



Boy Scouts of America

JPL Troop 509

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La Cañada Flintridge, CA

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Eagle Court of Honor Preparation

Once you have passed your Eagle Board of Review you can begin to plan your Court of Honor. Eagle Courts of Honor are traditionally held three times a year – in September, January and May – immediately following the Troop Court of Honor. There may be between one and four boys being recognized for the Eagle rank. When multiple boys share the same Eagle Court of Honor, they will need to coordinate decisions on a number of ceremony details (indicated below with asterisks).

In preparation for the Eagle Court of Honor, the Eagle Scout needs to provide:

1. A scout biography for the Eagle Court program. The biography includes:
 - a summary of the scout's Scouting experiences
 - a list of merit badges and Scouting awards earned
 - a .jpg of your Eagle Scout portrait from Belle and Beau Photography in Arcadia (626) 446-6000 (the portrait sitting is free and the black & white .jpg is free, but they charge for prints)
2. A slide show of your scouting history with musical background on a USB thumb drive. This should be about 5 minutes long (one or two songs) and contain photos from your scouting career and any other areas of your life you would like to include. You can find photos of troop outings in the troop's Flickr account. The slide show file should be provided to the Eagle Advancement Coordinator ahead of time so it can be tested on the computer that will be used at the Court of Honor. Bring your USB to the Court of Honor as backup.
3. The name of the speaker who will introduce the Eagle Scout. This should be sent to the adult creating the Eagle Court program.
4. The name of the Eagle Scout who will read the Voice of the Eagle from the back of the auditorium. This should be sent to the adult creating the Eagle Court program.*
5. The name of the religious leader who will deliver the invocation and benediction. The troop's chaplain can do this if desired. This should be sent to the adult creating the Eagle Court program.*
6. A Scouting experience display for the back of auditorium, consisting of your Eagle binders and any scouting photos, patches and memorabilia.
7. A speech by the Eagle Scout (Eagle Remarks), focusing on:
 - describing your Scouting experience (e.g., biggest challenge, most fun, best memories, favorite outing & why, skills learned, new friends, etc.)
 - acknowledging and thanking the people who helped you in Scouting (your Eagle medal came with a Mentor pin which you may optionally present to someone during your speech)
 - passing along your most sage advice to the younger scouts
8. Cake and food for after the ceremony. Discuss this with the troop's court of honor hospitality coordinator.*

Smiser Scout Shop sells Eagle Court of Honor invitations, which you can mail to friends and family if you want.

When you come to your Eagle Court of Honor make sure to:

- Wear your full Class A uniform with Eagle neckerchief and Eagle slide, your merit badge sash, and if applicable, your Order of the Arrow sash on your belt
- Bring the Eagle medal / award package you picked up from Smiser Scout Shop
- Bring your written Eagle Remarks
- Remember to bring a camera
- Have fun!

Congratulations!