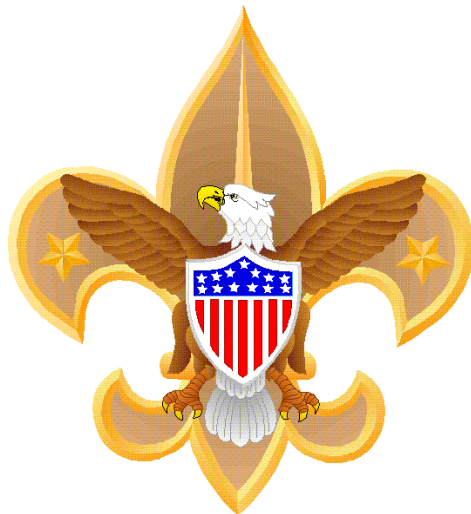


From Scout to Life:

A compilation of Boy Scout
Rank Advancement Ceremonies



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SCOUT CEREMONIES



Scout Ceremony #1

(Could we please have the new Scouts up front). You have now left the Rank of Webelos scout and have learned the Boy Scout oath, promise and law. You have learned the sign, salute and handshake. As we welcome you to our troop, we want you to understand that you are special in that you are willing to strive for higher goals and achievements. Good Luck on your trail to become an Eagle Scout. Please accept the Scout badge as your first step toward your goals. I present to you, the newest members of the (name) patrol. Please place your name on our advancement board.

Scout Ceremony #2

You have entered Boy Scouts via a different path than most. You have learned the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Sign, Salute and handshake. You have a clear goal and are taking the right path toward this goal. The scout Badge represents the first step to achieving your goals.

Scout Ceremony #3

_____, you have joined Boy Scouts and have learned the Basics of Scouting: The Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Sign, Salute and handshake. As you continue in Scouting, you will be striving for higher goals and achievements. Good luck on your trail in scouting.



TENDERFOOT CEREMONIES



Tenderfoot Ceremony #1

Scout Presenter :

(Lights large Tenderfoot candle)

As a past Tenderfoot Scout, I light this candle to symbolize the light you have followed in achieving the rank of Tenderfoot Scout.

Scout: It is true that I have been guided by the light of the Tenderfoot Scouts who have gone before me.

(Scout lights small Tenderfoot candle)

I light this candle to represent my accomplishments and as a promise that I too will give light and guidance to those scouts who will come after me.

Scout Presenter: Congratulations on receiving your Tenderfoot Rank.

(Shakes Scouts hand, and presents an advancement certificate if that is customary for the troop.)

Please accept this certificate, the congratulations of our audience and move your name up on the Troop Advancement Board. *(if the troop uses one)*

(Applause)

Scout:

(Shake hands with Adult leaders, and places his name on the Advancement Board.)

Tenderfoot Ceremony #2

The term Tenderfoot means “an inexperienced beginner”. You are indeed an inexperienced beginner who has taken that first step on the scouting trail by

earning the Tenderfoot rank. The way was well trodden by the boys who have come before you but it was your effort and enthusiasm that brought you here. You have started to build a foundation of Boy Scout principles and now is a time to experience the fun and satisfaction of learning new skills and sharing good times with the Scouts. Congratulations and before you go be sure to light the candle for the Tenderfoot rank so the boys who are new to the Scouting experience see the beginning of the Trail to Eagle.

Tenderfoot Ceremony #3

The Chinese have a saying: “A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.” There’s a lesson for us in that saying.

In Scouting as in life, the rewards do not come to those who sit back and wait but to those who continually take steps both large and small towards their ultimate goals. You have taken your first step on the Boy Scout journey by earning your Tenderfoot rank.

If you look over your Boy Scout Handbook during the week, ask how to accomplish a certain skill or who to see about a merit badge, you are taking small steps towards your next big step in the journey, Second class. I would like to see every one of you set the Eagle Scout Award as your goal in scouting. We have tonight one boy who is taking that first important step by earning his Tenderfoot rank and we congratulate him

Tenderfoot Ceremony #4

Presenter:

_____, you have earned the rank of Tenderfoot Scout. This rank represents a first step in your Scouting trail. You have earned the rank of Tenderfoot by learning the skills of Scouting.

