



## Eagle Scout Oath

I reaffirm my allegiance  
 To the three promises of the Scout Oath.  
 I thoughtfully recognize  
 And take upon myself  
 The obligations and responsibilities  
 Of an Eagle Scout.  
 On my honor, I will do my best  
 To make my training an example,  
 And my rank 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.



## Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony

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## Personal Statement

The skills and knowledge I have obtained through Scouting will play a defining role in the purposes I find in life. Boys Scouts of America has been instrumental in shaping who I am today and how I see my roles in life.

The background I have obtained through scouting can be seen in the merit badges I have earned. Some of the merit badges introduced new activities and developed comradery with fellow scouts; like the Orienteering, Fishing, and Small Boat Sailing Merit Badges to name some of my favorites. While others were more serious and covered real life skills that I will use throughout my adulthood. The Personal Management Merit Badge gave me insight into the importance of budgeting, tracking cash flow, and investing for the future. Merit Badges of Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World educated me on the importance of staying politically aware and involved in the democratic process. These Merit Badges along with the Environmental Science and the Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badges, left me with a deep feeling of responsibility of my role as a global citizen to conserve and utilize the environment responsibly. The Personal Fitness, Cycling, and Swimming Merit Badges contributed to the value I now place on lifelong personal fitness; which I took to a new level last summer, as I completed my first triathlon.

As my leadership skills developed from a variety of experiences and opportunities, I was ready for my Eagle Project. My Eagle Project consisted of leading over twenty five individuals in over four hundred hours to install permanent picnic tables in concrete at Washington Recreation Center in Faribault Minnesota; a landscaping component followed. This was definitely the peak of leadership in my life so far. The project was an honor to complete for the community, as all my advances of skills in Scouting came together.

Boys Scouts of America has been instrumental in my life by developing life skills through merit badges, volunteerism, and leadership experiences. Looking back on the years, I really have come a long way, in rank advancements and skills. Once being in the group of young boys struggling to learn knots, to now being the leader. Scouting has shaped who I have become today and who I'll be in the future. For the rest of my life, I will fondly remember by experiences in Scouting.

# Eagle Scout Court of Honor

for

**ETHAN EDWARD JOHNSRUD**

on

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7:00 PM

at

Faribault Evangelical Church

6:55

**Jared Blessem:**

Please take your seats, the ceremony will be starting shortly.

7:05

**Jared Blessem:**

Good evening, we are gathered here tonight to honor Scout Ethan Johnsrud in attaining Scouting's highest rank, the rank of Eagle Scout. This is a great moment worth celebration, as we recall the foundations of scouting. We'll examine the meaning behind the Scout law, Oath, Moto, and Slogan. As we come to fathom the meaning of scouting's highest rank, the rank of Eagle.

Please rise for the presentation of our nations colors.

Color Guard, advance.

*As follows: American flag on left, Troop flag on right (will cross, with American flag ending on right), Ethan Johnsrud, fellow Eagle Scouts, fellow scouts follow in a single column.*

Color Guard, post the colors.

*Color Guard steps back and salutes the American Flag.*

Scout Salute, for those not in uniform, please place your hand over your heart.

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance...

*Jared Blessem recites entire pledge through microphone. Color Guard remains silent.*

*Sam Wilson plays To The Colors.*

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Color Guard, return to rank.

*Color Guard and Sam Wilson return to their seats.*

Scout signs, Please join me in reciting the Scout Oath and Law...

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I would now like to invite Pastor Dan Ford, for the invocation.

*Dan Ford comes forward.*

**Dan Ford**

Invocation

*Dan Ford takes returns to his seat.*

**Jared Blessem:**

By the power vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, I declare this Court of Honor duly convened for the sole purpose of presenting the Eagle Scout Award to Ethan Johnsrud.

The audience may be seated.

I now invite Carter Howell and Ethan Johnsrud to the front.

*Jared Blessem takes a seat, Carter Howell and Ethan Johnsrud comes forward.*

**Carter Howell:**

*Lite candle*

This candle represents the Spirit of Scouting, a spirit which burns brightly in the heart of every Scout. The Scout Law, as we recited earlier, has twelve parts, and each part is vital to building the character of a Scout. Let us renew our spirit by reminding ourselves of the meaning of the Scout Law and Oath.

