

TROOP 1 ACTON

COURT OF HONOR SCRIPT

WELCOME

[MC]

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance . . .

Good evening and welcome to this court of honor.

I am _____, and this is _____. We are your Masters of Ceremony for tonight.

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 is important for us to realize each other's progress along the road to Eagle Scout.

SCOUT LAW CANDLE LIGHTING

[MC]

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 behind the table and candles, facing the audience. MCs step aside]

[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.

[MC]

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 EIGTH 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.

[MC]

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 TWELTH AND 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.

WELCOME NEW SCOUTS AND FAMILIES

[MC]

Since our last Court of Honor, we have been fortunate to have new scouts join our Troop. Welcome!

If you are a scout who has joined our Troop since the last Court of Honor in June, please come forward and come up on stage.

Parents and family members, please also come forward and stand behind your scout.

Please stand together for a picture.

[Picture is taken]

Let's give them a great big round of applause!

Thank you.

You may be seated.

RANKS BADGES

[MC]

Next, we will recognize scouts who have worked hard to earn their rank badges.

Can I ask the following adults to please get ready to step forward, when it is your turn to present the following rank badges:

Scout: Mr./Mrs/Ms: _____

Tenderfoot: Mr./Mrs/Ms: _____

Second Class: Mr./Mrs/Ms: _____

First Class: Mr./Mrs/Ms: _____

Star: Mr./Mrs/Ms: _____

Life: Mr./Mrs/Ms: _____

SCOUT BADGE

[MC]

Mr/Mrs/Ms. _____, please step forward to present the Scout badge

TENDERFOOT BADGE: INTRODUCTION

[MC]

The next badge we present is for the Tenderfoot rank.

Would all the scouts who have NOT yet received the Tenderfoot rank, including any scouts receiving it tonight and any young boys in the audience who are not yet Boy Scouts, follow our Senior Patrol Leader _____.

I'd like to invite our Scoutmaster, **Mr. Jones** to come forward to present the Tenderfoot rank.

[Scoutmaster]

This part of the ceremony is kept secret from any boy who has not yet earned the Tenderfoot rank.

It will take our Senior Patrol Leader a moment to move the boys out of earshot and come back.

I ask that our Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, _____, when this ceremony is over, please don't let us continue until the boys in sound isolation have been escorted back.

While we are waiting, let me share with you the following information.

TENDERFOOT BADGE: BLINDFOLD ENTRY

[SPL]

{knocks on the door}

[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.

[Scoutmaster]

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.

[Scoutmaster]

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**.

TENDERFOOT BADGE: THE COMPASS

[Scoutmaster]

The table before you symbolizes a COMPASS.

At the NORTH position

- **THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS**, a book describing the great religions practiced around the globe.
- It symbolizes 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

- **ISAAC DAVIS NECKERCHIEF**
- It symbolizes **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

- **FIRST AID KIT**
- It symbolizes **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

- **SCHOOL BOOK**
- It symbolizes **duty to self**.
- Education is essential in the modern world. It is your duty to yourself to **acquire a good education**.

TENDERFOOT BADGE: CANDLES

[Scoutmaster]

Candidates, please light the candles in the middle of this table.

[Candidates light candles in middle of table.]

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.
On my honor

[Scoutmaster]

May I ask the parents of the new Tenderfoot scouts to please come forward and stand behind your son for the presentation of the badge.

[Scouts are presented with Tenderfoot rank]

[Scoutmaster]

Now, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader _____, please ask our scouts in isolation to please return to this room.

SECOND CLASS BADGE

[MC]

I'd like to invite Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ to come forward to present the Second Class rank.

[Second Class Adult Presenter]

FIRST CLASS BADGE

[MC]

I'd like to invite Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ to come forward to present the First Class rank.

[First Class Adult Presenter]

STAR BADGE

[MC]

I'd like to invite Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ to come forward to present the Star rank.

[Star Adult Presenter]

LIFE BADGE

[MC]

I'd like to invite Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____ to come forward to present the Life rank

[Life Adult Presenter]

[MC]

Can we please have all of the scouts who have received a rank badge this evening, please come to the stage for a picture

[Picture is taken]

[MC]

Thank you. You may be seated.

MERIT BADGES

[MC]

For the presentation of Merit Badges, may I ask our Advancement Chair, **Mrs. Bhalchandra**, to please come to the front of the room

May I also ask our Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and all Patrol Leaders to also please come forward.

[Advancement Chair]

Merit badges are not required for the early ranks. They are required for Star, Life and Eagle. But scouts don't wait! Scouts of any age, from our newest scouts to our most experienced ones, can and do earn merit badges.

Scouts receiving their badges tonight earned them at summer camp, and through merit badge classes offered by adults in our troop.

Can we please have all scouts (whether you have earned a merit badge or not) come up on stage, and stand behind their patrol leader and patrol flag

I will call up our scouts, one patrol at a time. The scout's patrol leader, who has helped and encouraged the scout for all of his advancement, will present the badge and shake his hand. The Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol leader will also shake their hands.

[Present badges]

[Advancement Chair]

May we have all boys who have received a merit badge to please remain on stage for a picture

[Picture is taken]

Thank you. You may be seated.

SERVICE STARS

[Advancement Chair]

Service stars recognize the boys and adults for their years of active service to our troop.

Projected on the screen are all who are recognized tonight. If you see your name, please stand where you are for a round of applause.

Boys may pick up their stars after the ceremony, at the back table. Since most adults don't wear service stars, adults interested in receiving their star may request it at the back table after the ceremonies as well.

SPECIAL AWARDS

[Advancement Chair]

(This may or may not be needed for this Court of Honor.)

ISAAC DAVIS PATCH

The scouts who's names appear projected up front participated in the Isaac Davis March in April. Boys and adults who do not yet have a patch, and who have not received their 2017 "rocker", please come to the table at the back of the room after the ceremony.

A big round of applause, please.

ISAAC DAVIS MEDAL

At the Isaac Davis Camporee, boys have the option of learning more about the history of the Revolutionary era, and earn the Isaac Davis Metal. Can the boys who names are projected come forward to receive their medals.

(Project these names: Will Atherton, Andrew Jin, Alden Joyce, Andrew King, Max MacQuilken, Zachary Parados, Giovanni Sabetelli)

NEW LEADERSHIP POSITIONS & BASE, LEDGE AND SUMMIT AWARDS

[MC]

Thank you, Mrs. Bhalchandra, for presenting merit badges and service stars.

Next, our Scoutmaster Mr. Jones will present recognitions related to scout leadership positions.

[Scoutmaster]

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

[MC]

Thank you, Mr. Jones.

Next, our Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. Walsh, will introduce us to Friends of Scouting.

[Troop Committee Chairman]

HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES

[MC]

Thank you, Mr. Walsh and to our special presenter, Mrs. Clyde.

Next, our Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. Aoki, will share with us information about High Adventure Opportunities

[Mr. Aoki]

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

[MC]

Thank you, Mr. Aoki and to our special presenter, Mrs. Clyde.

Next, our Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. Walsh, will help us recognize the work of Adult Volunteers

[Mr. Walsh]

CLOSING

[MC]

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.

Now we will ask our Senior Patrol Leader to lead us through announcements and then we'll enjoy food!

[SPL]

Everyone, please circle up.

Do we have any announcements?

[Announcements are made]

[SPL]

Do we have a Scoutmaster's Minute?

[SM]

Yes . . .

[SPL]

I will send a squeeze around the room . . .

[SPL]

Thanks for coming, but please don't leave. Please enjoy the best part -- refreshments and each other's company!