

# Court of Honor, August 18, 2008

## Opening Ceremony

*Nathan says:*

Welcome to the Court of Honor for Troop 993. We're gathered here today to present to the merit badges that your scouts have completed and the ranks that they've earned. Now if you would please give a big round of applause for our own Troop 993 Committee Chairwoman, **Ms. Seeby** Ms. Seeby will come to the front to officially open the Court of Honor.

Ms. Seeby: By the power invested in me by the Sam Houston Area Council, I officially declare this court of honor open.

## Presentation of the Flags

*Nathan says:*

Now please stand while our color guard presents the flags.

*David says:*

Troop attention. Color Guard attention. Color guard Advance. Color guard Halt. Color guard post the colors.  
Scouts salute. Please join me in the pledge of allegiance ...

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About face. Color guard retire. Please be seated.

## Opening Prayer

*Nathan says:*

Would Chaplain's Aide, Garrett Hogue, please come forward to give the opening prayer?

*Garrett says:*

Will you please rise and bow your heads.

We thank you, Lord, for this day, and this Court of Honor. Be with us as we celebrate the achievements of the Scouts in our Troop.

As we move forward on the path to Eagle, we give thanks for the parents and leaders who have given us this opportunity in our lives. Help us to remember that all good things come from you, and to see your hand in all our accomplishments. Amen.

### **Lighting of the Candles:**

*Nathan says:* Now we will light the candles that represent the scout law. Will Mitch and Matt please come forward

*Mitch says (as Matt lights the candles:* Each of the candles here represents a basic principle in the Scout Law. We light the candles here to remind us of the ideals that we value as scouts:

#### **TRUSTWORTHY**

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

#### **LOYAL**

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

#### **HELPFUL**

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

#### **FRIENDLY**

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

#### **COURTEOUS**

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

#### **KIND**

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

#### **OBEDIENT**

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

#### **CHEERFUL**

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

**THRIFTY**

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

**BRAVE**

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

**CLEAN**

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

**REVERENT**

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

## **Rank Advancement Presentation**

**Nathan** says:

Alright time for the fun part, Rank Advancement and Merit Badges!!!! We'll start by presenting any scouts who have achieved the Tenderfoot rank. Please hold your applause until the end of each section.

### **Tenderfoot Presentation**

**Nathan** says: Would Matt now come forward to present the tenderfoot ranks.

**Matt** says:

This is the first rank that a scout will earn in Boy Scouts. Obtaining this badge will give you the basic skills you will need to start Scouting. The requirements will offer a taste of the great adventures that await you on the road ahead. It takes a lot of skill to earn Tenderfoot, and you'll be learning stuff that you had only dreamed about before. As I call your name, please come forward with your parents. The scouts that have earned this award are:

Brian Cadmus, Grant Cruz, Matthew Feagan, Benjamin Johnson, Jack Lin Christopher Stuewer, and Carl Teegerstrom

These Scouts have learned how to tie ropes demonstrate First Aid to a fellow Scout and shown that are physically active. You'll also get this neckerchief given out by our very own Scoutmaster.

Scouts, present the mother's pins and move your name plaques to Tenderfoot rank and then be seated.

### **Second Class Presentation**

*Nathan says:* Would Mitch please come forward to present the Second Class ranks.

*Mitch says:*

Second class is the next step on your trail to first class, you're learning how to read a compass, interact with other scouts, build campfires, safely use wood tools, add to your knowledge of first aid and go on awesome campouts with your patrol and troop. As I call your name, please come forward with your parents. The Scouts that have earned Second Class are:

These scouts have demonstrated all of the requirements I've talked about.

Murphy Brennan, Adam Elkhadem, Nathaniel Lyon, Ryan Ogilvie, Logan Smith, VonBorstel, and Ryan Wilson

### **First Class Presentation**

*Nathan says:* Would David please come forward to present the First class ranks.

*David says:*

I'll be presenting the First Class ranks. At this point a Scout is setting his sights north to the rank of Eagle. He has, but a couple of ranks before obtaining Eagle. He has learned to cook in the outdoors, how to use a knife properly and how to tie lashing to build structures. Becoming a First Class Scout also prepares you to become more of a leader in your patrol, your troop, and your community. People will expect more of you, and you will expect more of yourself. As I call your name, please come forward with your parents. The Scouts who have successfully earned First Class are:

Kevin Bradshaw, Adam Elkhadem, Ethan Lyon, Ryan Ogilvie, Kaan Palaz, Logan Smith, Karl Stuewer, and Ryan Wilson

As a First Class Scout, you have earned the opportunity and right to demonstrate and abide by the Scout Oath and Law to which a true and mature Scout is forever bound. Do you accept this greater responsibility of First Class Scout? If so answer "I do."

