

# Troop 116 Court of Honor (COH) Script

Date: 8/29/2023

## Roles the need to be determined and open actions

- **MC:** Gabe Lenihan
- **SPL:** Jack Fairman
- **NewSPL:** Broden Muller
- **SM:** Mr. Boyd
- **CC:** Mr. Zangara
- **AC:** Mrs. Muller
- **Opening Flag Patrol:** Tentatively PI.
- **Opening Prayer:** TBD
- **Closing Prayer:** TBD
- **Closing Flag Patrol:** Tentatively Pi
- Did you want to do candles?
- Make sure there is a podium ready and copy of the Script.
- Do people need to bring chairs, or will the troop setup the chairs
- Who will come early to help setup the venue?
- Do we have any special food allergies that need to prepare for?
- Did you want to have people eat before or after the COH?
- Are any special emails that need to be sent to let people know the setup/food?

# Pre-Opening:

**MC:** Welcome everyone; tonight, the Troop has provided Pizza and Drinks. Would Visitors and Parents please help themselves to the Pizza, followed by the Scouts. We would like to take 20 min to enjoy this meal together before starting this COH.

# Opening:

**MC:** Good Evening everyone, and welcome to Troop 116's Summer Court of Honor (again)

My name is Gabe Lenihan, and I will be your master of ceremonies tonight.

# Flag Ceremony:

**MC:** Would [Pi Patrol] please present the colors.

**Opening Flag Speaker:** Will the audience please rise for the presentation of the colors.

**Opening Flag Speaker :**

*Color guard, attention*

*Color guard, forward march.*

*Color guard, halt.*

*Prepare to post the colors*

*Scout salute*

*Post the colors*

*Please Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance [PoA]*

*Two*

*Color guard, return to ranks.*

*About. Face*

*Color guard, forward march.*

*Halt.*

*About. Face*

*Color guard at ease, troop at ease.*

**MC:** Please be seated.

**MC:** Tonight, we will award Merit badges earned since the last Court of Honor. We will present Rank advancements and special awards. Then we will swear in the new leadership of the troop and finally we will review activities from APC for the upcoming 2022/2023 Year

**MC:** The number one goal of Scouts BSA is to train youth leaders while having fun in the process. Yes, this troop is Scout led and Scout run, but this requires good support from the Troop Committee and Program staff.

## **Introductions**

**MC:** We ask the Chair of our troop committee, Mr. Zangara, to introduce himself, along with the members of the committee.

*CC: Mr. Zangara will come up to talk about the troop committee*

**MC:** Next, can we have our Scoutmaster, Mr. Boyd please introduce himself and the Assistant Scoutmasters

*SM: Mr. Boyd introduces himself and his Assistant Scoutmasters.*

**SM:** Would the Senior Patrol Leader please come up to introduce himself, his Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and the patrol leaders

*SPL: To Introduce his leadership team and thank them for their service*

**SM:** *Comment about the outgoing SPL and how the PLC works to the audience:*

# Awarding of Merit Badges

**MC:** Boy Scouts can earn any of 131 different Merit Badges in areas ranging from Art to Kayaking and from Camping to Search and Rescue. To earn a Merit Badge, a Scout picks a subject and reads the Merit Badge Book. A Scout develops his skills and knowledge. When he is ready, his Merit Badge Counselor tests him. Tonight, we are awarding a lot of Merit Badges, which represent a lot of hard work by our scouts.

**MC:** This year, not only from Scout's personal work, but we also had Scouts attending Space Camp and Camp Pioneer, so we have over 60+ merit badges to be awarded at this Court of Honor ... GREAT JOB SCOUTS!

**MC:** Tonight, as I announce the Merit Badge, the SPL will present the merit badges to the Scout. When your name is called, please step forward to receive your merit badges.

*MC Calls up each Scout individually to receive that badge*

*SPL: shake the Scout's left hand.*

*SPL: Lead applause for each Scout.*

- Gabe Boyd has earned Chess, Citizenship In Community, Citizenship in Society, Cooking, Engineering, Lifesaving, Personal Fitness and Radio. \*\*  
Note: Gabe has already received the Merit badges so he could prepare for his Eagle Board of Review \*\*
- Bruno Espinoza has earned Engineering, Fingerprinting, Leatherwork and Painting.
- Jack Fairman has earned American Business, Citizenship In Nation, Family Life, Fingerprinting, First Aid and Geology
- Carson Harrop has earned Astronomy, Chess, Environmental Science, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Fishing MB, Geology, Music, and Space Exploration
- Micah Harry has earned Fingerprinting, Leatherwork, Weather, and a special award of Firem'n Chit