The trail of scouting that you are following may seem long at times and also frustrating. If you stay focused on your goals, the trail becomes easier to follow. Your guideposts on the Scouting Trail are the fundamental ideals of Scouting, which are the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. By following these ideals, you can clear the fog from the Trail of Scouting.

As you receive your Tenderfoot badge, you have found your way through the fog and are on the way done the Trail.

_____, are you willing to accept the badge of the Tenderfoot Scout as well continue on the Trail of Scouting?

Scout:

I am

Presenter:

Please light the candle representing your attainment of the Tenderfoot Rank and to light the way towards your next rank.

Scout:

Scout lights the candle.

Presenter:

Please advance your name on the Board and accept the congratulations of the leaders of the Troop and the recognition of our guests.

Tenderfoot Ceremony #5

Since joining Scouts, you have

started to build on the foundation of Boy Scout principles. You have built the part that is the basis for the tenderfoot scout “an inexperienced beginner.” Are you willing to accept the Tenderfoot badge and also continue on the Trail of Scouting?

Scout: Yes.

Tenderfoot Ceremony #6

Source: *US Scouting Service*

(This assumes there was a Scout presentation prior to this one and that the actual badge of rank was presented previously, when the rank was achieved. If not, this needs to be modified.)

Leader:

Since the last Court of Honor, _____ has completed the requirement for the rank of Tenderfoot. I now call _____ and his (their) parents to come forward.

Leader:

You have just heard our new Scout(s) pledge himself (themselves) to the Scout Oath. Since you first joined this Troop, you have said these words many times. You have learned various skills which will serve as a basis as you travel on your Trail to Eagle. You have learned some basic first aid, how to tie knots and you have improved your physical fitness. But these skills are only the beginning. As you advance into other ranks, you will learn more knots, more first aid skills, how to use a compass, how to cook and many other life skills. The activities you participate in will become more challenging and more rewarding.

When you passed your Board of

Review, you were presented with your new badge of rank. I now present to you your rank advancement cards, which document this achievement. Keep these cards, and all other cards you receive in Scouting, in a safe place. As you advance in Scouting, these can become invaluable in documenting your achievements when you submit your Eagle application or if you move to a new location.

Congratulations on the example you have set and the achievements you have accomplished.

Tenderfoot Ceremony #7

Source: *Troop Program Resources BSA For Troops who use rank pins and/or mother's pins.*

The chairperson asks the senior patrol leader to call the names of the new Tenderfoot Scouts. As he calls the names, two Scouts place a large Tenderfoot badge cutout on the wall. This should be placed so that the spotlight, when trained on the Scout receiving the award, will cast his shadow on the badge.

The Scouts who have been called, line up at one side of the room or stage. The member of the court of honor who is presenting the Tenderfoot Scout badges steps forward and makes a few appropriate remarks about this rank. The Scoutmaster calls the name of the first Scout to be recognized. He steps forward onto the box or raised platform. The house lights go out and the spotlight comes on. This is a great moment for this Scout. Every eye is on

him as he faces the audience.

The senior patrol leader or scribe helps the Scoutmaster who makes the presentations by having the badges handy. The Scoutmaster pins the Tenderfoot badge on the left pocket and gives the Scout handshake with the left hand. The Scout salutes, the Scoutmaster returns the salute, and the Scout steps down and proceeds to the opposite side of the room or stage, where he stands at attention until all awards for this rank have been made. The house lights go on. The audience then gives a rousing round of applause.

Mothers of these Boy Scouts are now called to the stage, and each Scout presents his mother with the miniature Tenderfoot badge. Everyone applauds as mothers and Scouts return to their seats. This same procedure is repeated for other ranks, with the appropriate badge placed on the wall.

Tenderfoot Ceremony #8

Source: *BSA Rank Advancement card*

Now that you have had your first taste of Scouting skills and the fun of Scout activities and are earning your first rank—Tenderfoot— you can really plan for the future. With more merit badges and rank advancements to earn, you'll have a busy time in Scouting. I, as your Scoutmaster and the other leaders will help you work toward the next step, Second Class, with Eagle as your goal.

