

Eagle Court of Honor Preparation

Once you have passed your Eagle Board you can start preparing for your Eagle Court of Honor. The troop holds CoHs three to four times a year, usually on Friday evenings. The Eagle Advisor will confirm to which date you have been assigned but if you have a conflict you may elect to delay once. There may be one to seven scouts being recognized for the Eagle at any one CoH.

1. Portrait

Call Belle n' Beau Photography at 626-446-6000 to make an appointment for your Eagle portrait. Ray Elgin is the photographer, and he works out of his house in Monrovia. There is no sitting fee, you get a free black & white digital portrait, and he will loan you a framed color portrait for your CoH. You can, of course, purchase photos. Ray provides an Eagle patch, medal, and neckerchief to wear if you haven't yet purchased your own. After the sitting, you'll need to pick up the portrait for the CoH and then return it (can coordinate pick up & drop off with other Eagle families). The portrait is then hung at the Scout Center for a few weeks before being returned to Ray, from whom you can pick it up to keep if you purchased it.

2. Eagle pin set, neckerchief & slide

These are purchased at the scout shop. To purchase the pin set, you will need your Eagle certificate, which typically take from one to three months for GLAAC to receive from National after your Board of Review. The Eagle Advisor will let you know how when it arrives. If the certificate is delayed beyond your CoH date, the Eagle Advisor can get special permission for you to purchase the pin set.

3. Biography

Write a brief biography for the CoH program and give it to the person creating the program by the specified deadline. The biography should include: 1) your age, parents, siblings, school, sports, extra-curricular activities, and academic and sports honors; 2) your Scouting experiences, including Cub Scouts, when you joined the troop, your troop leadership positions, your favorite outings and your Eagle project; 3) an optional concluding paragraph describing how Scouting has influenced you, your future plans, and thanking specific people.

4. Slide Show

Our Eagles traditionally present a slide show/video of their scouting experiences, no more than 3 minutes long. Start with a baby photo, include some child, sports, extracurricular and family photos. Most of the photos should be of you as a scout on outings and doing your Eagle project. Get outing photos from the troop's Flickr account. Send a link to your slideshow to the designated person by the deadline provided so they can test the file and let you know if there are any problems. If you need technical assistance, let the Eagle Advisor know.

5. Person to Present You to the Audience

You need to ask someone else to introduce you. It can be a parent, sibling, or another adult who knows you well. They should speak for 2-4 minutes and give the audience a sense of who you are, maybe including a story or two to illustrate your character. Give this person's name to the person putting together the program.

6. Voice of the Eagle

An Eagle Scout, whether from our troop or not, will read the Voice of the Eagle from the back of the auditorium. It is most often an older sibling, relative, or a troop Eagle. Give this Eagle's name to the person putting together the program. If there are multiple Eagles being awarded, they must agree on who this will be.

7. Invocation & Benediction

A religious leader of your choice, or the troop's chaplain, will deliver the invocation and benediction. Give this person's name to the person putting together the program. If there are multiple Eagles being awarded, they must agree on who this will be.

8. Speech

You will give a short speech of one and five minutes. The three things you should say in your speech are:

- Thank the audience for coming and anyone who helped you during your years of scouting.
- If you want to recognize one person as your mentor, the Eagle pin set you got has a mentor pin and you can ask that person to come on stage and you pin it on him or her.
- Share your favorite experiences/outings and why.
- Give some advice to the younger scouts.

9. Refreshments

The troop purchases refreshments at courts of honor, typically pizza and cake, and each Eagle family is asked to donate toward those costs. The refreshments coordinator will contact parents to discuss.

10. Display or Portrait & Memorabilia.

There will be a table for you to display your Eagle portrait, and any scouting patches and memorabilia you would like to share.

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

- Wear your full Class A uniform with merit badge sash and Eagle neckerchief and Eagle slide (and if applicable, your Order of the Arrow sash on your belt)
- Bring the Eagle pin set you purchased at Scout Shop
- Bring your Eagle portrait and scout memorabilia