#  Date of Court of Honor:

#  Location:

#  Master(s) of Ceremonies:

Presentation of the Colors

*MC #1***:** Would our current Senior Patrol Leader, *NAME*, please present the colors.

*SPL***:** Will the audience please rise

Color Guard forward march

 Color guard please present the Colors

(lead the Pledge of Allegiance)

Color Guard Post the colors

Scouts: Two

(still standing…)

*SPL***:** Please join me in recitingthe Scout Oath & Law.

*SPL:* Scouts, two. Please be seated.

Opening

*MC #2:* Welcome to Troop 348’s Spring Court of Honor. The Court of Honor is a three-times a year scouting ceremony with presentation of merit badges, rank advancement and special recognition for the Troop.

*MC #1:* I am *NAME*,

*MC #2:* and I am *NAME*, and we are your masters of ceremonies.

*MC #1: Next we would like to ask our Chaplain,* Neil Trainer, to please lead us in our opening prayer.

 (prayer)

Introductions

*MC #2:* We ask our Troop Committee Chair, *NAME*, to introduce

yourself and the members of the Troop Committee.

*MC #1:* Next we ask our Assistant Scoutmaster, *NAME*, to introduce yourself and your Assistant Scoutmasters.

*MC #2:* Finally, we ask our Senior Patrol Leader, *NAME*, to introduce yourself, your Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, the Patrol Leaders, and the members of the Senior Patrol.

**Patrol Yells and Skits**

*MC #1:* Will *NAME’s* Patrol please come to the stage to give your yell and skit.

*MC #2*: Will *NAME* Patrol please come to the stage to give your yell and skit.

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*MC #2*: Will *NAME* Patrol please come to the stage to give your yell and skit.

*MC #1*: Will *NAME* Patrol please come to the stage to give your yell and skit.

Awarding of Merit Badges

*MC #1:*Boy Scouts can earn any of 121 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.

*MC #2:* Today we are awarding a total of ?? Merit Badges.

*MC #1:* Would our Senior Patrol Leader, *NAME*, join us in presenting these awards?

*MC Notes: Announce each merit badge and call up all Scouts who achieved this merit badge.*

*Presenter to Ask each scout to tell about what they did.*

 *Presenter shake Scout’s left hand.*

 *Lead applause for each Scout.*

Recognizing events taken since last COH

*MC #2*: Since our last court of honor we have been very busy with events and some community service.

*MC Notes: Call up participants for* ***each*** *event.*

 Hand out rounder’s as available.

*Ask one youth or adult to tell what they did.*

*Lead applause after descriptions are done.*

Awarding of Rank Advancements

*MC #1*: Next, we will recognize those Scouts who have earned Rank Advancements. Today we are awarding a total of ?? Rank Advancements including the newly introduced Scout rank.

*MC #2:* In recognition of the support that each family provides to their son, our troop also presents rank pins to the Scout’s mother. Her pin is worn on her ribbon during special Scout occasions.

*MC #1:* We would like to ask our Assistant Scoutmaster, *NAME* to come to the stage to tell us a little about each rank and present the badges to each Scout and would also like our Advancement Chair, Chris Zempel, to give rank pins to the Scouts for them to present to their mothers.

*MC #2:* The Boy Scouts of America recognizes your achievements by awarding badges of rank. The first 3 are Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Next come Star and Life. The highest rank is Eagle.

*MC #1:* 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.[[1]](#footnote-1)

## Scout Rank

*SM:* The first badge of Scouting that can be earned is the Scout rank. Most of the boys have earned the Arrow of Light as a Webelos scout that has many of the skills required for Scout rank. At this stage you have learned basic scouting skills and demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code.

## *MC: Call current Scout Rank scout up to light candle on Log*

MC: Read ALL Scout rank recipients and ask them and their parents to come forward.

*SM/AC: Present the awards and pins to the group.*

*SM/AC: Shake each Scout’s left hand and their parent’s right hand.*

*SM:* In addition to your Scout rank, I would like to present each of you with this coin. On it is written the Scout Oath and Law. You can carry this with you to remind yourself of our guiding principles*.*

*SM/AC/MC: Lead applause for the Scout Rank group.*

## Tenderfoot

*SM:* 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: Call current Tenderfoot scout up to light candle on Log

MC: Call each Tenderfoot recipient and their parents come forward.

