



Boy Scout Troop 72

Sponsorship : Roychester Park Community House
Overlook Hills, Abington Pa.

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Meeting Nights :Monday 7:30p – 9:00p

STEP FOUR :

Planning the Eagle Court of Honor

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU PASS YOUR BOARD OF REVIEW: After you have successfully passed your Board of Review, the District Eagle Board will submit your Approved application to the Cradle of Liberty Council, who will then submit it to BSA National. When approved, your Scoutmaster will receive a notice that your certificate is available for pick up at the Cradle of Liberty Council Building in Valley Forge, PA and he will call you to let you know he has it. This can take as long as 3-6 weeks. Do not be concerned, be patient and wait. You may plan for it, but do not schedule your Eagle Court of Honor until you have received approval back from National.

Please note: Your Eagle Board of Review date will be the date you will use for the date you achieved Eagle Rank.





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Preparing for the Eagle Court of Honor

Most anyone can present the Eagle Badge but the [Eagle Charge](#) should be administered by a previously awarded Eagle Scout.

Your Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Once you have passed your board of review, then you can start planning your court of honor. You will want to work closely with your Troop Committee Chairman, Scoutmaster, parents, and other troop leaders. Some troops have an adult leader specifically designated to help plan courts of honor. This will be your special day. Good planning can make it very special. If you have friends who will be receiving their Eagle awards soon, you may want to do a joint court of honor.

Scheduling

You should plan your court of honor at least 6 weeks after your board of review. The official national policy states that "The Eagle Scout court of honor should not be scheduled until the local council receives the Eagle Scout rank credentials." Your troop also has a lot of work to do to request and receive the recognitions that will be presented at the court of honor.

Invitations

You should send invitations to the people who have made it possible for you to reach this prestigious achievement. You may want to invite important people in the community such as government officials. Troop 72 sends out invitations to all present active Be sure to send out invitations at least 4 weeks in advance.

Mentor

The new Eagle Presentation Kit that includes your Eagle Scout medal, patch, Mom pin and Dad pin also includes a Mentor pin. You should discuss with your Scoutmaster and other leaders working with you in planning your Court of Honor who you might recognize by presenting this recognition. It might be a leader in your troop who worked with you through the Eagle Scout process, or it might be someone from the organization you were doing the project for who was very helpful to you in the planning and preparation. There is no requirement that it has to be presented to anyone.

Logo Cake

Many Eagle courts of honor include refreshments, soft pretzels, cookies and a cake.

Choosing a location

Troop 72 allows the Eagle Scout to choose a location to hold his Eagle Court of Honor. If the Eagle Scout does not have a location, Troop 72 will assist the scout in locating and securing a venue.



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Recognitions

Often one of the highlights of an Eagle ceremony is the presentation of letters of recognition from dignitaries and famous people who are Eagle Scouts. This is usually handled by your Scoutmaster, or another adult leader in the troop. There are many sources of recognition names and procedure information on the web. Be aware that all such lists get out of date quickly. Check that for elected officials you are still writing to the current office holder, and for the correct district. Some sources for information are

- <http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>
- <http://usscouts.org/eagle/specialrecs.asp>
- <http://www.eaglescout.org/finale/coh/invite.html>
- <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/05/02/how-to-request-congratulatory-letters-for-your-eagle-scout/>

Don't forget local officials. Township supervisors and Managers, County Commissioners, and State Representatives and State Senators often will attend Eagle courts of Honor if asked, or get certificates from the State legislature.

One very special opportunity is to present an American flag flown over the United States Capital building in honor of the Eagle Scout. This can be arranged through your congressmen. There may be a cost for this flag or there may not. Call your congressmen's office to get the details of costs and how the check should be made out. As an idea, if it can be scheduled at least three weeks in advance, ask to have the flag flown on the day of the board of review, so the date on the flag certificate matches the date on the Eagle credentials.

For Catholic Scouts, a congratulatory letter is available from the bishop using the form available at <http://www.eaglescout.itgo.com/Request for Eagle Letter from Bishop.doc>.

A certificate of commendation is available from the Free Masons. See <http://www.eaglescout.itgo.com/Masons.doc> for information.

National Eagle Scout Association

As an Eagle Scout, you will be eligible for membership in the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA). This organization of Eagle Scouts serves and supports those who have attained Scouting's highest rank. One of the things they do is publish a newsletter that keeps Eagle Scouts informed about special opportunities for Eagle Scouts such as scholarships, special recognitions, special events, staff opportunities, and participation as the Eagle Scout representative in the National Science Foundation programs in Antarctica. Memberships are for five years, and many troops present a NESA membership to boys at their court of honor. For more information, visit their web site at <http://www.nesa.org/>. You, or your Scoutmaster, can download a NESA application by clicking http://www.nesa.org/PDF/542-404_WB.pdf.