Congratulations and keep up the good work.



SECOND CLASS CEREMONIES



Second Class Ceremony #1

You have earned the rank of Second Class. The ends of your scroll are turned up as a reminder of the willing smile of the Scout. On the face is our motto “Be Prepared” and suspended from me is the knot tied there to remind you of the slogan of the Boy Scouts, “Do a good turn daily.” You have remembered these things and deserve to be acknowledged for that. Continue to follow these guidelines and you will be an inspiration for those who are to follow you.

Congratulations, please light the candle symbolizing the rank of Second Class, move your name up the advancement board, and accept the congratulations of all who have joined us today, and be sure to help those who come after you see their way.

Second Class Ceremony #2

Presenter:

_____, you have earned the rank of Second Class Scout. This rank represents a second step in your Scouting experience. You have earned the rank of Second Class by gaining a better idea of the skills you need for Scouting and your life beyond Scouting.

The experience of Scouting can lead you in many different directions. Only you can decide on the direction you are want to take. Your compasses for finding these directions are the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. By following this

compass you can chart your way up the path of Scouting experiences.

As you receive your Second Class, you have started charting your course through Scouting and you need to follow this path.

_____, are you willing to accept the badge of the Second Class as well continue in the experience of Scouting?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Please light the candle representing the ideals of a Second Class Scout.

Scout:

The Scout lights the candle.

Presenter:

Please advance your name on the Board and accept the congratulations of the leaders of the Troop and the recognition of our guests.

Second Class Ceremony #3

You have earned the rank of Second Class. The ends of your scroll are turned up as a reminder of the willing smile of the Scout. Suspended from the scroll is a square knot to remind you of the slogan “Do a good turn Daily.” Inscribed on the scroll is the Scout Motto “Be Prepared”

As you have been advancing in Scouts, you have shown that you understand what these mean. As you continue to advance, the Scout Oath,

Motto, and Law become even more important. The skills that you have learned and continue to learn will serve you well in your life.

Are you willing to accept the badge of the Second Class Scout and what it stands for?

Scout: Yes.

Presenter:

Please light the candle representing the ideals of a Second Class Scout.

Scout:

The Scout lights the candle.

Presenter:

Congratulations, please light the candle symbolizing the rank of Second Class, move your name up the advancement board, and accept the congratulations of the leaders of the Troop and the recognition of our guests, and be sure to help those who come after you see their way.

Second Class Ceremony #4

Source: *US Scouting Service*

Call Second Class Scouts and parents to the front

Leader:

Once before, you stood before this court and became (a) Tenderfoot Scout(s). Time has passed since then. You have used that time well in pursuing Scout activities and knowledge and have distinguished yourselves by qualifying for Second Class rank.

This rank of Second Class represents to you the opportunities for service to others. By living according to the Scout Oath and Law, you are adding your bit to the fires of good citizenship

and world brotherhood.

I know that you will wear the Second Class badge with honor and distinction. To prove that you know the rules, by which this award may be worn honorably, I ask you to lead the Troop in the Scout Law. Will the members of the Troop please stand and give the Scout sign.

Scouts:

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

Leader:

I present to you the badge and rank advancement card, documenting your achievement.

Second Class Ceremony #5

Source: *Troop Program Resources BSA*

Leader:

When the Indian boy prepared for manhood, he was required to go through a stern ordeal testing his worthiness and his fitness for a place among the braves of the tribe. If he passed through the ordeal successfully, he appeared before the chief at the council fire to receive the eagle feather of the brave. As the chief placed in his hands the weapons of his rank, he pledged the new brave to an oath, he bound the brave in honor never to use his weapons in any way that would bring discredit to his tribe or himself.

Just as the Indian youth went through his ordeal to prove himself, so you have fulfilled your Second Class rank requirements to prove yourself as someone who can care for himself in the outdoors. Just as the Indian youth pledged himself to

his tribe, so should you pledge yourself to Scouting and maintaining the Scout Oath and Law. In your growth toward becoming a Second Class Scout, do you feel that the Scout Oath and Law have become more meaningful to you personally?