Scouts, present the mother's pins and move your name plaques to First Class rank and then be seated.

### **Star Rank Presentation**

*Nathan says:* Would Matt please come forward to represent the star ranks.

*Matt says:*

The Journey to Eagle is right around the corner and waiting for you. This rank will test you for the perilous journey that you will face. Those Scouts who attain this honor, should be real Scouts, representative Scouts- Scouts on the inside as well as on the outside. As I call your name, please come forward with your parents. These Scouts are:

Nathan Dunkelberger, Brandon Karnoski, and Alan Perez

Scouts, present the mother's pins and move your name plaques to Star rank and then be seated.

### **Ryan McDonnell Eagle**

*Nathan says:* And now I would like to recognize Ryan McDonnell as our newest Eagle Scout in Troop 993. His Eagle Court of honor was yesterday.  
Ryan – please stand up!

Let's give him a big round of applause.

*(applause)*

Congratulations Ryan!

*Nathan says:*

Now we are going to move on to the presentation of the Merit Badges

### **Merit Badge Presentation**

*Nathan says:*

*Will Mitch please come forward to present the merit badges?*

*Mitch* says:

Some Scouts have earned 1 or more merit badges since the last Court of Honor. Please come forward when as I say your name. Please hold all of your applause until the very end. They are:

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*(David and Matt helps handing out badges)*

### **Special Awards**

*Nathan* says:

*Will David please come forward to represent the special awards.*

*David* says:

Other than merit badges, there are special awards that a scout can earn.

*(David's speech about swim)*

#### ***Mile Swim:***

David Williams  
Mitch VonBorstel  
Scott VonBorstel  
Gabe Puccini  
David Keahey

#### ***Duty to God:***

Cameron Seeby

### **Camp Awards and Honors**

*Nathan* says:

*Now it's time for announcements followed by a short slideshow!*

*Nathan* says:

*This summer, our scouts went to two summer camps. First, I'd like to ask **Mr. Cullom and John Petty** to come up and say a few words about CIMA summer camp that was attended mostly by the younger scouts.*

*(Mr. Cullom steps forward and speaks about Summer CIMA Camp and John will represent the Cima Ranch award. )*

*Nathan* says:

*Next, I'd like to ask **Mr. Klein** to come up and say a few words about the High Adventure summer camp.*

*(Mr. Klein steps forward and speaks about High Adventure Summer Camp. )*

*Nathan* says:

*In June, many of the scouts worked on the SHIP project to help improve the scout hut, but the person who organized it was Mr. Ogilvie. Mr. Ogilvie, would you please step up to talk about it?*

## **Other Announcements**

*Nathan* says:

*Would our chairwoman, Ms. Seeby come up and make a few announcements.*

*(Ms. Seeby talks)*

*Nathan* says:

*Thank you Ms. Seeby. Now I would like to ask our scoutmaster, Mr. Leary, to come up and make some additional announcements.*

*(Mr. Leary talks)*

*Nathan says:*

*Now are there any other announcements that I missed?*

*Nathan says: and now a slideshow about the scouts' recent activities, produced by Liam De Vassal.*

**\*\*\*\*\* Slide Show \*\*\*\*\*** (5 minutes)

## **Closing Ceremony**

### **Closing Prayer**

*Nathan says:*

Would Chaplain's Aide Garret Hogue please lead us in the closing prayer?

*Garrett says:*

Will you please bow your heads?

Lord, we thank you for the rewards we have received and thank you for the fellowship and guidance from the members of our Troop. Help us to learn to guide one another, and serve our Troop, community and country to your honor and glory.

May God bless us and protect us. May God show us favor and be gracious to us. May God show us kindness and grant us peace. Amen.

## **Flag Retire**

*Nathan says:*

*David will now lead us in the retiring of the flag.*

## **Closing**

*Nathan says:*

Will *Mrs. Seeby* please come forward to officially close this Court of Honor?

Ms. Seeby: by the power invested in me by the Sam Houston Area Council, I officially declare this court of honor closed.

## **Refreshments**

Thank you everyone for coming. Scouts, don't move an inch...Lastly, I'd like to thank Mrs. Patson for refreshments. Adults can go ahead and get refreshments. Scouts need to stay back for now and clean up.