*SM/AC: Present the awards and pins.*

*SM/AC: Shake the Scout’s left hand and the parent’s right hand.*

*SM:* I would like to present you with this moleskin as a token from the troop. You will now be progressing into a period in you Scouting career you will learn and use to a greater degree Scout skills. May the moleskin protect you on your journey and give you comfort.

*SM/AC/MC: Lead applause for each Scout.*

## Second Class Rank

*SM:* 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: Call current Second Class scout up to light candle on Log

MC: Call each Second Class recipient and their parents come forward.

*SM/AC: Present the awards and pins.*

*SM/AC: Shake the Scout’s left hand and the parent’s right hand.*

*SM:* In addition I would like you present you each with a signal mirror. While you are now versed in skills such as map and compass, there may be a time when you will need to help finding the trail to First Class. Let this signal mirror be a symbol that if you are ever in need of finding your way just ask for help.

*SM/AC/MC: Lead applause for each Scout.*

## First Class Rank

*SM:* 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: Call current First Class scout up to light candle on Log

MC: Call each First Class recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward.

*SM/AC: Present the awards and pins.*

*SM/AC: Shake the Scout’s left hand and the parent’s right hand.*

*SM:* I would like you present you each with a Key Ring. Now that you have demonstrated you are a skilled and experienced Scout you will take on greater Roles and Responsibilities within the troop. Let this Key Ring be a token reminder that you are now a key member of the troop and let you rise to those expectations.

*SM/AC/MC: Lead applause for each Scout.*

## Star Rank

*SM:* 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.[[2]](#footnote-2) 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: Call current Star scout up to light candle on Log

MC: Today there are no Star Rank advancements to be awarded.

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## Life Rank

*SM:* 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: Call current Life scout up to light candle on Log

MC: Ask Honor Guard to escort each Life recipient (if any) and their parents to the stage

*SM/AC: Present the awards and pins.*

*SM/AC: Shake the Scout’s left hand and the parent’s right hand.*

*SM:* In addition to your Life rank, I would like you present you each with a Lobster Claw, a multipurpose mountaineering tool. Let it be a symbol of your skill-set… you are strong, durable and ready for any challenge.

*SM/AC/MC: Lead applause for each Scout.*

## Eagle Rank

*SM:* The Eagle Rank is Scouting's highest award. Only a small percentage of Scouts have ever reached this lofty goal. The Eagle Rank is normally presented in a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor, but tonight we would like to recognize our new Eagle Scouts with the presentation of their Eagle Badge and Mothers Pins.

MC: Call Eagle Scout up to light candle on Log

SM: To introduce NAME as our Troops latest Eagle

Announcements and Recognitions

*MC #2:* Before we conclude this Court of Honor, we want to draw your attention to a couple of key upcoming events. Will our Outdoor Chair, Eric King please come forward and tell us what is in store for the coming months.

*MC #1:* Would our Scoutmaster please come forward to tell us about some special recognitions for our Scouts and Adults in and outside of our Troop activities.

*SM: \*\* Refer to separate sheet for* ***Special Achievements (outside of Scouting)***

Closing Comments

*MC #1:* Here is SPL *NAME* to offer the Senior Patrol Leader’s Minute.

*MC #2:* Here is Steve Cockburn to offer the Scoutmaster’s Minute.

*MC #1:* Would Neil Trainer please lead us in our benediction?

Retiring of Colors

*MC #2:* Will our Senior Patrol Leader, SPL *NAME*, please come forward and retire the colors.

*SPL:* (*face & speak to the audience*) Please rise for the retirement of the colors.

Color Guard, retrieve the colors. Scouts, salute. Color Guard, form ranks and retire the colors!

*SPL*: Scouts, two.

*MC #1*: Please join us in the singing of Vespers by encircling our fire, joining hands, right over left with the people next to you, leaving one gap for those who cannot be here tonight

*ALL*: Sing Vespers

*MC #2*: That concludes our Spring Court of Honor.

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Scout Handbook p. 169 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)