Scout: I do.

Leader:

This rank of Second Class represents to you the opportunities for service to others, as the weapons did to the Indian youth. We place no weapons in your hands, but the honor of all Scouting rests as surely on your shoulders. *(The leader presents the Second Class badge and congratulates the Scout and his parents.)*

Second Class Ceremony #6

Scoutmaster: (to the candidates):

Once before, you stood before this court and became Tenderfoot Scouts. Time has passed since then. You have used that time well in pursuing Scout activities and knowledge. You are now qualified to assume the title and duties of Second Class Scout. I know that you will wear this Second Class badge as a shield with honor and distinction. To prove that you know the rules by which this award may be worn honorably, you will recite the Scout Law. Scout sign!

Candidates: A Scout is trustworthy . . .
(They recite the Scout Law.)

Scoutmaster:

Please face the audience, (name)
_. I present you with this badge. May you bring only credit and honor to it and to your troop.

Second Class Ceremony #7

Source: *Greg Gough*

MC: Will Scouts _____ and their parents please enter the semi-circle.

(Formed by the Assistant Scoutmasters and/or PLC)

Scoutmaster:

Like the braves of long ago who first learned how to build a fire before learning how to hunt and cook. You also have learned many things that serve as a foundation in your Scouting career. Forget not these lessons but take them, teach them and apply them. They will serve you well along the trail to Eagle and yet they will follow you further as you travel through life.

Present the Parent with the rank to be pinned on the boy and the boy the Mother's pin to be pinned on her ribbon if applicable to your Troop.

Second Class Ceremony #7

Source: *(Lonesome Pine Council, BSA)*

Materials needed:

Second Class Patch and Card (per Second Class Scout)

Second Class Poster (available from Council Office)

Flashlight

Participants: Second Class Scouts to be honored

Scoutmaster

Senior Patrol Leader

One other Scout to hold Poster and Flashlight

(at this part of the Court of Honor, the

lights are dimmed and the Scout holding the Second Class Scout poster and flashlight takes his place to the right of the Senior Patrol Leader.)

Scoutmaster:

At this time, I will turn this part of the Court over to _____, Senior Patrol Leader, for an advancement presentation.

(or MC can turn it over to Scoutmaster)

Senior Patrol Leader:

Will the following Scout(s) come forward, face the audience, and form a line to the right of the Scoutmaster.

(Calls names of Scouts).

These are Scouts that have been with us for at least three months. They have learned much about our Troop and about Scouting. They have learned how to take care of themselves and others, 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.

(at this time, Scout holding Second Class Poster shines flashlight on poster to illuminate the poster)

It gives me great honor to officially

recognize these Scouts as Second Class Boy Scouts. May the scroll of your new rank remind you of the fun and enjoyment that you have had so far in your Scouting experience. May it also spur you onward to complete the requirements and to become First Class Boy Scouts.

(Scoutmaster presents rank patch to each Scout, shaking hands with each using the Scout handshake. The Senior Patrol Leader follows behind, presenting the Second Class Rank card to each Scout.)

Congratulations to each one of you, Scouts. Mr.(Ms.) Scoutmaster, I now return the Court to you.

Second Class Ceremony #8

Source: *BSA Rank Advancement card*

Nice going— you have worked hard and earned the right to wear the badge that shows you know what it means to “Be Prepared”. As a Second Class Scout you’ll have a chance to really participate as a veteran of your troop and to share the fun, thrills and know-how of your skills and merit badges with your patrol and troop members. Next step— First Class!



FIRST CLASS CEREMONIES



First Class Ceremony #1

Presenter:

The Chinese have a saying: “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step”. _____ (*name someone who received Scout tonight*) has taken that first step. But you, by fulfilling the requirements for First Class, are well into your journey through Scouting. At each step in your journey from Scout to First Class rank, you have become more experienced in the skills of scouting. As you continue along the journey towards Eagle, you will grow in your knowledge of scouting and in serving your community. There are times that you will find the journey a difficult one. Look to the Scout Oath and Law for understanding and guidance during these times. By understanding and applying the Scout Oath and Law you will be helped in not only scouting but in all areas of your life. As a First Class Scout, you have earned the right to demonstrate and abide by the code to which a Scout is forever bound, the Scout Oath and Law.

