**Troop 508 Court of Honor**

* Presentation of Colors (3 Scouts)
* Invocation (Guest / Chaplain Aide)
* Welcome (SPL & SM)
* The Scout Law (4 Scouts)
* Installation of New Scouts (SM, ASM, 1 Scout)
* Troop Slideshow
* Merit Badges (1 Scout)
* Rank Advancements (Up to 6 Scouts)
* Eagle Scout Introductions (ASM)
* Adult Recognitions (ASM)
* Election Results
* Retiring of Colors (3 Scouts)
* Benediction (Guest / Chaplain Aide)
* Closing Remarks (SPL & SM)

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS: (caller), (flag bearers)**

**Caller will open with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath and Scout Law**

**INVOCATION: Guest / Chaplain Aide**

**SPL: *“ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_GUEST / CHAPLAIN AIDE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please lead us in our Invocation.”***

**SCOUTMASTER WELCOME**

**SPL**

***“Thank you. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SPL \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 508; we welcome you to our Court of Honor.”***

 ***“Please welcome our Scoutmaster, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .”***

**SCOUTMASTER**

***“Welcome Scouts, Family, Friends, Guests!”***

Opening comments…. Basically, you can say whatever you want in this part

**THE SCOUT LAW: 4 SCOUTS**

**SPL*: “Next, would\_\_\_\_\_4 SCOUTS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come up for the reading of the Scout Law”***

**Please refer to the sheet at the podium for the Scout Law and script**

**As each point is read, the candlelighter lights one of the twelve white candles on the stage.**

**Everyone takes their seat**

**INSTALLATION OF NEW SCOUTS**

**SPL:  *“ \_\_\_\_\_ASM, SM, and 1 SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   please come up for the Installation of New Scouts****”*

**ASM**

*“At this time, we are going to formally welcome several new scouts and their parents to our troop.  The following young men have joined Troop 508.  They have either crossed over from Cub Scouts or transferred from another Scout troop. Would these scouts and their parents please come forward as their names are called:”*

(see list of names)

**ASM**

*“It is now my privilege to light this green candle which represents the Spirit of Scouting and to ask our Scoutmaster to formally install these candidates.”*

Light the green candle

**SM**

*“Thank you.  One of my happiest duties as Scoutmaster is to receive new boys and their parents into our Troop Family.  Fellow scouts… We are going to light these candles representing the ideals of Scouting.  The three candles symbolize the three parts of the Scout Oath…*

*Duty to God* light the white candle (\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_)

*Duty to Country* light the blue candle

*Duty to Self* light the red candle

*“New Troop 508 scouts you are about to reaffirm your dedication to scouting. This is not to be taken lightly.  Are you ready to reaffirm your dedication?”*

**SM**

*“Will the members of Troop 508 and all other scouts in the audience please stand and give the scout sign.  Please repeat each line of the Scout Oath after me.*

*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.”*

*“Thank you.  Scouts in the audience please be seated.”*

*“Gentlemen, you will be expected to live by the Scout Law and Scout Oath.  We expect you to uphold the ideals and program of our troop.  You will be expected to keep good attendance at all Scout meetings, campouts, and events.  And most of all, will be expected to represent the Spirit of Scouting in your daily life.”*

*“I formally welcome Troop 508.”* *“Thank you.  Please be seated.”*

Everyone sits down

**TROOP SLIDESHOW**

**SPL***“Before we get to Merit Badges and Advancements, we are going to watch a slideshow featuring some of the events over the past few months. The slideshow was put together by the Troop Historian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

**RECOGNITION OF MERIT BADGES: 1 SCOUT**

**SPL: *“ Now would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***\_please come up for the Recognition of Merit Badges.”***

**SCOUT**

***“Now, we would like to recognize all of the merit badges that have been earned since the last Court of Honor.”***

***“Scouts can earn more than 135 different Merit Badges in areas ranging from Art to First Aid 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 will check that he has satisfied the requirements of the badge.”***

***“Today we are recognizing a total of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Merit Badges.”***

***“As your name is called, please come forward and get your Merit Badges.”***

“G***ood job Scouts and thank you!”***

**RECOGNITION OF RANK ADVANCEMENTS**

**SPL**

***“We will now make the presentation of Rank Advancements.”***

***“Scouts, as we announce your name, please come forward to receive your advancement.”***

**SCOUT RANK:**

**SPL:  “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the Scout Rank***.”

\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “***A Scout has learned much about our troop and about scouting.  They have learned about pocketknife safety and internet safely.  They have also learned how to tie knots as well as how to advance through the scouting ranks.***