- Landon Hays has earned Fingerprinting MB, Leatherwork MB and Theater MB
- Matty LaBounty has earned First Aid, Geology, and Radio
- Broden Muller has earned Citizenship In Nation, Engineering and Lifesaving
- Jacob Rada has earned Engineering, Fingerprinting, Leatherwork, and Painting.
- AJ Steele has earned Aviation, Environmental Science, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Forestry and Geology
- Zack Steele has earned Astronomy, Chess, Fishing, Game Design, Leatherworking and Space Exploration.
- Dominick Weckerly has earned Astronomy, Chess, Fingerprinting MB, Fishing MB, Geology MB, Radio MB, Railroading MB, Space Exploration, Wood Carving MB, and a Special Awards of 25 Night Camper. Note: The Camping Merit badge requires 20 nights, so he is well on his way!

## Fun Awards:

**MC:** The next award is for a very special one, because to get it, you need to give up precious sleep, and get up at 5:45AM in the morning, and leave your warming sleeping bag, and to hike to an Alpine Lake! That is right, it is the annual summer camp Polar Bear award!

I would like the following to come forward to receive the Polar Bear award.  
Bruno Espinoza, Carson Harrop, Broden Muller, Jacob Rada, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Hays, Mr. Labounty and Mr. Steele.

*Replicants come forward and SPL hands them the award.*

# Awarding of Rank Advancements

**MC:** Next, we will recognize those Scouts who have earned Rank Advancements. We would like to recognize the following Scouts who have joined our Troop and earned a Rank since the last Court of Honor. In recognition of the support that each family provides to their son, our troop also presents rank pins to the Scout's mother/parent. This pin is worn during special Scout occasions.

The Scouts BSA recognizes your achievements by awarding badges of rank. The first 4 are **Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class**. Next come **Star** and **Life**. The highest rank is **Eagle**.

## Scout Rank

**MC: ACTION: *Light the first candle for Scout***

**SPL:** The first rank is scout rank. Throughout the year we

have the pleasure of welcoming new Scouts to our Troop. When each new boy

joins the troop, he is encouraged to quickly earn the Scout Rank. To do

this, a boy must learn the Boy Scout Oath, Promise and Law as well as the Scout

Sign, Salute, and Handshake.

There are no Scouts earning the Scout Rank tonight.

## Tenderfoot Rank

**MC#2: ACTION: *Light the second candle, for the Tenderfoot Rank.***

**SPL:** Tenderfoot! Tenderfoot requirements offer a taste of the great adventures awaiting you in Scouting and can give you the basic skills you'll need to begin taking

part in those adventures. You met many challenges in earning the Tenderfoot badge and are to be congratulated.

**MC:** Would Ethan Carpenter and his family please come forward to receive the Rank of Tenderfoot.

- *Call each Tenderfoot recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward.*
- *Present the awards and pins.*
- *Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.*
- *Point scout to the board to move their name.*
- *Pause for Pictures and the Pining of the Parent Pin*
- *Lead applause for each Scout.*

## **Second Class Rank**

**MC#2: ACTION: *Light the third candle, for the Second Class Rank.***

**SPL:** Second Class. To earn Second Class, a Scout must learn how to use a map and compass, how and when to build a campfire, and to safely use pocketknives and wood tools. Second Class Scouts have proven their abilities in camping, first aid, and swimming, and other Scout skills.

**SPL:** There are no Scouts earning the Second Class Rank tonight.

## **First Class Rank**

**MC#2: ACTION: *Light the fourth candle, for the First Class Rank.***

**SPL:** First Class. The founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell, said that all Scouts should earn First Class. Now you have tested yourself even more. You have tried greater adventures and practiced your Scout skills many times. With your confidence and knowledge, you now have, people will expect more of you, and you will expect more of yourself. You are prepared to be more of a leader in your patrol, your troop, and your community.

**SPL:** There are no Scouts earning the First Class Rank tonight.

## Star Rank

**MC#2: ACTION** *Light the fifth candle, for the Star Rank.*

**SPL:** As you earn your Star Rank, you have more freedom to choose the directions that interest you. The focus shifts from basic Scout skills to earning the first six merit badges you will need for Eagle. Requirements now include service to others. The Star Rank also requires the Scout to be active in his troop for at least four months. Of course, you may take longer if you wish. In addition, the Star Scout must serve his troop in a position of leadership for at least four months and take part in at least one service project.

