

Eagle Scout Ceremony
Justin Fletcher

JOHN
Scoutmaster
Advancement Chair

Eagle Scout 1
Committee Chair

JOHN : [Step to microphone.] Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the opening ceremonies.

[Wait until the audience is standing and quiet.]

JOHN : Scout Attention!
Colorguard Advance...Scout Salute

[Wait for them to get into position]

Color guard Post the Colors.

Will everyone please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge Allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

JOHN : TWO. Color guard retreat.

JOHN : Scout Sign. Please join me in reciting the Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

JOHN : Two. Please be seated.

GREG: Good afternoon Ladies and gentlemen, I am Greg Coghlan, Scoutmaster of Troop 175. Today I present Eagle Candidate Justin Fletcher for Rank of Eagle Scout.

I would now like to ask Debbie Heck, Committee Chairperson of Troop 175 to come forward.

Mrs. Heck: As Committee Chairperson, I now call to order this Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Will the Eagle Guard please escort Eagle Candidate Justin Fletcher to the front?

GREG: As we begin this Eagle Court of Honor and examine the Trail to Eagle, it is fitting that we began today with a Pledge, and an Oath. The Scout Oath that we recited is the guiding principle of Scouting. The Scout Oath sets our internal direction. We declare our duty to God, Country, Others and Self. Also within the Oath are the rules we must follow to provide guidelines to our duties. The rules of Scouting are found in the twelve points of the Scout Law. Let us pay careful attention to the words and re-dedicate ourselves to the principles contained in those words. Scouts, please rise and join me in slowly reciting the Scout law. Scout Attention. Scout Sign.

[slowly] A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

GREG: TWO, Thank you, you may take your seats.

I would now like to call forward Kathy Corbin, our Advancement Chairperson

Kathy Corbin:

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. Less than 1 out of 50 scouts (or 2%) in the United States reach the Eagle Rank. At this point, we trust you have achieved our purpose in the building of character, training of leadership, and the practice of service.

To become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 of which are required. He 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, he 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. He must demonstrate, through the testimony of character references and otherwise, that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. Finally, he must appear before a Board of Review. Justin has been in Troop 175 for 7 years. He has earned more than the required 21 merit badges and has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow Representative and Troop Guide. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has served on the staff of many Order of the Arrow events and Council Summer Camp.

Justin's Eagle Project was growing and donating pumpkins for a Children's Halloween party put on by the Parks and Recreation department.

As Advancement Chairman of Troop 175, it is my pleasure to report that after a thorough review of his qualifications, Justin Fletcher has qualified for the rank of Eagle Scout and is entitled to receive the Eagle Scout Award.

Now I would like to call forward Jordan Akdogan, a fellow Eagle Scout

Jordan: "The appeal of the majestic eagle has been felt by every great people from prehistoric times to the present day. To the Egyptians, the eagle was the messenger of the gods and the sun, a symbol of eternal life. To the Romans, he was the carrier of Jupiter's thunderbolts and a sign of power. To American Indians he stood as the incentive to valor and the pledge of victory. For us today, the eagle is the living symbol of all courageous and freedom-aspiring Americans. When the Eagle Scout badge was designed in 1912, it was decided that a small silver eagle would be suspended from a tricolor ribbon of red, white, and blue. So it remains today."

As an Eagle Scout, I challenge you on behalf of all Eagle Scouts to accept the responsibilities as well as the honor of the Eagle Award. These responsibilities are as follows:

An Eagle Scout must live with honor. His honor is sacred; the foundation of all character. An Eagle will live so that he reflects credit upon his home, church, school, friends, and himself. May the white of your badge remind you to live with honor.

An Eagle Scout is to be loyal. "To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou can'st not then be false to any man." Neither pain nor profit, pride nor personal loss shall sway his loyalty. The blue on your badge is the emblem of loyalty.

An Eagle Scout is courageous. Courage gives all character force and strength. With trust in God and faith in his fellow man, he faces each day unafraid and seeks his share of the world's work to do. Let the red of your badge remind you of courage.