Do you accept this greater responsibility of the First Class Scout?

Scout:

I do.

Presenter:

As we present you with your First Class badge, I charge you to continue your journey through Scouting, so that you may better serve your community, family, and Scouting. Congratulations.

First Class Ceremony #2

Presenter:

_____, you have earned the rank of First Class Scout. This rank represents a significant step in Scouting. You have advanced from Scout to First Class by learning the outdoor skills of Scouting.

In your next steps in Scouting you will start learning the skills that will help you guide others along the path of Scouting. You will earn the next ranks in scouting by learning from the members of your community. Merit badges will teach you various areas of knowledge that the community has. Community service will help in developing your pride and confidence in what you do. Junior leadership will help you with taking on responsibility as you grow. The guide posts for your next steps in Scouting are the Scout Oath and Law.

As you receive your First Class badge, you will be asking the community for help in your advancement and you need to provide the community with your help as well.

_____, are you willing to accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges that accompany the First Class Scout rank?

Scout:

I am

Presenter:

Please light the candle representing your achievement and goals for First Class Rank.

Scout:

Scout lights the candle.

Presenter:

Please advance your name on the Board and accept the congratulations of the leaders of the Troop and the recognition of our guests.

First Class Ceremony #3

Source: *US Scouting Service*

Leader:

The First Class rank represents a significant step in Scouting. It represents the "complete Scout." I now ask First Class Scout(s) _____ and his (their) parent(s) to come forward.

Leader:

As a First Class Scout, you have earned the opportunity and right to demonstrate and abide by the code to which a true and mature Scout is forever bound by his Scout Oath and Law. Do you accept this greater responsibility of First Class Scout? If so answer "I do."

In qualifying for First Class rank, you have advanced from Scout hiker to more skillful living in the outdoors for longer periods of time. In this experience, you have become a Scout camper, better able to take care of yourself and others. As we present you with your First Class badge and rank advancement card, I charge you to continue your development as a Scout camper, so that you may better serve others.

First Class Ceremony #4

Source: *Troop Program Resources BSA*

The First Class rank represents a significant step in Scouting. It represents

the "complete Scout." Special attention should be given to the Scout earning the award.

Leader:

In the days of chivalry, after a squire had earned the right to carry the sword and shield, it was customary to retire to the privacy of the chapel on the evening before he was to be made a knight. There, surrounded by his weapons, he prayed that he might live worthy of the honor that was his, and that he might never bring disgrace on his knighthood, either in thought or in deed. Just as highly as the knights of old, we who are the Scouts of today value the distinction that is ours. As a First Class Scout, you have earned the right to demonstrate and abide by the code to which a true and mature Scout is forever bound, the Scout Oath and Law. Do you accept this greater responsibility of First Class Scout in the spirit of service of the knights of old?

Scout:

I do.

Leader:

In qualifying for First Class rank, you have advanced from Second Class to more skillful living and to a better preparation for service to others, as did the knights of old.

As we present you with your First Class badge, I charge you to continue your development so that you may better serve your fellowman in the spirit of chivalry. *(The leader presents the First Class badge and congratulates the Scout and his parents.)*

First Class Ceremony #5

<Scout>, one of the things that you have learned while earning the First class

Rank is how to find Polaris, the North Star, because we know it will help us find our way in the wilderness. For centuries man has known that the North Star is fixed in the heavens, and it has been used as a navigational aid by sailors ever since the first adventurers sailed away from the sight of land. The North Star is still used that way by mariners and space explorers. So in learning how to find it, you are joining a very long line of adventurers. There are some "North Stars" in our everyday lives, too.

