

Presentation of the Colors

MC: Please present the colors.

Color Guard: (Present colors)
(Lead Pledge of Allegiance)
(still standing...)

MC: Please join me in reciting in the Scout Oath & 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.

MC: Color Guard Dismissed. Families and friends, please be seated.
Scouts, please remain standing.

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY: "A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him."

LOYAL: "A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation."

HELPFUL: "A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward."

FRIENDLY: "A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own."

COURTEOUS: "A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together."

KIND: "A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason."

Court of Honor Script

OBEDIENT: “A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.”

CHEERFUL: “A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.”

THRIFTY: “A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.”

BRAVE: “A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.”

CLEAN: “A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.”

REVERENT: “A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.”

MC: Scouts two.

Opening

MC: Welcome to Troop 586s Court of Honor.

I am _____, your master of ceremonies.

Introductions

MC: We ask our Troop Committee Chair, to introduce yourself and the members of the Troop Committee.

MC: Next we ask our Scoutmaster, to introduce yourself and your Assistant Scoutmasters.

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

Awarding of Merit Badges

MC: Boy Scouts can earn any of over 135 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 Notes: Call up each Scout individually from list by merit badge.
Announce their merit badges.
Presenter shake the Scout's left hand with scout sign handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

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 4 are Scout, 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

MC Note:

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) to come forward.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout's left hand with the scout handshake.
Please join me in welcoming _____! Lead applause.*

Tenderfoot

MC Note:

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) to come forward.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout's left hand with the scout handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

Second Class Rank

MC Note:

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 (if there are any) to come forward.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout's left hand with the scout handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

First Class Rank

MC Note: 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 (if there are any) to come forward.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout's left hand with the scout handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

Star Rank

MC Note: 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. In addition, the Star Scout must serve 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 (if there are any) to come forward.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout's left hand with the scout handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

Life Rank

MC Note: 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 (if there are any) to come forward.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout's left hand with the scout handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

Eagle Rank

MC Note: 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. After earning the rank of Eagle Scout, there are Eagle Palms which can be awarded for continuing to be an active member of the troop and earning additional merit badges. Troop 586 has an impressive list of Eagle Scouts, as you can see (*gesture to banner*). I would like to invite _____ to come up and speak about the Eagle rank.

Awards

Occasionally, scouts have the opportunity to earn special awards at camp, through their faith, or during troop activities. Today we are presenting ____ special awards.

*MC Note: Call forward each scout with an award remaining one by one.
Present the awards.
Shake the Scout’s left hand with the scout handshake.
Lead applause for each Scout.*

Announcements

MC: Before we conclude this Court of Honor, we want to draw your attention to a couple of important upcoming events. Please sign up if you have not already. See the Scoutmaster for details or questions.

On _____, we have our _____.
On _____, we have our _____.
On _____, we have our _____.

Retiring of Colors and Closing

MC: Please retire the colors. Color Guard, retrieve the colors. *(To audience):* Please rise for the retirement of the colors. Scouts salute. Color Guard, forward, march!

Color Guard: *Retrieve American and Troop Flags and proceed to rear of room or exit.*

MC: *(After the flags are out of sight of audience)* Scouts, two.

MC: Thank you all for attending Troop 586’s Court of Honor.