asterisk.

	Program part	Explanation
*	<u>Welcome</u>	Introduce the candidate and honored guest, officially open as an Eagle Court of Honor and invite all those holding Eagle rank to form an Eagle's nest. (they sit separate from the general audience)
	Opening Prayer	By invitation
*	Presentation of the colors	By color guard. Color guard may be furnished by the troop, team, crew or post, or by the cub pack
*	Life Sketch	By invitation. Often by a parent or grandparent.
	Musical number	Optional. There are several good pieces written for eagle Scouts. A patriotic number would also be appropriate.
*	Presentation of Eagle Candidate	Scout leader Candidate and parents are escorted to the front by escorts or color guard
	Trail to the Eagle	A review of the ranks and requirements for the Eagle badge. A slide whos of this may be available.
*	Eagle Charge	See sample, next page
*	Retirement of the colors	Color guard
	Closing prayer	
	Refreshments	Optional. (but hardly optional with boys present.)

The Eagle Charge

There are many options which can be used for the charge. It is generally given by a scout leader who had had an influence on the candidate. The purpose of the charge is to instill the values of the scout oath and laws in the candidate for the rest of his life. A sample Eagle Charge is as follows:

Eagle candidate _____ name _____, I charge you to live with honor. An Eagle's honor is sacred, for it is the foundation of all character. Character is what you really are deep down inside, not what you think you are. May the white on your badge remind you to live with honor.

I charge you to be loyal. Without loyalty, all character lacks direction. An Eagle is loyal to his ideals. As Shakespeare said (in Pelonius' advice to Laertes), "To thine own self be true." The blue on your badge is a reminder to be loyal.

I charge you to be courageous. Courage gives all character force and strength. Trust in God, have faith in your fellow men. Face each day unafraid and seek your share of the world's work to do. Let the red on your badge remind you always to have courage.

I charge you to give service. Make the habit of the daily Good Turn come forth in a life of service.

Please make the Scout sign and repeat after me:

I realize my obligation to my fellow men—
-to my home---
my country and my God—
I will at all times do my best—
to assist others—
To live with honor, loyalty, courage and service---
And to be a living example---
Of the Scout Oath and Law---
To the best of my ability.

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(name), I have the honor to give you the Eagle Scout Charge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest award in Scouting

The Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movements in the world's history. You have been judged, by the Boy Scouts of America, as being worthy of this of this honor. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, your country, your fellow scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations you bring honor to yourself and to your brother scouts.

America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these good things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens.

(name) I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. To be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task and fulfill every office you hold as a service to God and your fellow man. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and abilities to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God. Whatever others may do you will leave behind a record of which all scouts may be justly proud.

(name) , will you accept this charge, as both stated and implied, and endeavor to live every principle of the boy Scouts of America.

You will rededicate yourself now by raising your right arm to the square, making the Scout Sign, and repeating the Scout Oath. Repeat it slowly so that each of the three points may be firmly implanted in your mind. Resolve to always uphold its principles with ambition and perseverance.

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 strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

Your conduct along the trail of Scouting has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting. One thing is very important – your future.

As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other scouts. You are an example in your community. Remember your actions are now more conspicuous and people expect more of you. To falter in your responsibilities would reflect not only on you, but on your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting. The torch you carry is not only yours, but ours.

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 Congratulations.

Other helps available from your Scout Service Center. For order from The Book Store in Burley or direct order form national at 1-800-323-0732. Or hit the net site at www.scoutstuff.org You will find that this list is only a very brief list of items:

ITEM	Order number	description	price
Eagle Scout Challenge	58-900	A page challenge suitable for reading at Court of Honor	
My Eagle Trail Plaque	YO9001	Paque with recesses for all badges	\$33.00
Eagle T-shirt	Y528	Sm-XL	\$19.90
Eagle Scout Photo frame	Y4375	8"x10" frame holds a 4"x6" photo	\$30.95
Eagle Scout Invitation	Y02571	50 blank cards	\$5.90
Eagle Scout Invitation	Y02569	25 lightweight cards with envelopes	\$4.55
Program covers	Y34569	Packet of 50 small, shipped flat, scored to fold	\$9.60
Program covers	Y34566	Packet of 50 large, shipped flat, scored to fold	\$21.00
Program covers, small	Y02573	Packet of 100 small, shipped flat, scored to fold	\$9.60
Eagle Scout balloons	Y17850	25 balloons imprinted with badge	\$6.50
Eagle Scout plates	Y02578	7" (9" also available) 25	\$3.20
Eagle Scout napkins	Y02583	5" when folded 1 ply, 50.	\$2.30
Eagle Scout banner	Y11008	Yard square for wall, table or podium	\$22.00
Eagle Scout cups	Y02586	50 8oz cups	\$6.50
Eagle Scout table cover	Y02579	54"x108" plastic lined paper	\$5.50

Internet sites you might try for more ideas

www.eaglebook.com

advertises a book written all about putting on a Court of Honor

<http://post369.columbus.oh.us/scouting.d/eagle.d/eagle.html>

this has everything a computer savvy person could possibly dream of to put together a wonderful Court of Honor.