One of them is your conscience. If you listen your conscience, you can be sure to steer your life in the right direction. The other North Stars are the Scout Oath and Law. They are North Stars because they give us excellent guidance in how to behave and what we owe to God, country, our fellow human beings, and ourselves. When you're lost at night, look for the North Star. The rest of the time, steer your life with those other North Stars - your conscience and the Scout Oath and Law.

First Class Ceremony #6

<Scout> On your path to First Class Scout, you have learned to rely on your compass. You know that the needle points North and will guide you in the wilderness, but you have also seen what

happens when a magnet is brought near the compass. The magnet is an outside influence on the character of the compass.

Now that you have attained the rank of First Class Scout, I present you with another type of compass, a Scout coin. This compass does not have any moving parts, and is not influenced by outside forces. This compass is for your mind and soul. The Scout oath and Scout Law that are inscribed on the coin point you towards the ideals that scouting is based on. There are temptations difficult to overcome - temptations to get by without working, to lie, to cheat, to follow the coaxing of friends, and the jeers or threats of enemies. When the temptations arise, use your new compass to help lead you down the correct path. If you do this, you will continue to be physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight

First Class Ceremony #7

Source: *BSA Rank Advancement card*

Now that you have become a First Class Scout, you are ready to learn to be a leader in your troop. You will have the chance to teach skills and share your skills and merit badge know-how with others. You will begin working on the first of several service projects, leading to Eagle. Good luck in leadership and service..



STAR CEREMONIES



Star Ceremony #1

Presenter: (*SPL or any previous or current Star*)

(Lighting large Star candle). As a past Star Scout, I light this candle to symbolize the light you have followed in achieving your Star Rank.

Scout:

It is true that I have been guided by the light of the Star Scouts who have gone before me. (Lighting the smaller Star candle) I light this candle to represent my accomplishments and as a promise that I too will give light and guidance to those Scouts who will come after me.

Presenter:

Congratulations on receiving your Star Rank. (Shaking hands, and handing certificate) Please accept this certificate, the congratulations of our audience and move your name up on the Troop Advancement Board (Start clapping)

Scout:

Take certificate, shake hands with Scoutmasters, move name up on Board, leave.

Star Ceremony #2:

Presenter:

_____, you are no longer a First Class Scout. Whether or not you realize it, by meeting your Star Scout Requirements, you have left the group of those who merely receive in Scouting. Tonight you will join a smaller and more significant group – those whose duty and privilege it is to give Scouting to others.

You have started learning about service, leadership, and responsibility. Before you, stretches a trail that leads to a worthier, more mature part of Scouting, that of giving. By following the Scout Oath and Law, you can follow this trail. If you follow the trail far enough, the highest Scouting goal will be yours.

As you receive your Star Scout badge, it must be with full realization that you will be giving guidance and inspiration to younger Scouts.

_____, are you willing to accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges that accompany the Star Scout rank?

Scout:

I am

Presenter:

Please light the candle representing your achievement and goals for Star rank.

Scout:

Scout lights the candle.

Presenter:

Please advance your name on the Board and accept the congratulations of the leaders of the troop and the recognition of our guests.

Star Ceremony #3

Presenter:

You are the Star. Even though you have the support of your parents, you now can stand alone. You have earned the right to improve on your own. To you goes the

honor of choosing your field. Before you lays the horizon of endless opportunity. The Star on your new badge will guide you like the stars in the sky and lead you to your next step, that of Life Scout. The Star you have earned should also guide those that come after you as they shall be looking to you for leadership and encouragement. Accept our congratulations and move your name up on the advancement board. Before you go light the Star candle to help those who come after you see their way.

Star Ceremony #4

Source: *US Scouting Service*

Since the last Court of Honor, _____ Scouts have advanced to Star Scout. I ask _____ and their parents to come forward.

Scouts, in receiving your Star rank tonight, you are taking a long step toward Eagle. You have advanced in a way that obligates you to give younger Scouts the service and experiences you have received. Tonight, you are leaving that group which receives Scouting..You are now admitted to a smaller group whose privilege and duty it is to give Scouting - to give leadership, guidance, and inspiration to younger Scouts who will follow your lead. Your willingness to do so will be a pledge of service and a sign that your understanding of the ideals of Scouting is growing. May this Star Scout badge be a constant reminder of the star of service that will shine as a guide to lead you on the trail to manhood.