**SPL:** There are no Scouts earning the Star Rank tonight.

## Life Rank

**MC#2: ACTION:** *Light the sixth candle, for the Life Rank.*

**\*\* Change of speaker because SPL is getting the rank \*\***

**MC:** The Life Rank is one of the rarest ranks. This is the last rank before Eagle. You could complete your Eagle Rank now in as few as 6 months. We congratulate you and encourage you to reach for that next step. You have earned more than half of the merit badges required for Eagle. The Life Rank also requires the Scout to be active in his troop for at least six months, serve his troop in a position of leadership for at least six months, and take part in at least one service project.



**MC:** Would Jack Fairman and his Family please come forward to receive the rank of Life.

- *Call each Life recipient (if there are any) and their parents come forward.*
- *Present the awards and pins.*
- *Shake the Scout's left hand and the parent's right hand.*
- *Point scout to the board to move their name.*
- *Pause for Pictures, and the pinning of the Parent Pin*
- *Lead applause for each Scout.*

## **Eagle Rank**

**MC#2: ACTION: Light the seventh candle, for the Eagle Rank.**

**SPL:** The Eagle Rank is Scouting's highest award. Only a small percentage of Scouts have ever reached this lofty goal. The Eagle Rank is presented in a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor and not here this evening. *(Omit following if not doing candles)* But we light the candle to remind us of what we all can someday achieve.

**SPL:** However tonight we would like to honor Gabe Boyd who has just passed the Eagle board of review last Tuesday with an Eagle award date of Aug 23, 2022. Since the paperwork is not thru National yet, we are not allowed to present the award yet. We need a couple more weeks for that to occur.

**SPL:** However, Gabe will be going to OSU in the next couple of weeks, so we would like to bend the rules a bit and have Gabe apply his name to the Eagle column of the Troop 116 rank board.

**SPL:** Would Gabe Boyd please come forward and move your rank on the board.

**SPL:** This concludes our rank ceremony. Let's give everyone who achieved a new rank tonight a big hand for all their hard work.

*(applause)*

**MC:** Would the Advancement Chair like the opportunity to speak or award anything else tonight. *(Probably should check with the Advancement chair before the COH)*

# Inaugurating the newly elected.

**MC:** Will the current SPL, Jack Fairman please come up to provide the Leadership Oath and SPL patch to the New SPL.

**SPL:** *Presents NewSPL with the SPL patch.*

**SPL:** Broden please place your left hand on the flagpole.

**SPL:** Please repeat after me,

- I promise to do my best – *NewSPL repeats-*
- to be worthy of the office of Senior Patrol Leader - *NewSPL repeats*
- for the sake of my fellow Scouts and my troop - *NewSPL repeats*
- and in the World Brotherhood of Scouting - *NewSPL repeats*

**MC:** Will our new SPL Broden Muller please provide incoming leadership with the leadership patches and Oath.

**New SPL:** *provide a list of new leaders and present leadership patches.*

**New SPL:** New leaders place your left hand on the flagpole and repeat after me.

- I promise to do my best -- *new leaders repeat*
- to be worthy of the office of <states your office> – *new leader repeat*
- for the sake of my fellow Scouts and my troop – *new leader repeat*
- and in the World Brotherhood of Scouting. –*new leaders repeat*

**MC:** Congratulations to all our new leaders.

# Present the upcoming events and Troop Goals

**MC:** The SPL will now high the changes to the troop goal for the troop for the next year.

**New SPL:** *To high the goals of the troop and changes to the troop goals*

**MC:** The SPL will now present the troops plans for the next year

*Someone to handout the event calendar.*

**New SPL:** *Now present the troops plans for the next year by going over the Fridge Calendar*

# Scoutmaster Minutes

**MC:** Mr. Boyd, would please do the Scoutmaster minute

**SM:** *Does the minute*

# Closing Prayer

**MC:** Would “TBD” please come to do the closing prayer

# Retiring of the Colors

**MC:** May everyone please rise for the retiring of the colors and will the Pi Patrol please come up to retire the colors.

## **Closing Flag Speaker:**

Audience, attention

Color guard, attention

Color guard, forward march.

Color guard, halt.

Prepare to retire the colors

Scout hand salute. Audience, place your hand over your heart.

Retire the colors.

Two.

Color guard, return to ranks.

Color guard, forward march.

Halt.

About. Face

Color guard at ease, troop at ease.

**MC:** This concludes our Court of Honor ceremony for tonight. Thank you for coming tonight!

