***SAMPLE – EAGLE CEREMONY SCRIPT***

(provided only as a guideline to create **your own** personal script)

Call to Order

***Scoutmaster:***

Welcome Everyone. I call to order this Eagle Court of Honor for \_\_(Eagle Candidate)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come up for the posting of the colors.

Posting of the Colors

***Scout:***

1. Scouts and Guests please stand for the presentation of Colors
2. Scouts Attention
3. Colorguard Attention
4. Colorguard Forward March
5. Halt
6. Post the Colors
7. Scout Salute
8. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance
9. Colorguard About Face
10. Colorguard Forward March
11. Halt
12. Colorguard Dismissed

Convening of the Court of Honor

***Troop Committee Chair:***

By the authority vested in me as a representative of the Atlanta Area Council and the National Council, Boy Scouts of America, I declare this Eagle Court of Honor to be convened for the purpose of awarding the Eagle Rank to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Scout:***

Will the honor guard escort Eagle Candidate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the front.

[*Eagle candidate is escorted to the front & takes his seat up on stage]*

*(parents will sit in the front row or on stage)*

Will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come forward and conduct the Reaffirmation of the Scout Oath and Law

Reaffirmation of the Scout Oath and Law

***Scout:***

All along the trail of achievement, many have given you advice and encouragement. You have been faithful in serving this troop, in giving leadership to its scouts, in practicing the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, and in practicing the Good Turn in your daily life.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I ask you now to stand and repeat the Scout Oath and Law. Will all scouts and scouters please stand and join with Ashton in reciting the Scout Oath and Law.

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.

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you please come forward to tell us about the Eagle Scout Challenge and Significance of Eagle Badge?

Eagle Scout Challenge and

Significance of Eagle Badge

***SPL or another Eagle Scout:***

“Scout \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would you please come forward to assist with the candle lighting. “ *(scout stands next to candles prepared to light them)*

The appeal of the majestic eagle has been felt by every great people from prehistoric times to the present day. To the Egyptians, the eagle was the messenger of the gods and the sun, a symbol of eternal life. To the Romans, he was the carrier of Jupiter’s thunderbolts and a sign of power. To American Indians he stood as the incentive to valor and the pledge of victory. For us today, the eagle is the living symbol of all courageous and freedom-aspiring Americans. When the Eagle Scout badge was designed in 1912, it was decided that a small silver eagle would be suspended from a tricolor ribbon of red, white, and blue. So it remains today.

1. The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with **honor**. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that ‘a Scout is trustworthy’ is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him, but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for other Scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his home, his troop, and his community. May the **white** of the Eagle badge remind you to always live with honor.

[*Scout lights the white candle*]

2. The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is **loyalty**. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, community, and nation. His loyalty to his troop and brother Scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty that means devotion to community, to country, and to one’s own ideals. Let the **blue** of the Eagle badge always inspire your loyalty.

[Scout *lights the blue candle*]

3. The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be **courageous**. Courage has always been a quality by which people measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face danger, but also the determination to stand up for what is right. With faith in his fellow citizens, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world’s work to do. Let the **red** of the Eagle badge remind you always of courage.

 [*Scout lights the red candle*]

4. The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be **cheerful**. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile, the red, white, and blue ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout rank, which has its ends turned up in a smile.

5. Another critical responsibility of an Eagle Scout is **service**. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting’s trail, just as others helped him in his climb. The performance of the daily Good Turn takes on a new meaning when he enters an adult life of continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He will always ‘Be Prepared’ to put forth his best.

 You deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting’s highest rank. But wear your award with humility, 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.

Eagle Scout Charge

***Adult Leader:***

Scouts of all nations make up 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 honor. All who know you rejoice in your achievement. This award, as you will 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, to Country, to 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. Our country has had a great past. You can help make the future even greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the highest level of service to your fellow man.

