

Arrive and set up

Guests Arrive, PowerPoint on TV/Projector

Start Ceremony

Kennedy: If you could please find a seat we will be starting momentarily.

Kennedy: Color Guard Calls

Opening Flags (Kennedy Calls, find people to carry and follow from troop)

Kennedy: Now will Chole Martin take the stage for the invocation.

Invocation: Chole Martin

Please remove all non-religious headgear.

We are thankful for this special day in the life of this scout.

Today we celebrate the accumulated efforts she has made over the years to advance in scouting.

We think of all the Merit Badges she has earned along the way, the oaths they've learned, the character they've developed, and their service to our community and fellow scouts.

Little by little, month by month, and year by year this scout was faithful, and today we celebrate this marker of commitment and hard work.

So we ask for blessings for this scout and their family that supported and encouraged them; and we ask for blessings to fall upon their fellow scouts whose friendship they have enjoyed along the pathway. We are thankful for the scout leaders who give so much time and energy to help this scout along their way. And so we pray for blessing for this celebration as we rejoice with them.

In your name, Amen.

Now will Sydney Cunningham take the stage.

Sydney: I would like to welcome and thank you all for making your way here today for my eagle scout court of honor.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of my scouting experience, including those who could not make it today. I have had the opportunity to make so many fond memories and have experiences that have shaped my life. I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing people.

Some of you have been alongside me in scouts from the start when I first joined the troop back in 2019, as a new troop, when none of us had very much experience and we were all learning how to do scouts together.

Some of you are more recent members of this troop and I have had the opportunity to teach you scouting skills and watch how much you all have grown. I am excited to see how much you will continue to develop in scouts.

Some of you are from troops outside of my own, and I thank you for making the journey to come celebrate with me. Despite our irregular interactions it is always a joy to see you at scouting events.

All of you are here because you have had a part in my scouting career. I am grateful to have been able to interact with such a wide range of people in scouting and have an array of experiences that are unique to me and give me a well-rounded, complete scouting experience.

I am grateful that you were able to come to celebrate my achievements and the part each of you had in my time in scouts.

Review of Eagle Scout Criteria: **(Mrs. King)**

The awarding of the Eagle Badge is an important and serious occasion, the climax and the goal for which a Scout works for many years. It is an occasion for pride and joy, and a time for serious contemplation. It is the culmination of the efforts of the various leaders of this Troop. The Eagle Award is the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting; the last major step in the advancement program. At this point, we trust you have achieved our purpose in the building of character, training in leadership, and the practice of service.

To become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must progress through six levels and earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 of which are required. They must serve actively in a troop leadership position for a period of six months after achieving the rank of Life Scout. While a Life Scout, they must plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or community in a manner worthy of an Eagle Scout. They must demonstrate, through the testimony of character references and otherwise, that they live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life. Finally, they must appear before a Board of Review.

It is my pleasure to report that after a thorough review of her qualifications, Sydney Cunningham has qualified for the rank of Eagle Scout and is entitled to receive the Eagle Scout Award.

Mrs. King and Mrs. Nesbit: Their Remarks

Scout Law: **Mrs. King**

Mrs. King: It is fitting that we continue with the fundamental principles of Scouting: the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Let us begin our ceremony by lighting candles symbolic of the three parts of the Scout Oath:

The first part of the Scout Oath is "Duty to God and Country" [pause to light candle]

Mrs. King: A scout believes that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people. They treasure their American heritage and do all they can to preserve and enrich it.

Mrs. King: The second part is "Duty to Others" [pause to light candle]

Mrs. King: A scout recognizes the dignity and worth of fellow men and seeks to live by ideals that will better their community and the world.

Mrs. King: The third and final part is "Duty to Self" [pause to light candle]

Mrs. King: A scout seeks to acquire character that embodies truth, strength, and uprightness, first in herself and then in all situations they encounter during life.

Scout Law

Mrs. King: In Scouting, as in most activities in life, there are rules. The rules of Scouting are found in the twelve points of the Scout Law. As a candle is lit for each point of the Scout Law, pay careful attention to the words and re-dedicate ourselves to the principles contained in those words.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.

Scout in Audience: A Scout tells the truth. They keep their promises, and honesty is a part of their code of conduct.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS LOYAL.

Scout in Audience: A Scout is true to their family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

Scout in Audience: A Scout is concerned about other people. They willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS FRIENDLY.

Scout in Audience: A Scout is a friend to all. They are a brother to other Scouts. They seek to understand other people and respect those with ideas and customs that are different from their own.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.

Scout in Audience: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. They know that good manners make it easier for people to get along.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS KIND.

Scout in Audience: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. They treat others as they want to be treated. They do not harm or kill anything without reason.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.

