

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR CEREMONY SCRIPT

SETTING: If the candidate is a member of the Order of the Arrow, this ceremony could be most appropriate. It requires a total of six Arrowmen, in ceremonial regalia. A ceremonial campfire could be used as a backdrop, also. Ceremonialist enter either in silence or chanting in a low voice either from backstage, if a stage is used, or from the rear of the audience, if no stage is available. They would form with the four winds on one side, Allowat in the center of the the stage area, and Kinet off to the side near the candidate.

ALLOWAT: I have led my braves to the summit of this mountain in a long journey from our camp to show you the rewards of your climb along the trail. When you began this trip as a young Boy Scout of many years ago you had this mountain top as your goal. You now have reached the summit, the realm of the Eagles. Before admitting you into honored membership, we must first hear the story of your long climb along the Eagle trail.

KICKINET: This Scout, after reaching the First Class rank, has worked diligently and has sought experts who gave him valuable counsel on many subjects. He has been given advice and encouragement along the trail by capable leaders.

ALLOWAT: Before admitting this Scout to the realm of the Eagles, I must have assurance that he has been faithful in serving his troop. Also, has he put into practice giving leadership to younger Scouts, and that he is entitled to wear the wings of the Eagle. Mr. Scoutmaster, has your Eagle candidate met these qualifications?

SCOUTMASTER: Yes, he has.

ALLOWAT: [*Eagle Scout's name*], you have worked hard to achieve the rank of Eagle, but listen first to the wisdom of the winds.

EAST WIND: I am the spirit of the East Wind. I represent the common law, your duty to God and to country. Trustworthy, loyal, and helpful, are the qualities that a man must possess who lives by the laws of this land. See that you do not lose the great blessing of a lawful land.

WEST WIND: As the spirit of the West Wind. I represent the law of equity, your duty to country and others, friendly, courteous, and kind are the laws that breathe of conscience. They create the atmosphere that comes from within your heart; the desire for you always to be friends to those of all ages, young and old. Be courteous to those who pass along your trail. Cast away the harmful spirit of the unfriendliness and selfishness.

SOUTH WIND: I am the spirit of the South Wind. I represent civil law, your duty to others and to self. Obedient, cheerful and thrifty are the character of civility. A life of cheerful obedience is necessary for the development of a true citizen. Obedience is something we all must learn, to take orders and carry them out cheerfully. Real thrift means earning, spending wisely and saving, and to share with that less fortunate.

NORTH WIND: I am the spirit of the North Wind, the most powerful of all, I represent the divine law, your duty to be brave, clean, and reverent. To be brave is to be unselfish. To be clean in body and soul is to be pure in heart. Cast from your mind and body any evil spirits that try to weaken or destroy the divine law, live a life of reverence. Be always brave, clean, and reverent.

ALLOWAT: Through your climb up the Scouting trail, the badges have changed as your abilities grew. One pledge remained unchanged, the Scout Oath. Is there any reason why you as a new Eagle cannot renew this promise which you first made as a new Scout.

CANDIDATE: No.

ALLOWAT: Then please stand and with the Scout sign, recite the Scout Oath, slowly and clearly.

CANDIDATE: *(Repeats the Scout Oath slowly)*

ALLOWAT: Scouting has been a great influence in your life. It has supplemented the effect of your home, your school, and your community. You climbed through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.

KICHKINET: Then additional merit badges allowed you to be a Star Scout, while still more and harder ones found you wearing the heart of a Life Scout. More time and harder requirements found you adding to your qualifications until now you have reached the highest rank in the Scouting movement, the Eagle Rank.

ALLOWAT: Without the love and guidance of understanding parents, a boy is severely handicapped. Your mother has watched you grow and develop. She has worked with you in health, nursed you in sickness, guided your thoughts and actions, and helped you in untold ways. Your father has been a strength to lean on, someone to turn to in times of trouble and for help. Your home influence will last you throughout your life. I ask your parents to stand beside you as a symbol that they will continue to help the young Eagle to grow in the qualities of leadership and citizenship that a true Eagle must have.

(The four winds escort the parents to the candidate's side)

KICHKINET: As a token of your willingness to continue your support for this young Eagle, I ask Mrs. _____ to pin the Eagle Badge on your son.

(Mother pins Eagle Scout medal on Scouts left pocket flap or above it)

KICHKINET: [Eagle Scout's name], you have seen that your mother plans to standby you in the future. Do you now promise to do your best as an Eagle Scout?

EAGLE CANDIDATE: Yes

KICHKINET: Then you now have the honor to pin a miniature Eagle pin on your mother.

(Eagle Scout pins the Eagle Mother pin on his mother)

KITCHKINET: In recognition of the wisdom and encouragement which your father has given you along the trail, I ask you to present this Eagle Dad tie tack to him

(Eagle Scout pins Eagle Father pin on his father)

KITCHKINET: I ask your father, Mr. _____, to place the Eagle Neckerchief around your sons neck.

(Father places Eagle Neckerchief on Scout, Once both parents are pinned and Eagle Scout has his medal and neckerchief, four winds walk over and escort parents back to their seats)

KITCHKINET: Well on the trail to Eagle, there was another person who helped you reach the summit, who helped you become the person you are today, we'd like you to call them up and present them with the Eagle Mentor Pin.

(Eagle Scout calls up his Eagle Mentor, Eagle Scout may then choose to give a small speech about the Mentor, Eagle Scout should then proceed with pinning the Mentor Pin on his Eagle Mentor, The Four Winds should then escort the Eagle Mentor back to his seat)

ALLOWAT: As Ceremonial Chief, I now call upon Scoutmaster [Scoutmasters name], to give the new Eagle the charge.

SCOUTMASTER: *(Any of the forms of the charge may be used here. When the charge is finished, the four winds step, one at a time, to the new Eagle, and each puts his right hand on the Eagle's right shoulder as he states the follow)*

EAST WIND: Remember the common law: trustworthy, loyal, helpful.

WEST WIND: Remember the law of equity: friendly, courteous, kind.

SOUTH WIND: Remember the civil law: obedient, cheerful, thrifty.

NORTH WIND: Remember the divine law, the most powerful of all: brave, clean, reverent.

ALLOWAT: I now welcome you, new Eagle, to the summit of your trail. the Eagle is strong and powerful, and flies unblinking into the face of the sun. He soars high and builds on a pinnacle. You must not swerve from your duties as an Eagle.

Will the audience please rise.

(Kitchkinet and the Four Winds raise both their hands.)

ALLOWAT: We now call upon the Great Spirit of all, for his blessing on this new Eagle Scout. May he always strive to attain the noblest and highest ideals of life. Be his strength and his guide. Cause him to follow a straight trail and to never be a reason for other Scouts to waver from their path. Protect him for many moons to come. May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until our trails cross again.

(Ceremonialist walk back from where they came, and the Scoutmaster takes over to start the congratulations.)