*Hand lit candle to Ethan Johnsrud.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is trustworthy.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a vital part of his personal code of conduct.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is loyal.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout is true to his family, friends, community, nation, and to his fellow human beings around the world.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is helpful.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout is concerned about other people. He is prepared at any time to help someone in need and to share in daily duties around the home.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is friendly.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout is a friend to all, and a brother to every other Scout. He seeks to understand others.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is courteous.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout is polite to all. More than manners, he allows each person their human dignity.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is kind.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout understands that there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated himself. He does not harm or kill anything without a good reason.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is obedient.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout respects those in authority. He follows the rules of his family, school and troop. And obeys the laws of his community and country.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is cheerful.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout smiles. His obedience towards duties are prompt and cheery.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is thrifty.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money, so that he may pay his own way and help those in need.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is brave.

*Lite Candle.*



**Carter Howell:**

A scout has the courage to face danger, in spite of fear. He will stand up for what is right, no matter the cost.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is clean.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A Scout keeps clean in body and thought. He stands for clean speech, clean sport, and clean habits.

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

A Scout is reverent.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

A scout is faithful to God. He lives out the truth, by living in the light as Jesus lived.

Recite the Scout Oath once again.

**Ethan Johnsrud**

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

*Lite Candle.*

mentally awake

*Lite Candle.*

and morally straight.

*Lite Candle.*

**Carter Howell:**

The last part of the Scout Oath is about taking care of one's self. Physically strong is the importance of staying physically in shape and being well nourished. Mentally awake is obtained through an everlasting spiritual hunger and continuous thirst for knowledge. Morally straight is living a life of honesty and a person of strong character.

*Candle is distinguished. And Carter Howell takes a seat.*

**Ethan Johnsrud**

Thank You, Carter Howell. I would now like to share some of my journey through scouting and the impact it has had on my life.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Thank you, I now invite Connor Nordmeyer to the stage.

*Ethan Johnsrud takes a seat, and Connor Nordmeyer comes forward.*

**Connor Nordmeyer:**

We are here tonight to honor a young man, as he becomes an Eagle Scout. As we do so, it's important to reflect on what it means to be an Eagle Scout.

In terms of badges, he has earned the Scout badge and the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and finally Eagle on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Along the way, he earned a total of 31 merit badges. He served his troop in leadership as a Patrol leader. And in just the last two years, he has served his community in an excess of a hundred service hours. He has planned, developed, and led a service project, that benefited his local community. And in all, he has completed over 325 different requirements.

First and foremost, of course, he is an outdoorsman. He knows how to camp, swim, hike, use tools of the woods, build a fire, and find his way with map and compass. He's spent numerous nights camping in a tent and cooking his own food.

Eagle Scout by itself means you have achieved Scouting's toughest challenge. Let your foundation that was established in Scouting carry on beyond Scouting. Be humble that you have the award, but be proud and respect the badge and what it represents.

I would now like to invite Ethan Johnsrud, to share his Eagle Scout Service Project.

*Connor Nordmeyer takes a seat, and Ethan Johnsrud comes forward.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

SLIDESHOW PRESENTATION.

I would like to invite my Scout Master, Mark Vikla, to the front at this time.

*Ethan Johnsrud steps back, Mark Vikla comes forward.*

**Mark Vikla:**

You've made it. You've climbed Eagle Mountain. But now it's time to look towards the future, towards those other mountains on the horizon. Remember the things you learned on your way to Eagle, and you'll be able to climb any mountain, to overcome any obstacle.

You started with that first step along the trail and began climbing. One step at a time, you followed the trail blazed by others. Then, when the path faded away, you blazed your own trail, a trail that others are now following. You have many more mountains waiting to be climbed. Some may seem insurmountable, but they all can and will be conquered.

At this time, it is with great honor I present Ethan Edward Johnsrud with the Eagle neckerchief and slide, which symbolize his great accomplishment.

