

SENIOR PATROL LEADER INSTALLATION

SPL: The scouts of Troop 202 recently held an election for the senior patrol leader. The scouts elected a new senior patrol leader to work with the scoutmaster to ensure that the troop program is carried out. This is a big job. Not only does this scout provide troop leadership, he must also make a major commitment to the troop by attending the majority of meetings and events.

The scouts elected (*name of Scout*) as the Senior Patrol Leader.

Will (*first name of Scout*) come forward.

(*First name of Scout*), are you willing to accept the responsibilities of the Senior Patrol Leader position?

(New SPL will answer “yes”)

I am proud to present to you Senior Patrol Leader (*full name of scout*).

(*Old SPL will rejoin the troop -- New SPL will take over the Court of Honor.*)

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

SPL: Will all uniformed adult leaders line up to the right of the stage.

The scouts of Troop 202 have decided to present the advancement awards and merit badges to their fellow scouts.

BOYSCOUT

SPL: *(Name of Scout)* will now present the Boy Scout badge.

SCOUT: We are proud to receive new boys and their parents into our troop family. These scouts have completed the joining requirements and are ready to be accepted into the fellowship of the troop.

I will call the names of the scouts who have earned the boyscout badge. Will the parents of these scouts join them on the stage.

(Call the names from the program)

Scouts, you have pledged yourself to a way of life that has guided millions of boys and men before you. Scout(s), I am proud to award you with the boy scout badge.

(Award each the badge and card. Shake hands.)

Now that you are a Boy Scout, you have the privilege of presenting your mother with a miniature of your new badge. As you advance in Scouting, her badge will be changed each time you complete a rank. *(Scouts hand pin to mothers.)*

Scouts, please accept the congratulations of Troop 202. Parents, you may return to your seats.

TENDERFOOT

SPL: *(Name of Scout)* will now present the Tenderfoot Rank.

Scout: The tenderfoot rank is the first major step on the path to eagle. Although these scouts have not been members of the troop very long, they have already proven themselves as scouts.

In earning this rank, the scouts must complete 12 requirements. Included in these requirements are uniforming and packing, camping, knots and rope work, hiking skills, flag etiquette, understanding the scout oath and law, patrol membership, physical fitness, plant identification, and first aid skills. The scout is reviewed by the scoutmaster.

We are honored to have scouts who have earned the tenderfoot rank. As your name is called, please come forward with your parents. You will be presented with your tenderfoot rank and a miniature pin for your mother.

(Call names of all scouts)

(Award rank to each scout, shake hand, give mothers pin and have scout hand to mother.)

I present our new tenderfoot scout(s).

SECOND CLASS

SPL: *(Name of Scout)* will now present the second class award.

Scout: The rank of second class represents to the scout the opportunities for service to others. These scouts have proven that they can take care of themselves in the outdoors. They have also proven that they live by the scout oath and law demonstrating good citizenship and brotherhood.

In order to attain the rank of second class scout, the scout must complete ten requirements. Among these are use of a compass, hiking, troop participation, use of camp tools, fire building, cooking, camping, participation in ceremonies, service projects, animal identification, first aid skills, safe swim rules, and drug awareness. The scout is reviewed by the scoutmaster and a board of review.

We are honored to have scout(s) who have earned the second class rank. As your name is called, please come forward with your parents. You will be presented with your second class rank and a miniature pin for your mother.

(Call names of scout(s))

(Award rank, shake hand, give mothers pin and have scout hand pin to mother.)

I present our new second class scout(s).

FIRST CLASS

SPL: (Name of scout.) will now present the first class scout rank.

Scout: In qualifying for the First Class rank, scouts advance to more skillful living in the outdoors for longer periods of time. In this experience, they have become better able to take care of themselves and others.

In order to earn the first class rank, the scout must complete eleven requirements. These include finding directions, using a compass, troop participation, outdoor cooking, citizenship, plant identification, knots, lashing, first aid skills, swimming, and the demonstration of scout spirit. The scout is reviewed by the scoutmaster and a board of review.

We are honored to have scout(s) who have earned the First class rank. As your name is called, please come forward with your parents. You will be presented with your First class rank and a miniature pin for your mother.

