**Eagle Court of Honor Script**

(CUE INTRO SLIDE FOR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ COH)

SCOUTMASTER: Good evening! My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am the Scoutmaster for Troop 508 and I will be your Master of Ceremony tonight.

SM: Will the members of the audience please rise for the presentation of the colors

CALLER: Scout attention! Scout salute! Will the Color Guard please present the colors?

CALLER: Will you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SM: Please remain standing for the invocation by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

GUEST/CHAPLAIN AIDE: – Invocation

SM: Thank you. You all may be seated. (PAUSE) I’d like to ask SCOUT#1 to come forward to light the candle symbolizing the Spirit of Scouting and the \_\_Eagle Candidate’s Last Name\_\_\_ family's commitment to the Scouting tradition. (SCOUT#1 COMES FORWARD AND LIGHTS THE GREEN CANDLE)

SM: Next, we’ll hear more about the Scouting Trail from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 508.

ASM: Thank you. After a youth enters Scouting, the Scout Law begins to guide their life. One by one, using the flame from the Spirit of Scouting, we shall light the symbols for each part of the Scout Law. There are 12 parts; each is an important foundation in the building of strong character. SCOUT#1, please light the twelve candles signifying the Scout Law.

(SCOUT#1 LIGHTS THE CANDLES AS ASM RECITES THE 12 POINTS):

ASM (READING SLOWLY): A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. (PAUSE)

In the Scout Oath the Scout promises upon his honor to do his best to do his duty,

• First to God and his country; (SCOUT#1 LIGHTS THE WHITE CANDLE)

• Second, to other people, by helping them at all times; (SCOUT#1 LIGHTS THE BLUE CANDLE) and

• Third, to the Scout, by keeping oneself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. (SCOUT#1 LIGHTS THE RED CANDLE)

You can see how the light from the Spirit of Scouting is now beginning to grow and become brighter. (ASM AND SCOUT#1 SIT DOWN)

SM: Thank you ASM and SCOUT#1. The Eagle award is the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting. We will now take a look at a short video of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ path to Eagle.

SM: ASM will now review the steps \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has taken on the way to Eagle. (SCOUT#2 COMES FORWARD)

ASM: The Scout begins with the Scout Rank. This is the first rank advancement a Scout receives. It stands at the foot of the Eagle Trail. Once inspired by the Spirit of Scouting, they won't stay at Scout very long. After completing some key achievements, they will shortly climb to the rank of Tenderfoot

ASM: The Tenderfoot Rank begins to build a foundation for Scouting. With the first steps of service, camping, community, and fitness. These first steps are small, but they lead the way to Second Class. (SCOUT#2 LIGHT CANDLE OF TENDERFOOT)

ASM: The requirements for Second Class become more difficult. A Scout must learn to be self-sufficient in the outdoors and continue to render service to others.

(SCOUT#2 LIGHT CANDLE OF SECOND CLASS)

ASM: Now the Scout is ready for the challenge to attain First Class.

Although the requirements become even more difficult, they keep climbing until finally comes the day when they top the first summit along the Eagle Trail.

There they receive their First Class badge. In achieving the rank of 1st Class, the Scout should feel an additional sense of responsibility to the troop and to his patrol. The 1st Class rank will produce additional opportunities for the Scout, like Order of the Arrow and leadership requirements. Merit badges will begin to play a role in future advancements

(SCOUT#2 LIGHT CANDLE OF FIRST CLASS)

ASM: A broad field of merit badges awaits the First Class Scout. More than 130 merit badges guide the Scout to explore careers, hobbies, and community interest items. The Scout needs a total of six to conquer the Star Scout summit. Probably a lot sooner than thought possible, the Scout is standing on Star Ridge. Then, through leadership, service, and achievement, they conquer the first of three great peaks along the Eagle Trail...that of Star Scout.

(SCOUT#2 LIGHT CANDLE OF STAR RANK)

ASM: The trail to the next summit, Life Scout peak, isn't easy. There is leadership to demonstrate, service to others, and plenty of hard work in mastering five additional merit badges and helping fellow Scouts. The higher the Scout climbs, the fewer travelers are met along the trail. Yet there are no impossible barriers along the way. This Life Scout's goal can be achieved, but it takes commitment and real effort.

(SCOUT#2 LIGHT CANDLE OF LIFE RANK)

ASM: While the rank of Life Scout is a coveted one, and deserving to all who obtain it, the Eagle Trail does not end there; it leads on towards a higher summit. Before you attain Eagle, many additional merit badges are needed. Some of them are difficult, and in the meantime, leadership and service to others is not forgotten. Only those with the greatest amount of persistence and courage are able to gain the thrill of victory that comes while looking down the trail from the very top of the Eagle Summit. (ASM AND SCOUT#2 SIT DOWN)

SM: Thank you. Now, I would like to call up Eagle Scout \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to deliver the Eagle Scout Oath.

ADULT EAGLE SCOUT: (In a big voice) I am the Eagle. It has been a long, hard but wonderful road and I have mastered my goal. With deep humility, I now stand as a representative of the best that Scouting can accomplish in the lives of young men.