*Mark Vikla places the Eagle neckerchief and slide on Ethan Johnsrud.*

Will Eagle Scouts in the audience please rise.

Scout signs, and please recite the Eagle Scout Oath with Ethan, found inside of your programs.

**Eagle Scouts:**

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And my rank and my influence  
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**Mark Vikla:**

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By the authority vested in me by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to pronounce Ethan Edward Johnsrud an Eagle Scout. May the oath you have taken remain graven on your heart forever.

*Scouts stand and lead audience in applause.*

*Mark Vikla takes a seat.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

Thank You, I would like to invite my parent's, Chris and Kim Johnsrud to come forward.

*Chris and Kim Johnsrud come forward.*

STATEMENT

*Ethan Johnsrud pin father pin on Chris Johnsrud.*

**Chris Johnsrud:**

STATEMENT

*Chris Johnsrud place Eagle Badge on Ethan Johnsrud.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

STATEMENT

*Ethan Johnsrud pin mother pin on Kim Johnsrud.*

**Kim Johnsrud:**

STATEMENT

*Kim Johnsrud place Eagle pin on Ethan Johnsrud.*

*Chris and Kim Johnsrud take their seats.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

I would now, like to recognize a few special people who have mentored me in and out of Scouting.

Would Mark Vikla, Scout Master of troop 309, please come forward.

*Mark Vikla comes forward.*

STATEMENT

*Ethan Johnsrud pin mentor pin on Mark Vikla.*

**Mark Vikla:**

STATEMENT

*Mark Vikla returns to his seat.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

Would Jenifer David, former Scout Master of troop 309, please come forward.

*Jenifer David comes forward.*

STATEMENT

*Ethan Johnsrud pin mentor pin on Jenifer David.*

**Jenifer David:**

STATEMENT

*Jenifer David returns to her seat.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

Would Chris Trebelhorn, Assistant Scout Master of troop 309, please come forward.

*Chris Trebelhorn comes forward.*

STATEMENT

*Ethan Johnsrud pin mentor pin on Chris Trebelhorn.*

**Chris Trebelhorn:**

STATEMENT

*Chris Trebelhorn returns to his seat.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

Would Dan Ford, Senior Pastor of Faribault Evangelical Free Church, please come forward.

*Dan Ford comes forward.*

STATEMENT

*Ethan Johnsrud pin mentor pin on Dan Ford.*

**Dan Ford:**

STATEMENT

*Dan Ford returns to his seat.*

**Ethan Johnsrud:**

I was only able to recognize a few people today, but many of you have done so much for me in my life, and for that I am very thankful. So thank you.

I will be attending the University of Minnesota Duluth in the fall to study Computer Science, for a possible career in Cyber Security.

Once again, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for coming out tonight. This has been a very special night, one that I will always treasure. Following the closing flag ceremony, I would like to invite you all to join us for a graduation reception and some special treats in the fellowship hall.

I'd like to recognize a few community leaders that have taken time to join us tonight. Mayor Kevin Voracek (and Representative Brian Daniels ??) { He/They has / have a few comments to share, and then} Jared Blessem will close our ceremony.

*Ethan Johnsrud returns to his seat.*



## **Special Speakers:**

### LETTER READING

#### **Jared Blessem:**

*Jared Blessem comes forward.*

Tonight has indeed been a special night. Scout Ethan Edward Johnsrud has accepted a weighty challenge: to live out the Eagle Scout Promise in his everyday life. It's a challenge worthy of each of us. Let's give one more round of applause for Boys Scouts of America's newest Eagle Scout, Ethan Johnsrud!

I would now like to invite Pastor Dan Ford for the Benediction.

*Dan Ford comes forward.*

Will the audience please rise for the benediction.

#### **Dan Ford:**

Benediction

*Dan Ford returns to his seat.*

#### **Jared Blessem:**

Color Guard advance.

Scout Salute, for those not in uniform please place your hand over your heart.

Color Guard, retire the colors.

*Exiting as follows: American flag cross first, then Troop 309 flag, Ethan Johnsrud, fellow Eagle Scouts, fellow scouts follow in a single column.*

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Thank you again for coming, this concludes our Eagle Court of Honor.