Star Ceremony #5

Source: *Troop Program Resources BSA*

Star Scout:

Scouts _____ Name _____, Name _____, and Name _____ you are no longer First Class Scouts. Whether or not you realize it, by meeting your Star Scout requirements, you have left the group of those who merely receive Scouting. Tonight you will join a smaller and more significant group - those whose duty and privilege it is to give Scouting to others. As you receive your Star Scout badge, it must be with full realization that you accept with that badge the giving of leadership, guidance, and inspiration to younger Scouts. (*He turns to address the Scouter.*) These Scouts are prepared to take the service pledge with the Scout Oath.

Scouter:

Fellow Scouts, you have left behind what may have been the receiving end of Scouting. Before you stretches a worthier, more mature, part of your Scouting experience - the giving part. The merit badge trail holds much for a Scout who is earnest and courageous. If you follow this trail far enough, the highest Scouting goal will be yours. Somewhere along the trail you will find manhood in its finest form. Are you willing to accept the responsibilities as well as the privileges that accompany the Star Scout rank?

Candidates:

I am.

Scouter:

Then retake the Scout Oath. As you utter the words, let your heart repeat a pledge of service to the Scouts who follow where you lead. Scouts, attention! Scout sign. Recite the Scout Oath.

Candidates:

On my honor I will do my best

Scouter:

Two! Your fellow Scouts congratulate you. You will now face our audience. (*The Scouter pins on the badges.*) The star I pin on you will always be a reminder of the star of service that will shine as a guide to lead you onward. (*The Scouter gives the Scout hand- shake to each.*) Congratulations.

Star Ceremony #6

Source: *BSA Rank Advancement card*

The Scout participation, spirit, and service you completed to earn this award will guide you and others like a star to further advancement. As you complete merit badges for the next step— Life Scout—you'll be a constant source of help to your fellow Scouts. They'll be counting on you for leadership and guidance to show them the way!



LIFE SCOUT CEREMONIES



Life Ceremony #1

Presenter:

Could we have (Scout) come forward?

As his parents were present the first time (*Scout*) got life, we ask them to come up and be part of his getting Life again.

(*Scout*) you are the Life. As the heart on your new Rank badge indicates, you have shown the other boys in this troop and the rest of the people you associate with that Scouting is in your heart and will be forever. You have mastered the knowledge of subjects that will not only benefit you, but your fellow scouts, your community, and the world.

I ask you now to consider these questions.

Are you ready to share those skills which have brought you so far along the Scouting trail with those around you?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Are you ready to take on an Eagle project to not only prove your leadership skills to all, but to better the world around you?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Are you ready to give even greater importance than you already have to the ideals of scouting by exemplifying all that is good in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Are you ready to accept graciously the guidance of your parents, your scoutmasters and counselors just as you will give guidance to those to come after you?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

_____ are you ready to reach for your wings to fly?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

I congratulate you, Troop ____ newest Life Scout, please move your name up on our Advancement Board. Before you leave, please light the Life candle to light the way for the scouts to follow you on the trail towards Eagle.

Life Ceremony #2

Presenter:

(Lighting large Life candle). As a past Life Scout, I light this candle to symbolize the light you have followed in achieving your Life Rank.

Scout:

It is true that I have been guided by the light of the Life Scouts who have gone before me. (Lighting the smaller Life candle) I light this candle to represent my accomplishments and as a promise that I too will give light and guidance to those scouts who will come after me.

Presenter:

Congratulations on receiving your Life Rank. (Shaking hands, and handing certificate) Please accept this certificate, the congratulations of our audience and move your name up on the Troop Advancement Board (Start clapping)

Scout:

(Take certificate, shake hands with Scoutmasters, move name up on Board, leave)

Life Ceremony #3:

_____, you have attained the rank of the rank of Life Scout, a rank that few scouts in the troop have made. You have done this by showing that your heart has the spirit of scouting. You have mastered the outdoor skills required to obtain the rank of First Class. You started learning more about Scout Spirit and service to others on your path to Star Scout. By continuing to learn about service to others, and gaining a deeper understanding of Scout Spirit, you have earned the rank of Life Scout. The path that you are going down now, the path towards eagle, will require a deeper understanding of scout Spirit and service to others. What you will learn as you continue along the path towards Eagle Scout is that badges have no substance without the spirit and service that you show.

