

Troop 1 Acton
Court of Honor Script

Good evening and welcome to this court of honor. A court of honor is a very special occasion, since it shows all of the work that we have performed as Scouts to earn these badges and ranks. It's important for us to realize each other's progress along the road to Eagle Scout. We'll begin the court of honor with the lighting of these candles in honor of the scout law.

Will {scout #1} please light the first four candles?
[scouts walks up, MCs step back]

[scout #1]: The first candle to be lit represents being TRUSTWORTHY. Trustworthy is being honest and reliable.

The second candle to be lit represents being FRIENDLY. Be kind to others, and respect their beliefs and values.

The third candle to be lit represents being OBEDIENT. Obedient is being respectful and following the rules.

The fourth candle to be lit represents being BRAVE. This means facing your fears and never giving up.

These four candles that I have just lit represent the first part of the scout law: Duty to God and Country.

Will {scout #2} please light the next four candles?

[scout #2]: The fifth candle to be lit represents being LOYAL. Loyalty is being devoted to your family and community.

The sixth candle to be lit represents being COURTEOUS. Being courteous is being polite and good mannered to all.

The seventh candle to be lit represents being CHEERFUL. It is being happy and passing it on to others.

The eighth candle to be lit represents being CLEAN. This means having a fit body and mind.

These four candles that I have just lit represent the second part of the scout law: duty to others.

Will {scout #3} please light the last four candles?

[scout #3]: The ninth candle to be lit represents being HELPFUL. Being helpful is volunteering to do work and make it easier for others.

The tenth candle to be lit represents being KIND. Being kind is respecting others and treating them as you would like to be treated.

The eleventh candle to be lit represents being THRIFTY. This means being skillful and wise when dealing with resources and money.

And the last candle to be lit represents being REVERENT. This means being true to your religion and nation.

These candles that I have just lit represent the final part of the scout law: duty to self.

RANKS AND BADGES

Tenderfoot

The first badge we present is the Tenderfoot rank. Would all the scouts who have not received the tenderfoot rank please leave the room by following [SPL].

I'd like to invite our Scoutmaster, to come forward to present the tenderfoot rank.

SM [Scoutmaster]: Who's there?

SPL: I am the senior patrol leader of Troop 1 Acton. I have candidates seeking admission to the circle of this troop.

SM: If these candidates have passed all of their requirements for the tenderfoot rank and you believe that they will become fine scouts, and if you personally vouch for them, then you may permit them to enter.

SPL: These candidates have been trained under the careful eye of myself and their patrol leaders. As senior patrol leader and their friend, I personally vouch for them.

SM: Very good. Candidates, you are blindfolded so that you can think more deeply about the importance of your advancement to the tenderfoot rank and your entrance to the circle of the troop. Realize that the scout oath you have learned is meant to be a real guide in your lives. We believe that we'll always be able to rely on your loyalty and word as a scout as promised in the scout oath. You may now remove your blindfolds.

The table before you symbolizes a compass.

At the NORTH position is the BIBLE, symbolizing the first point of the scout oath, duty to God. The recognition of God as the power of the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His blessings are necessary for the best type of citizenship.

At the EAST position is an ISAAC DAVIS NECKERCHIEF, symbolizing duty to country. In a country based on hope, freedom, and justice, it is your responsibility to uphold and defend its Constitution.

At the SOUTH position is a FIRST AID KIT, symbolizing duty to others, young or old, friend or stranger. It is your duty to help one in need, without seeking reward, as a service to your fellow man.

At the WEST position you see a SCHOOL BOOK, symbolizing duty to self. Education is essential in the modern world. It is your duty to yourself to acquire a good education.

[Candidates light candles in middle of table.]

SM: In the center of the table are red, white and blue candles symbolizing the flag of the United States of America. Now, I would like you to raise your right hand in the scout sign and say the scout oath with me.

[Scouts are presented with Tenderfoot rank]

Second Class [adult]

First Class [adult]

Star [adult]

Life [adult]

Merit badges [Committee Chair, preferably]

Service stars [adult]

Special awards [adult]

We have now reached the end of our court of honor. We'd like to thank you for participating in this evening and for helping to make this a special occasion for the troop.

CLOSING

[At this point, MC's hand it over to SPL/ASPL for announcements and closure.]