AES: Will Eagle candidate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come forward? (PAUSE) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you are to be congratulated for reaching the highest peak of the Eagle Trail; your diligence and hard work have paid off.

In a moment, I will ask you to take the Eagle Scout Oath. As \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ takes this pledge for the first time, will those Eagle Scouts who are present in the audience please stand and reaffirm their pledge? (PAUSE) Will each of you please give the Scout Sign and, in unison, repeat after me?

AES: EAGLE SCOUT OATH –

On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God.

On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to my country.

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 make my rank and influence strongly count for better Scouting

and for better citizenship, in my Troop,

in my community,

and in my contact with other people, regardless of race, color, or creed.

To this, I pledge my sacred honor.

AES: The Eagle Scouts in the audience may now be seated. Thank you. (PAUSE)

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I charge you to enter the Eagle Scout brotherhood holding ever before you, without reservation, the ideals of honor and service.

SM: By repeating the Eagle Scout pledge before your fellow members, you have become an Eagle Scout.

Though the words you used just now are similar to those by which you joined Scouting, today they mean more than ever. When you pledged yourself on your sacred honor, using the same words, which are found at the end of the Declaration of Independence, you sealed your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, are you willing to accept these responsibilities?

EAGLE SCOUT: I am.

SM: By the authority vested in this court of honor by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and by recommendation of the persons who have investigated your credentials, your leadership practices and your character, we hereby award the rank of Eagle Scout to you. Please light the candle signifying the rank of Eagle.

(EAGLE SCOUT PROCEEDS TO LIGHT THE EAGLE CANDLE).
 I also invite you to sign the Troop 508 Eagle board.

 (EAGLE SCOUT SIGNS THE EAGLE BOARD ON STAGE)

SM: Eagle Scout \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will you please escort your parents to the front. (PAUSE WHILE PARENTS ARE ESCORTED TO THE FRONT)

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your parents have been constant source of support for the nine years you have spent on your trail to Eagle. It hasn’t always been fun or easy, but they are very proud of you, as are all of us in Troop 508.

SM: Your mother has given you love, encouragement and support for many years, not only in Scouting, but also in your daily life. It is with great pleasure that I ask her to pin the Eagle medal on your uniform.

(SM HANDS MEDAL TO MOM, THEN SHE PINS IT ON EAGLE SCOUT)

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, over the years you have given your mother many mother’s pins. This evening you have the honor of pinning the Eagle pin on her and thanking her one more time for all that she has done for you.

(SM HAND THE MOTHER'S PIN TO EAGLE SCOUT, WHO PINS IT ON MOM)

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, your father, too, has helped you along the Eagle trail and in all other aspects of your life. He has always been there for you when you needed help and he has always encouraged you to achieve and learn in your endeavors. Please pin this Eagle pin on his pocket thanking him one more time for all that he has done for you.

(SM HAND THE DAD’S PIN TO EAGLE SCOUT WHO PINS IT ON DAD)

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as an outward sign of your achievement, your father will now present you with an Eagle Neckerchief and slide.

(SM HANDS NECKERCHIEF AND SLIDE TO DAD, THEN DAD PUTS THEM ON EAGLE SCOUT)

SM: At this time, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ parents would like to present a special gift.
(EAGLE GIFT IS PRESENTED; PARENTS RETURN TO THEIR SEATS)

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ would now like to say a few words.

EAGLE SCOUT: At this time, I would like to thank…

(EAGLE SCOUT PINS MENTOR PIN ON RECIPIENTS, SCOUT HANDSHAKE AND ALL RETURN TO THEIR SEATS).

SM: CLOSING REMARKS

SM: We have nearly reached the conclusion of our ceremony tonight. As we conclude, I would like to remind you about the principles of Scouting.

SM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, would you please come forward and extinguish the ceremonial candles?

SM: As we put out this white candle, which represents purity, may we be mindful of the obligation that a scout is clean. Clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sports, clean habits, and travels with a moral crowd.

(EAGLE SCOUT BLOWS OUT WHITE CANDLE)

SM: As we put out the blue candle, representing loyalty, may we be ever mindful of the obligation that a scout is loyal. Loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his Scout leaders, his home, his parents, his country, and his God.

(EAGLE SCOUT BLOWS OUT BLUE CANDLE)

SM: As we put out the red candle, representing courage and sacrifice, may we be ever mindful of our obligation that a scout is brave. Having the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for what is right.

(EAGLE SCOUT BLOWS OUT RED CANDLE, AND REMAINS AT FRONT OF ROOM)

(EAGLE SCOUT EXTINGUISHES CANDLES IN THIS ORDER: 5 RANKS, 12 POINTS OF LIGHT, SPIRIT OF SCOUTING CANDLE. THE EAGLE CANDLE REMAINS LIT)

SM: (PAUSE) This Court of Honor is now closed.

SM: At this time, GUEST/CHAPLAIN AIDE will now conduct the benediction. Will you please stand and remain standing until we retire the colors.

GUEST/CHAPLAIN AIDE: Benediction

CALLER: CALLS TO RETIRE COLORS

SM: Thank you (name of any guest speaker) & Scouts. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ family would like to invite everyone to stay for a while for some fellowship and refreshments. Thank you for coming tonight. And again, I would like to congratulate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.