So live and serve, so that those who know you will be inspired to finer living. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts, hands, skills, and abilities to the common good. Help to build America’s future by continuing to set an example of clean living, honest work, and unselfish citizenship. You will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly proud.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I charge you to enter this Eagle Scout brotherhood holding without reservation and ever before you the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of the Eagle Scout promise before your fellow members, you will become an Eagle Scout. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout with the same words which closed the Declaration of Independence.

Will all Eagle Scouts here tonight please stand and renew your Eagle Scout Promise as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joins our brotherhood? *(Pause)* Scout sign; repeat after me;

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 my rank and my influence ... count strongly for better Scouting ... and for better citizenship ... in my troop, ... in my community, ... and in my contacts with other people. ... To this I pledge my sacred honor.

Please be seated.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, your conduct along the trail has been excellent. You have rededicated yourself to the principles of Scouting. But one more thing is important ... your future. As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other Scouts. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous and people will expect more of you. To falter in your responsibility would reflect not only on you, but on your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting. The torch you carry is not only yours, but it is also ours.

Report of Eagle Qualifications

and The Trail to Eagle

***Scoutmaster or other Adult Leader:***

Will use information from Eagle Candidate’s Individual Participation Report to compile his Trail to Eagle with remarks.

**List all scouting acheivements:**

*Example:*

Troop 455  T-shirt design

National Youth Leadership Training Program (2014)

Order of the Arrow Inductee (Nov. 2015)

Senior Patrol Leader

World Conservation Award

National Outdoor Camping Award

Philmont Scout Reservation 12 day - 70 mile hike

63 camping nights to date

**Merit Badges:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has earned 31 merit badges.   Remark on significant or unusual merit badge awards.

***Adult Leader:***

“Will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come forward to give his remarks.”

Eagle Candidate’s Remarks

Speech to follow

Presentation of the Eagle Rank

***Scoutmaster:***

1. Presentation of the Eagle Badge

Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please stand beside \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we are finally at that point you have been waiting for. Having confirmed all readiness for the reception of this award, it is now time to formally present this high badge of accomplishment.

By the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce you an Eagle Scout. May the Oath you have taken always remain with you.

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you pin the Eagle Scout Medal on Ashton.

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, will you place the Eagle neckerchief around Ashton’s neck.

1. Presentation of the Family Pins

 As the symbol of what his mother and father have made possible through their help and support, I will now ask \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to present his mother and father with these Eagle pins.

1. Presentation of the Mentor’s Pin

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, if there has been an adult who has been particularly inspirational, encouraging, and helpful to you in your scouting career, I ask you to present that person with the Mentor’s Eagle pin. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ requests \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to come up.

1. Presentation of Flowers to the Mother

On Behalf of Troop 455, I would like to present this bouquet of flowers to Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There are seven roses, one for each of the scouting ranks earned by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

***Troop Committee Chair:***

*(Guest Speaker Optional)*

 We would now like to invite our guest speaker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ completed his Eagle project, to come and say a few words.

Guest Speaker

Then Troop Committee Chair will mention the letters of recognition, any personal words and then close the ceremony.

Closing

***Troop Committee Chair:***

Before we begin our closing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mom and dad would like to present him with a special gift.

*(Parents come up to present gift then go back to seats)*

I congratulate you as an Eagle Scout. The eagle soars high and seeks to rest only upon the lofty peaks. As an Eagle Scout, you too must soar high. You must not swerve from the path of duty. Your ideals must be lofty. You must strive to obtain that which is the highest and noblest in life.

Having completed the task for which we gathered, I hereby close this Eagle Court of Honor and present to you Eagle Scout Ashton Edmeades.

Before we retire the colors, Ashton and his family would like you to know you are all invited to attend a reception downstairs in the fellowship hall immediately following this ceremony.

Retirement of the Colors

***Scout:***

1. Will the Audience please rise for the retirement of the colors?
2. Scouts Attention
3. Colorguard Attention
4. Colorguard, retrieve the Colors
5. Colorguard, about face
6. Colorguard forward march, scout salute
7. Colorguard Halt
8. And now, may the great master, of all scouts, be with us until we meet again.