(Call names of scout(s))

(Do the following for each scout)

(Name of scout) on behalf of the scouts and scouters of Troop 202, I am proud to award you the rank of First Class Scout. (Hand him the badge and shake hands.)

(Name of scout) will you now present your mother with the miniature first class rank badge.

I present our new first class scout(s).

STAR

SPL: (Name of Scout) will now present the star scout rank.

Scout: Scouts who have earned the Star rank are taking a long step towards Eagle, the goal of all true scouts. They have advanced in a way that obligates them to give younger Scouts the service and experiences they have received. These scouts now have the privilege and duty it is to give Scouting - to give leadership, guidance, and inspiration to younger Scouts who will follow their lead.

In order to attain this rank, the scout must be active in the troop, demonstrate scout spirit by living the scout oath an law in his everyday life, earn six merit badges, take part in at least 6 hours of service projects approved by the scoutmaster, and provide leadership to the troop. In addition, the scout is reviewed by the scoutmaster and by a board of review.

We are honored to have scout(s) who have earned the star rank. As your name is called, please come forward with your parents. You will be presented with your star rank and a miniature pin for your mother.

(Call names of scout(s))

(Name of scout) on behalf of the scouts and scouters of Troop 202, I am proud to award you the rank of Star Scout. (Hand him the badge and shake hands.)

(Name of scout) will you now present your mother with the miniature star rank badge.

I present our new star scout(s).

LIFE

SPL: (Scout name) will now present the life scout rank.

Scout: The life scout rank is the last rank before Eagle. It is indeed an honor for a scout to attain this high rank in scouting.

In order to attain this rank, the scout must be active in the troop, demonstrate scout spirit by living the scout oath and law in his everyday life, earn five merit badges beyond those required for star, take part in at least 6 hours of service projects approved by the scoutmaster, and provide leadership to the troop. In addition, the scout is reviewed by the scoutmaster and by a board of review.

We are honored to have scout(s) who have earned the Life rank. As your name is called, please come forward with your parents. You will be presented with your Life rank and a miniature pin for your mother.

(Call names of scout(s))

(The following will be done for each scout)

(Scout name) on behalf of the scouts and scouters of Troop 202, I am proud to award you the rank of Life Scout. (Hand him the badge and shake hands.)

Will you now present your mother with the miniature life rank badge.

I present our new life scout(s).

EAGLE PALM

SPL: Eagle scout (*name of eagle scout*) will now present the eagle palm award.

ES: Many scouts consider the Eagle Rank the end of their scouting involvement. Nothing could be further from the truth. The attainment of the rank of Eagle obligates the scout to a life time of service to scouting, to their church, to their community, and to their country. The leadership provided by eagle scouts is vital to the continued success of our troop.

We have been honored to have eagle scouts in this troop who understand this obligation. An outward sign of their understanding of their obligation is the earning of eagle palms. To earn an eagle palm, a scout must continue to be active in the troop, demonstrate scout spirit, make a satisfactory effort to develop and demonstrate leadership ability, and earn five additional merit badges.

(The following will be done for each candidate, one at a time)

Tonight we are honored to present (*name of scout*) with his (*first/second/third*) eagle palm, the (*bronze/gold/silver*) eagle palm. Will (*name of scout*) and his parents please come forward, not only to receive the (*bronze/gold/silver*) eagle palm, but also the thanks of the troop for his continued interest in scouting and leadership in the troop.

(Pin palm on eagle badge, shake hands, and lead applause.)

MERIT BADGES

SPL: A major part of a Scouts learning is accomplished by the Merit Badge program. The Scouts will earn 21 merit badges on the trail to eagle. They have over 120 merit badges to choose from, although 12 of the merit badges are required.

I am proud to present the merit badges earned by the Scouts of Troop 202 since the last court of honor. As I call your name, please come forward and receive your merit badges. Please hold your applause until all merit badges have been awarded.

SPL: *(Call the names of the scouts and the badges they have earned. Wait till the scout receives the merit badges before calling the next scout. After the last scout receives his merit badges, lead the audience in applause.)*

SPL: Scoutmasters may be seated.