

David Montgomery  
Eagle Scout Ceremony

Mr. Sheahan (2:30 PM) Would everyone please take a seat for the Court of Honor Ceremony?

Mr. Sheahan Would everyone please stand for the presentation of the colors and the pledge of allegiance? If you are not in uniform, please remove any hats.

Color Guard *(Presents the colors)*

Mr. Sheahan Please join us in the pledge of allegiance  
I pledge allegiance.....  
Please be seated.  
Denzel Clark, our Chaplains Aide will provide us with our opening prayer

Denzel Clark *(Opening Prayer TBD)*

Mr. Sheahan By the authority vested in me, as a representative of the Crossroads of America Council and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I do hereby declare this Eagle Court of Honor open.

*(Introduce Yourself – Brian)*

The presentation of the Eagle Scout Award is an important and serious matter. For the Eagle candidate, this is the climax in his Scouting efforts. The attainment of this award is made possible through the assistance of those with the candidate tonight -- his Scoutmasters, Troop leaders, fellow Scouts, parents, family, friends, and members of the community. This is an occasion for pride and joy, as well as a time for serious reflection.

The Eagle is the highest recognition offered in Scouting. It is earned through the advancement program. The wearer of the Eagle award is the embodiment of Scouting's best efforts and beliefs. David has distinguished himself through his continued performance of active service in Scouting. He is trained and practiced in his leadership abilities. And, he is marked by the character gained through an understanding of his citizenship and religious beliefs.

When a boy becomes a Boy Scout there is within him something that we call the spirit of Scouting.

*(Brian - Light Single Large Candle)*

This single lighted candle before you represents that spirit. Because the spirit of Scouting embodies the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, it becomes a shining beacon of inspiration. Alone, this light may seem feeble, but when multiplied by the millions of boys in Scouting around the world, it is powerful indeed.

After a boy enters Scouting, the Scout Law that he promises to obey begins to guide his 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

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Trustworthy. A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Loyal. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Helpful. A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

Scout #2

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Courteous. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Kind. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Obedient. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

*(Lights a small candle)* A scout is Cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

Scout #3	<p><i>(Lights a small candle)</i> A scout is Thrifty. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.</p> <p><i>(Lights a small candle)</i> A scout is Brave. A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.</p> <p><i>(Lights a small candle)</i> A scout is Clean. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean</p> <p><i>(Lights a small candle)</i> A scout is Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.</p>
Mr. Sheahan	<p>These candles represent the Spirit of Scouting and the 12 points of the scout law. Its light shines in every scout. As scouts grow and advance, so does that light within them.</p> <p>Will the honor guard please escort David G. Montgomery III to this court of honor.</p>
Honor Guard	<p>(Escorts David to the front of the room)</p>
Mr. Sheahan	<p>David has earned several important distinctions during his time in Scouting including both Firecrafter and induction into the Order of the Arrow.</p>
Chris Johnson	<p>David earned his Webelo Firelight in 2006 while at Webelo Adventure Camp, Camp Kickthewenund.</p> <p>As a Boy Scout, he earned his Camper rank in 2007 at Camp Ransburg and his Woodsman rank in 2008 at Camp McCormick.</p> <p>In 2009, he completed the requirements for a Firecrafter Candidate at Camp Krietenstien. He faced the inspections, reviews and unknown test of the Firecrafter Grand Ritual at Camp Kickthewenund and became a Firecrafter.</p>
Bobby Komis	<p>David was elected as member of the Order of the Arrow and was tapped out during the Spring Camporee in 2012.</p> <p>He attended the spring Ordeal in May 2012 and became an Order of the Arrow Arrowman.</p> <p>David has committed to attending the spring ordeal this year to earn his Order of the Arrow Brotherhood.</p>

Chris Jackson

Mr. Sheahan                      A scout cannot progress to the rank of Eagle without help from many people. Scout Leaders, other scouts, friends and family. However, without the support of his parents, this journey would not have been possible.

Will the honor guard please escort David's parents to this court of honor.

Honor Guard                      (Escort Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery to the front of the room)

Mr. Sheahan                      Chris Jackson, Troop 306 Scoutmaster, will now administer the Eagle Pledge.

