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### First Step in Planning the Eagle Court of Honor



- Once the Eagle Scout presentation kit arrives, the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairman, or Eagle Advancement Chairman should begin preparations for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- The Eagle candidate and his family should designate an award presenter.
- Next step is deciding upon the locale, a church, a hall or other facility to be used for the ceremony.

### Eagle COH should focus singularly on Eagle Scout



- It is best NOT to combine two or more eagles ceremonies into one; except under special circumstances (e.g., best friends)
- It is an important moment for the Eagle when he receives his badge
- Attention should be focused solely on him when the big moment arrives
- If done well, inspires other scouts to follow

### Key parts of Eagle COH Ceremony



- Scout Color Guard should open the ceremony
- Scout and Parents escorted to the front separately
- Troop scouts briefly explain boy scout ranks
- Speaker explains requirements to earn Eagle rank
- Speaker(s) talk about eagle scout's merits
- Scout recite Scout Oath and or Scout Law
- Mother, Father, pinned, and Scout pinned
- Parents acknowledge the Eagle trail of their son
- Affirm commitment and recite Eagle Charge
- Eagle Scout comments and acknowledges mentors
- Benediction or prayer and closing ceremony

### Keep an Eye on Ceremony Details...



- Sequence of the presenters and speakers
- Presenter of Eagle Charge
- Letters of Commendation
- Order of the awards and pinning
- Decorations
- Refreshments
- Invitations
- Printing of the COH Program
- Publicity: photographs for publication



### Eagle COH Extras



- Letters of Commendation — Mayors, State Senators and Representatives, Governor, Members of Congress, US Senators, Board of Education President, Sports figures, celebrities
- Display of personal Scouting memorabilia
- Guest book signatures appreciated by parents
- Troop award membership in National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) or parents provide lifetime membership

### Eagle Commendation Letter Sources



- <http://www.firstgov.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>
- <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>
- <http://governor.ohio.gov/contactinfopage.asp>
- [http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)
- <http://www.macscouter.com/Eagle/Addresses.html>

www.eaglescout.org



## Some Eagle COH Caveats



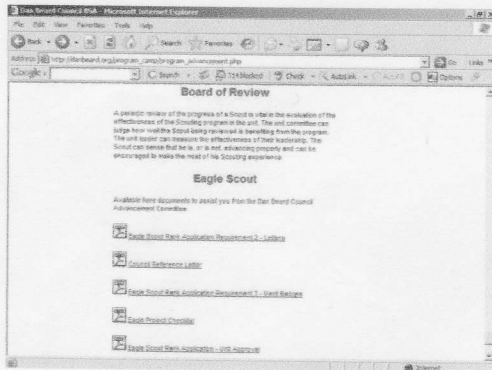
- Essential Scout Rule:  
Keep it simple — Keep it fun
- Master of Ceremonies sets the pace and the tone
- Have speakers sitting near front minimizes potential lag time
- Test lighting setup, PA, and slide show equipment ahead of time
- Daylight can hamper slide shows
- Potential for humor — expect the unexpected
- Eagle COH should be separate from Troop COH

## Eagle COH Resources



- <http://www.eaglescout.org/finale/coh/coh.htm>
- <http://www.nesa.org/awards/desa/index.html>
- <http://danbeard.org>
- <http://www.macscouter.com/Eagle/EagleBook.html>
- <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/eagle.asp>

### Dan Beard Web Site

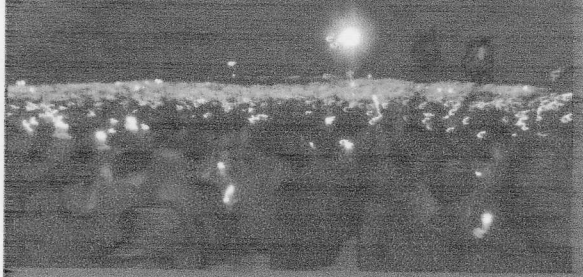


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January 20, 2005

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Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. This represents more than 1 million Boy Scouts who have earned the rank since 1911.