Finally, an Eagle Scout is service oriented. Extend a helping hand to those who toil along the Scouting trail you have completed, just as others have aided you. The daily Good Turn must take on a new meaning and better life pattern of service. Protect and defend the weak and helpless; comfort the unfortunate and oppressed. Uphold the rights of others as well as your own. Remember, real leadership is founded upon real service.

Randy?: Justin, I have the honor of giving you the Eagle Scout Charge on this occasion of your elevation to the highest rank in Scouting.

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movements in the world's history, and you have been counted worthy of the highest rank in its membership. All who know you rejoice in your achievement.

Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you have assumed a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to country, to fellow Scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts. When you fail, you bring down by so much the good name of all true and worthy Scouts.

Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow Scouts to your country and God. America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these things depend, for the most part, on the character and leadership abilities of her citizens. You are to help her in all that she needs most. She has a great past. You are here to make her future greater.

I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold, to the highest level of service to God and fellowman. So live and serve, that those who know you will be inspired to the finest living. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and abilities to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence to God, and whatever others may do, you will leave behind a record of which every Scout may be proud.

I would now like to call Mr. Coghlan up to administer the Eagle Scout Oath.

GREG: Will all the Eagle Scouts present please come forward for the reading of the Eagle Scout Oath? (Eagles in the audience come forward to the front.) Justin, please give the Scout Sign and repeat the Eagle Scout Oath after me:

"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 rank of Eagle Scout. On my honor I will do my best to make my training, example, rank, and influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship in my Troop, in my community, and in my contacts with other people always."

The Eagles in the audience may be seated.

Will the Eagle Guard please escort the **parents** of Eagle Scout Justin Fletcher to the front?

Mrs. Heck: Justin, by the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege to pronounce you an Eagle Scout, and it is with distinct honor and pleasure that I present you with the Eagle Scout Award, which I will ask your mother to pin over your heart.

I now ask your father to present you with the Eagle Scout Certificate signed by the Chief Scout Executive and the President of the United States.

No one will ever know the unnumbered acts of self-sacrifice and helpfulness from Justin's mother which have helped lead us to this day. As a symbol of what his mother made possible, the court now asks Justin to present his mother with a miniature Eagle pin.

Justin, 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, the court now asks you to present him with a miniature Eagle pin.

Justin, on behalf of Scouts, adult leaders, and committee members of Troop 175, it is my pleasure to present to you the Eagle Scout neckerchief and neckerchief slide.

Now I would ask Troop 175 Eagle Scout _____ to come forward for some more presentations.

EAGLE2: Justin, on behalf of the Scouts, adult leaders, and other Eagle Scouts of Troop 175, I now present you with our Troop's Eagle Scout Honor Roll Plaque. This, along with our original plaques, contain the names of all the Eagle Scouts from our Troop. I should note that Justin is the 33rd Eagle in our Troop's 32 year existence. Unfortunately, you don't get to keep this plaque - it will be prominently displayed in the back of our meeting hall at the VFW.

(He presents him with the plaque & shakes his hand.)

However, we felt bad about presenting you with a plaque that you can't keep. So, the Troop has arranged for something that you can keep,

(Present him with Troop gift.)

May I congratulate you, Justin, and remind you that Scouting should now become an even greater tie between son and parents, binding you even more closely together as a family. To you Eagle Scout Justin Fletcher, I express

the confidence that you will honor Scouting with your life and service, as today Scouting honors you.

I now ask our Eagle Escort to convey Justin's parents back to their seats.

Wait for them to do so.

At this time, the court invites Eagle Scout Justin Fletcher to make his remarks on this occasion, and present his mentor pin.

Justin: (Present Mentor Pin and makes his remarks.)

GREG: (Gives his remarks on this occasion)

Mr. P. : (read some letters of congratulations)

Will Senior Patrol Leader John Flesher please come forward for the closing.

JOHN : Color guard front and center

Scout Attention!

Colorguard retire the colors...Scout Salute

Two!

GREG: As Scoutmaster of Troop 175, I now declare this Eagle Scout Court of Honor closed. Thank you for attending today. We ask that you join us for refreshments and a chance to personally congratulate Justin.