



Court of Honor

Hosted by the _____

6:15 pm – Setup

- Put Troop Flag & US flag at back of church
 - Put flag stands at front of church
 - Put 2 large folding tables on the stage
 - Place Rank placards & stand, awards at front of church
 - Place 2 large folding tables in church entry for paperwork activities
 - Place 6 folding chairs with folding tables in entryway
 - Place Lost & Found items, new ID cards, rosters, calendars on tables in entryway
 - Identify the Escorts from each Patrol
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6:30 pm – Seating (Patrol Escorts)

- All scouts will gather in the outer area
 - Each assigned escort will start seating the parents in the fifth row up from the floor and continue to the top of the sanctuary. The first four rows are reserved for patrols and their ASM's
 - At 6:25, Scouts will form patrol lines, check their uniforms for appearance
 - At 6:30, Scouts will enter Sanctuary via center doors, by patrol lines, and sit in the first four rows of pews. (ASM's follow their patrol, rather than lead, and sit with their patrol)
 - The hosting Patrol will continue past pews to the floor, turn left and sit in the first row of pews to the far left of the stage
 - SPL and SM will hold up at the top of the stairs until the scouts are seated, then walk directly to the stage for the welcome and opening
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7:00 pm – Welcome (SPL)

Welcome to Troop 423's June Court of Honor. Tonight we will recognize the achievements our scouts have made in the past months. This Court of Honor will be run by _____. Let's get started.

7:05 pm – Opening Flag Ceremony (SPL)

- Would the audience please rise
- Color Guard attention. Audience attention
- Color Guard, forward march
- Ready, Halt. Prepare to post the colors. Post the colors
- Scout hand salute
- Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I Pledge Allegiance....
- Two
- Color guard, about face. Forward march. Ready, Halt
- Color guard, return to ranks. Audience, please be seated



7:10 pm – Opening Announcements (SM)

- Upcoming events, requirements, things that need to be done
 - TBD
 - TBD
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7:15 pm – Rank Advancements

- **Scout (*Speaker #1*)** place placard and say)

The Scout rank is the joining rank. It must be completed as part of a new scout joining the troop. Its requirements are simple but important. Learn the square knot, understand the Scout Oath and Law, and how to properly wear the uniform. Our Scout Master will recognize those Scouts who have been awarded "Scout" since our last Court of Honor.

- *SM will present any rank advancements*

- **Tenderfoot (*Speaker #2*)** place placard and say)

The Tenderfoot rank starts us on the Trail to Eagle. It requires learning some basic Scout Speaker camping skills, first aid skills, demonstrating personal fitness, and becoming an active member of your patrol. Now you must not only understand the Scout Oath and Law, you must know them from memory.

- *SM will present any rank advancements*

- **Second Class (*Speaker #3*)** place placard and say)

The Second Class rank continues the Trail to Eagle. It requires learning more outdoor skills, more knots, participating in at least 5 troop outings, compass work, plant identification, basic swimming skills, and more first aid skills.

- *SM will present any rank advancements*

- **First Class (*Speaker #4*)** place placard and say)

The First Class rank continues the Trail to Eagle. It requires learning even more outdoor skills, and more knots, lashings, participating in at least 10 troop outings, compass work, learning how to find directions without a compass, planning and directing patrol meals on a Scout Speaker campout, more swimming skills, and more first aid skills. When you become a First Class Scout, you are expected to have learned all the basic scouting skills.

- *SM will present any rank advancements*

- **Star (*Speaker #5*)** – place placard and say)

Now the Trail to Eagle starts to get steeper. It requires earning 6 merit badges, at least 4 of them Eagle required badges, holding a troop leadership position, and being an active troop member. Star Scouts are expected to be helping other scouts on the Trail to Eagle.

- *SM will present any rank advancements*

- **Life (*Speaker #6*)** – place placard and say)

The Trail to Eagle continues to get steeper. It requires earning 5 more merit badges, for a total of at least 10, some of them Eagle required, holding a troop leadership position, and being an active troop member. Life Scouts are expected to be helping other scouts on the Trail to Eagle. The Scoutmaster relies on these scouts to run the troop. They set the example for younger scouts. They have scouting in their hearts.



- *SM will present any rank advancements*
 - **Eagle (Speaker #1)** – place placard and say
The Eagle rank is the highest award in scouting. It requires earning at least 21 merit badges, including 10 required badges, holding a troop leadership position, planning and leading a community service project, and being an active member of the troop.
 - *SM will present any rank advancements*
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7:30 pm – Merit Badges (Speaker #2 says)

- There are over 100 merit badges that a scout can earn. They cover outdoor skills, skills and knowledge that a scout will use the rest of his life, and activities that might lead to a future career or lifetime hobby. Scouts in our Troop have been earning merit badges since our last Court of Honor. Our Scout Master will be awarding these merit badges with the help of the Assistant Scoutmasters.
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7:40 pm – Special Awards (Speaker #3 says)

- There are a number of other awards to present tonight. Some are the result of Troop outings and backpacking trips, and scouts being actively involved in scouting. Our troop tracks recognizes those Scouts and Adult Leaders who participate in these ways. Our Scout Master present tonight's special awards.
 - *SM will present*
 - Nights of Camping
 - Other special awards
 - TBD
 - TBD
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7:45 pm – Leadership and OA (SM)

- Leadership training is an important part of Scouting. Would the scouts who have attended Leadership Training (Polaris, Sogus, NYLT) please stand up? Thank You.
 - NYLT update
 - Our Troop actively participates in the Order of the Arrow, whose goal is to promote Scout Camping, service, and other activities. Members are recognized by the white sash they wear on special occasions. Would all of our OA members please stand? Thank you.
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7:50 pm –Slide Show (SM)

- Now for our traditional slide show of the fun things that we've done in the past 3 months
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8:05 pm – Recognizing our Leaders (SM)

- Ask all Committee Members to stand up and thank them for their efforts
- Ask all ASMs to stand up and thank them for their efforts
- Ask all Eagle Scouts to stand up and recognize them



8:25 pm – Committee Announcements (Committee Chair)

- Troop Finance Report - Treasurer
- Thank exiting Committee Members - Committee Chair
- Welcome new Committee Members - Committee Chair
- Announce open Committee Positions - Committee Chair
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

8:40 pm – Final Announcements (SM)

- The Key 5, PLC, and ASM meetings are next week, everyone is welcome.
- Your best place to find information about Troop Activities is the Calendar on the Troop website
- During troop meetings, please move your conversations into the hall, ASMs need to stay with their patrols
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD

8:45 pm – Scout Master Minute (SM)

- Scout Master delivers a Scout Master Minute and then says:
- Thanks everyone for attending. _____ please take charge of the Troop for Closing

8:50 pm – Closing (SPL and Color Guard)

- Would the audience please rise
- Color Guard, attention. Audience attention
- Color Guard, forward march
- Ready, halt. Scout hand salute
- Two
- Prepare to retire the colors
- Retire the colors
- Color Guard, about face. Forward march
- Ready, halt. At ease
- Thank you for coming to our Court of Honor.

9:00 pm - Adjourn

- Patrols leave the Sanctuary in patrol lines, front pew first and proceeding to the last scout pew
- Patrol Escorts return to the Sanctuary and allows the parents to leave pew by pew starting with the front marked pew