Mr. Jackson                      David will now take the Eagle Scout pledge. As he takes this pledge for the first time, will those Eagle Scouts who are present in the audience, in or out of uniform, please stand and reaffirm their pledge?  
Will each of you please give the Scout Sign and repeat after me in unison?

I affirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath.

Duty to God and Country

Duty to Others

Duty to Self

I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself  
the obligations and responsibilities of an Eagle Scout.

On my honor, I will do my best  
to make my training an example  
and my status and my influence count strongly  
for better Scouting and for better citizenship

in my troop,  
in my community,  
and in my contacts with other people.  
To this I pledge my sacred honor.

Thank you Eagle Scouts, please be seated.

Mr. Sheahan                      Now, a few words from our Troop Committee Chair, Mr. Ed Beck.

Mr. Beck                              (Speech TBD)...(Presentation of Letter and Certificate Binder)

Mr. Sheahan                      David began his scouting journey as a Webelo Scout. David's Webelo Leader, Mrs. Pat Fajfer, is with us today. When David crossed over from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts, the Order of the Arrow entrusted her a special arrow to be given to the first scout in her den to earn the rank of Eagle. She will now present this arrow to David.

Pat Fajfer                              (Presents Arrow to David)

Chris Jackson

Mr. Sheahan

And now, the presentation of the Eagle of Medal. Would Mr. Jackson, David's parents, and David please step forward.

Mr. Jackson

David, Troop 306 is very proud of your achievement. May the qualities that inspired you to this achievement continue to lead you on to even greater success in your life.

(Hand Eagle Medal to Carrie)

Carrie, place this Eagle Medal on your son's chest, that that the world may know that he is an Eagle Scout. Place it over his heart, so that he may remember the pledge he has taken.

(Carrie pins Medal)

(Hand Mother's Pin to David)

David, place this Eagle pin on your Mother in recognition of her love, encouragement, faith, and trust in your future. As an Eagle Scout, may you never disappoint her.

(Places Pin on Carrie)

(Hand Neckerchief and Slide to Dave)

Dave, Place this neckerchief on your son, so that all will know that you are proud of the boy who has grown into a young man.

(Places Neckerchief and Slide on David)

(Hand Father's Pin to David)

David, place this Eagle pin on your father in recognition of all that you have done in Scouts together. You joined troop 306 together, became Firecrafters together, and became Arrowmen together. You have grown in scouting together. May you keep the ideals of Scouting that your father holds so dear.

(David pins Father's Pin to Dave)

Chris Jackson

Mr. Sheahan                      Mr. Jackson will now give us a Scoutmaster minute.....possibly minutes.....potentially several minutes.

Mr. Jackson                      (ScoutMasters Minute...TBD)

Mr. Sheahan                      Behind every Eagle Scout are the parents who have supported their son. Pork Chop has a few words to say.

Dave Montgomery              (Dad's Speech TBD)

Mr. Sheahan                      And now, the Eagle Scout of the hour himself, David Montgomery

David Montgomery              (Eagle's Speech TBD and Mentor Pins)

Mr. Sheahan                      Earning the rank of Eagle is not the end of the scouting journey, but, rather the beginning of another one. Mr. Beck will now close out this ceremony with the Eagle Charge.

Ed Beck

I have the honor to give you the Eagle Scout charge on the occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movements in the world's history and you have been counted worthy of this high rank in the Boy Scouts of America.

All who know you rejoice in your achievement. Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to god to country, to your fellow Scouts and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking.

As you live up to your obligations you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts. Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow Scouts to your country and your god. America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens.

Our country has had a great past. You are here to make the future greater. I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but, lead only towards the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to god and to your fellow man. So live and serve that these who know you, will be inspired to the finest living. We have too many who use their strength and their brains to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good. Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for god and, whatever others say or may do, you leave behind you a record of which every Scout may be justly proud.

On behalf of the Court of Honor of Troop 306, Cross Roads of America Council, Boy Scouts of America, with the high hope that you will always represent the finest of character and citizenship, we welcome you into the brotherhood of Eagle Scouts and congratulate you, your parents and your Scout leaders.

Mr. Sheahan

Cake and Cupcakes are now served!!!!

I hereby declare this Eagle Court of Honor Closed

Ladies and Gentlemen....Eagle Scout David Montgomery