Scout in Audience: A Scout follows the rules of their family, school, church, and troop. They obey the laws of their community and country. If they think these rules and laws are unfair, they try to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.

Scout in Audience: A Scout looks for the bright side of life. They cheerfully perform tasks that come their way. They try to make others happy.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

Scout in Audience: A Scout works to pay their way and to help others. They save for the future. They protect and conserve natural resources. They carefully use time and property.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS BRAVE.

Scout in Audience: A Scout can face danger even if they are afraid. They have the courage to stand for their beliefs, even if others laugh at them or threaten them.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS CLEAN.

Scout in Audience: A Scout keeps their body and mind fit and clean. They go around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. They help keep their home and community clean.

Mrs. King: A SCOUT IS REVERENT.

Scout in Audience: A Scout is reverent toward God. They are faithful in their religious duties. They respect the beliefs of others.

Mrs. King: Ad lib, rest of ceremony snuffing out and relighting candles

Mr. Korth:

Would the Eagle Scouts in the Audience please stand?

Sydney, I charge you to enter this Eagle Scout Brotherhood holding, without reservation, the ideals of honor and service. Repeating the Eagle Scout promise with your fellow members, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the Eagle Scout.

Will all the Eagle Scouts in the Audience please repeat the Charge after me:
Scout Sign.

I reaffirm my allegiance
to the three promises of the Scout Oath.
I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself
the obligations and responsibilities of the Eagle Scout.
On my honor, I will do my best
to make my training an example,
and my status and my influence count strongly
for better Scouting and for better citizenship,
in my Troop,
in my community,
and in my contacts with other people.
To this I pledge my sacred honor.

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You all have rededicated yourselves to the principles of Scouting. But one more thing is important ... your future. As an Eagle Scout, you become a guide to other Scouts. You become an example in your community. Remember that your actions are now a little more conspicuous and people will expect more of you. To falter in your responsibility would reflect not only on you, but on your fellow Eagles and all of Scouting. The torch you carry is not only yours, but it is also ours.

The Eagles in the audience may be seated.

Presentation of Awards:

Sydney: May I not have Mrs. Nesbit come onto the stage for the presentation of awards.

Mrs. Nesbitt: Sydney, I wish to congratulate you upon this achievement on behalf of the Scouts and adults of Troop 849. We are all extremely proud of your achievement and equally proud of your progress along the Scouting trail. As a small token of our pride in you, it is my honor to present this special neckerchief, emblematic of all Eagle Scouts everywhere, to you. Please wear this with pride in our program and with pride in your personal achievement. (Place the neckerchief on Sydney's uniform.)

Mrs. Nesbitt: Just like your past progress along the trail, you did not go it alone. Your fellow Patrol and Troop members assisted you greatly. Your friends and those in your community supported you while you completed the service projects in the Troop. But your parents supported you throughout and it is at this time I ask them to please join us here. Will Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham please come forward to join their daughter.

Mrs. Nesbitt:

I have the honor of presenting this presentation kit and certificate on behalf of the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America for presentation to you.

I will now present the Eagle medal to your mother, who will pin the medal over your heart.

[Opens the kit, gets the medal out and gives it to the mother, who then pins her Scout's badge on the uniform on the left side above the pocket centered.]

Mrs. Nesbitt: No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from your mother which have helped lead you to this day. As a symbol of what your mother made possible, please present to your mother the small Eagle pin, an outward symbol of your achievement which she may wear with pride.

[Scout master gives the pin to the Scout, who then turns and pins her mother.]

Mrs. Nesbitt: Sydney, your father has stood by you over the years and has offered his encouragement and assistance. As a symbol of what he has contributed to your attainment of this award, please present him with the miniature Eagle pin, an outward symbol of your achievement which he may wear with pride.

[Scoutmaster gives the pin to the Scout, who then turns and pins her father.]

Sydney: Thank you for finding the troop and taking me to my first meeting. For all the driving to local and distant scouting events. For always supporting my packed schedule and helping me to grow as a person.

Sydney: Now may I have my grandfather Robert Ellis come onto the stage.

My eagle project could not have happened without your expertise and materials. For this I award you the eagle scout mentor pin.

(Present Mentor Pin)

Sydney: This momentous occasion could not have happened without the imputes every one of you have had in my scouting life. I never would have imagined even joining Boy Scouts let alone reaching its highest honor and its impact on my life.

Mrs. Nesbitt: We may now introduce Sydney Cunningham, the 6th Eagle Scout of Troop 849. Congratulations, Sydney, let's give her a big round of applause.

Kennedy comes on stage and color guard gets set.

Kennedy: Calls

You are invited to stay and enjoy the refreshments.

Ceremony Ends, Social time, and food.