***“As your name is called, please come forward to receive your advancement.”***

 ***“Tonight, we recognize these Scouts and their achievements.  Congratulations” “Thank you.”***

**TENDERFOOT RANK:**

**SPL:  “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the Tenderfoot Rank***.”

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “A Tenderfoot Scout has learned much about our troop and about scouting. They have learned how to take care of themselves and others. They have learned how to use a map and compass to find their way and most of all have seen firsthand how much fun it is to be a Scout.***

***“As your name is called, please come forward to receive your advancement.”***

 ***“Tonight, we recognize these Scouts and their achievements.  Congratulations” “Thank you.”***

**SECOND CLASS RANK:**

**SPL:  “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the Second Class Rank***.”

***\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “Like the braves of long ago a Second Class Scout has learned many things that serve as a foundation in his scouting career.”***

***“As your name is called, please come forward to receive your advancement.”***

 ***“Tonight, we recognize these Scouts and their achievements.  Congratulations”. “Thank you.”***

**FIRST CLASS RANK:**

**SPL:  “*\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the First Class Rank***.”

***\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “The First Class Scout is more capable in the outdoors, able to care for himself and others, and is ready for the challenges of leadership. It is at this point that Baden Powell considered a boy as an actual Boy Scout. It is also at this point that our Scouts can wear our troop neckerchief and insignia.”***

***“As your name is called, please come forward to receiver your advancement.”***

 ***“Tonight, we recognize these Scouts and their achievements.  Congratulations” “Thank you.”***

**STAR RANK:**

**SPL:  “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the Star Rank***.”

***\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “Star is a significant rank advancement because of the hard work previously required and also because of the amount of hard work before you. The hard work before you is your duty to other Scouts.”***

***“As your name is called, please come forward to receive your advancement.”***

 ***“Tonight, we recognize these Scouts and their achievements.  Congratulations” “Thank you.”***

**LIFE RANK**:

**SPL:  “*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the Life Rank***.”

***\_\_\_\_\_\_\_SCOUT\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: “Life Rank- Baden Powell wrote- ‘Scouting is a game in which elder brothers can give their younger brothers a healthy environment and encourage them to healthy activities, such as will help them to develop citizenship.’ The last rank before Eagle Scout is Life. The heart shape of the badge is symbolic of courage. This badge will remind you to have courage and to use what you’ve learned in scouting – the Scout oath, law, motto, and slogan – in your everyday life and as you work towards the rank of Eagle Scout.”***

***“As your name is called, please come forward to receive your advancement.”***

 ***“Tonight, we recognize these Scouts and their achievements.  Congratulations.” “Thank you.”***

**THE EAGLE SCOUTS**

**SPL: *“Would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ASM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_please come up to present the Eagle Rank.”***

**ASM**

***“Will the following Scout(s) please come forward with his parents:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”***

***“The Eagle Rank is Scouting’s highest award.  Only a small percentage of Scouts have ever reached this lofty goal.  The actual Eagle Rank is presented in a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor separate from this evening’s Court of Honor, but we want to recognize and honor our Troop 508 Scouts for their outstanding accomplishments.”***

***“Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout!”***

***“Please join me in recognizing ALL Eagle Scouts young and old.  Please stand.  Congratulations!”***

**ADULT RECOGNITIONS: ASM**

**ASM**

***“It is important to recognize adult leaders who have gone above and beyond what is asked of them.***

***These adults were recognized for their extraordinary service.***

***When I call your name please come forward:”***

***“Thank you. You may all be seated.”***

Everyone sits down

**TROOP ELECTION RESULTS**

**SPL: *“Thank you. Now, as most of you already know, Troop 508 is a Boy Led troop. We recently had our troop elections. Our newly elected Senior Patrol Leader is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Congratulations! Please come forward and announce yours new leadership team.”***

**RETIRING OF COLORS & BENEDICTION: (caller), (flag bearers)**

**SPL**: ***“\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please retire the colors.”***

**CALLER**: ***“\_\_\_\_GUEST / CHAPLAIN AIDE\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please lead us in our benediction?”***

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**SPL**: ***“Thank you everyone for coming tonight. You are invited to stick around for fellowship and refreshments.***

***Scouts, before you leave tonight, please take a moment to remove and stack the chairs.”***

***“Thank you. Good night.”***