_____ Are you willing to accept the challenges that are ahead of you as a Life Scout?

Please light the candle that represents the spirit of a Life Scout.

Scout: Yes.

Presenter:

Could we have (*Scout*) and his parents come forward?

(*Scout*) you have become Life Scout. As the heart on your new Rank badge indicates, you have proven that Scouting is in your heart and will be forever. You have mastered the knowledge of subjects that will not only benefit you, but your fellow scouts, your community, and the world.

I ask you now to consider these questions.

Are you ready to share those skills which have brought you so far along the Scouting trail with those around you?

Scout

I am.

Presenter:

Are you ready to prove your leadership by completing an Eagle project that benefits the community around you?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Are you ready to give even greater importance than you already have to the ideals of scouting by exemplifying all that is good in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Are you ready to accept graciously the guidance of your parents, your scoutmasters and counselors just as you will give guidance to those to come after you?

Scout:

I am.

Presenter:

Parents, will you signify your willingness to help guide Steve to his

goals by lighting the candle representing Life Scouts from the candle that represents Duty to God, Country and Self.

Parents:

Light life candle from the top candle of the tripod.

Presenter:

Steve, please light the candle that represents your attainment of life scout from the candle that your parents lit.

Scout:

Light life candle from center life candle.

Presenter:

(*Scout*), I congratulate you, The Troop's newest Life Scout. Please move your name up on our Advancement Board and accept the congratulations of the leaders of the Troop and the recognition of our guests.

Life Scout Ceremony #4

Source: *US Scouting Service*

Since the last Court of Honor, _____ Scouts have advanced to Life Scout. I ask _____ and their parents to come forward.

Scouts, in receiving your Life rank tonight, you are approaching your last step toward Eagle. You have shown that you can lead your troop in service and share in the Scouting experiences you have received. Tonight, you are entering that select group who will directly work towards their Eagle rank. In doing so, you must not only give service, you must also lead others in performing a service project of your choosing. Your willingness to do so will be a pledge of service and a sign that your understanding of the ideals of Scouting. When you are finished with the requirements we will give you, you will, indeed, be worthy to join those few who

are Eagle Scouts. May this Life Scout badge be a constant reminder of the life of service that will shine as a guide to lead you on the trail to manhood.

Life Scout Ceremony #5

Source: *Troop Program Resources BSA*

Scoutmaster.

Scout _____ Name _____, you have traveled far on the trail to Eagle. Before you, two lit candles shed their radiance on the heart - shaped Life Scout badge. I am proud of the effort you have put forth and of your accomplishments in Scouting. (*The Scoutmaster adds any personal details that apply.*) The heart shape of the badge is symbolic of life and courage. For you, now, the Scout Oath and the Scout Law will mean more than ever before. You will ever strive to make them the keystones of your conduct. The spirit of helpfulness and alertness of mind, and the mastery of those Scout skills that make "Be Prepared" really mean something - these are the inner qualities of the Scout who wears the Life Scout badge.

This miniature badge is for your mother in recognition of her love, comradeship, encouragement, and faith in you. Take it and pin it on her proudly! (*The Scout pins the badge on his mother's dress, then turns and faces the audience.*) Mr. _____ Name _____ will you pin the Life Scout badge on your son's uniform? (*The badge is pinned.*) Attention! Scout salute! Two! Dismissed!

Life Scout Ceremony #6

Source: *BSA Rank Advancement card*

As a Life Scout, you've demonstrated your active participation, service and troop

leadership. The shape of your new badge symbolizes life and growth. You must continue to grow in Scouting, but at the same time share your knowledge and

skills with others. Ahead of you is the rank of Eagle Scout. You are challenged to attain the highest rank in Boy Scouting.

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