



## Eagle Court of Honor Checklist



This is for Scouts that passed their Eagle Board of Review (EBOR) and want to prepare for their Eagle Court of Honor (ECOH). The ECOH is a special honor that will celebrate your son attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. The ECOH can be done with other Eagle Scouts or alone. The choice is up to the family.

### **EBOR to ECOH Checklist:**

1. Contact information for Dennis Walker, your Eagle Coordinator:
  - 393-4940, [djw1998v@gmail.com](mailto:djw1998v@gmail.com)
  - 345 N 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hiawatha, IA 52233
2. Your Eagle Coordinator will be notified that National has approved your Eagle Scout award. Dennis will then pick up your official Eagle Scout certificate, your Eagle Kit, Eagle Palms (if any), and will notify you by e-mail.
  - **Note:** The Eagle certificate and kit will be presented at the next available Monday meeting.
3. This process usually takes 6-8 weeks from the time of your EBOR at the Scout Office.
4. Please note that this is **your** ECOH. You can use all checklist suggestions or only a few of them.

**Note:** All the following items are based on a 3-month timeline until your ECOH.

### **5. 3 months away:**

- Pick a date, time, and location for your ECOH (a typical date for your ECOH is approximately 3 months from your BOR).
- Reserve the facilities for your ECOH.
- Contact your Eagle Coordinator to add your ECOH to the Troop's calendar.

### **6. 2 months away:**

- Order a US Flag. This may be done earlier if you want it flown on a certain date. This form is available at <https://www.grassley.senate.gov/constituents/flag-requests> or <https://www.ernst.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/flag-requests>. The cost is \$21-34 and will take 4-6 weeks from the time of your order or the date you requested. A 5'X8' cotton flag is nice (see #9 below).
- Congratulation letters from notable public servants, actors and organizations are available at <http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Congratulation%20Letter.docx>. Names and addresses are available at <http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Congratulation%20Letter%20Addresses.xlsx>. You may send none or as many as you wish. You can also Google additional names and addresses.
- If you plan on an ECOH at a church, you may wish to volunteer to pay for flowers in the morning.

### **7. 6 weeks away:**

- The Eagle Scout family is responsible for purchasing an Eagle scarf and slide. Go to the Scout Office and pick out your choice of scarf and slide. At the same time, purchase Eagle invitations (non-embossed so you can print well), thank you cards, napkins, family gifts, etc. from the Scout Office.
- The Troop purchases the Eagle Kit as congratulations to the Eagle Scout. You should have your Eagle Kit and Eagle certificate by now. If not, contact the Eagle Coordinator. The Eagle kit includes an Eagle patch, Eagle medal, Mother's Pin, Father's, and Mentor's Pin. Only 1 mentor's pin is included, if you wish to have 2 or more mentor pins, you can buy them at the Scout Office. There are grandparent pins also available at the Scout Shop. Go ahead and sew the Eagle patch on their uniform.
- Start gathering Scout memorabilia and pictures for the ECOH. Start working on the slideshow. An example slideshow is available at <http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Court%20of%20Honor%20Slideshow.ppt>.
- Begin working on your ECOH script. An example script is located at <http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Court%20of%20Honor%20Script.doc>. The script can be modified in any way you wish. You can also Google search for additional scripts.

**8. 5 weeks away:**

- Decide to mail ECOH invitations or send them out via the Troop’s distribution list ([BSATroop766@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:BSATroop766@GoogleGroups.com)). Many families do both: snail-mail invitations to family members and send an e-mail to the Troop. An example invitation is located at <http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Court%20of%20Honor%20Invitation.doc>.
- Begin working on your ECOH program. The program is handed out to guests at the beginning of the ECOH. An example program is located at <http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Court%20of%20Honor%20Program.doc>. The script can be modified in any way you wish. You can also Google additional programs.

**9. 4 weeks away:**

- Finalize and print invitations.
- Buy stamps for invitations.
- Confirm that your facility is still reserved.
- Contact your Eagle Coordinator to use the Troop 766 ECOH supplies. The ECOH supplies include banners, Scout Law candle holders, a big Scout Rank candle holder, signs, table decorations, etc. to use.
- Consider posting a picture and article in the Milestone section of the Cedar Rapids Gazette. The cost is between \$29-55. The Submission Form is available at <http://www.thegazette.com/milestones-submission-form>
- Determine the menu for the reception. Ask for additional help with the reception including transportation, kitchen help, decorating, etc.
- Contact the Cedar Valley Detachment 099 of the Marine Corps League. This group likes to honor Eagle Scouts at their Court of Honor by presenting a "Good Citizenship Award" along with a brand new \$50 bill to the Scout. This is not intended to be a recruiting event but simply to recognize the Eagle Scout. Please contact Dave Cork, Commandant [commandant@cvml.org](mailto:commandant@cvml.org).
- Call/e-mail adults and Scouts to help in your ECOH. The Troop roster can be found at [Link](#).

Roles:	Name:	Phone#:	E-Mail:
MC:			
Pledge:	Troop 766 Color Guard		
Bugler:			
Invocation:			
Scouting Spirit:			
Scouting Trail:			
Scout Law/Oath:			
Scout Ranks:			
Tenderfoot:			
2nd Class:			
1st Class:			
Star:			
Life:			
Eagle:			
Eagle Scout Oath:			
Adult #1:			
Adult #2			
Adult #3			
Adult #4:			
Adult #5:			
Closing Remarks:			
Eagles Remarks:	Eagle Scout		
Audio/Video:			
Eagle COH Supplies:	Dennis Walker	393-4940	<a href="mailto:djw1998v@gmail.com">djw1998v@gmail.com</a>

### 10. 3 weeks away:

- Snail-mail and send Troop invitations to [BSATroop766@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:BSATroop766@GoogleGroups.com).
- You can look at the Eagle COH supplies that your Eagle Coordinator has in his box and determine whether to buy new candles or use the ones in the containers (either way is acceptable). You need 19 white, 1 silver, 1 red, and 1 navy blue candle.
- Submit ECOH announcement in the church newsletter and/or bulletin.
- Keep working on the script.
- Purchase a flag case that fits the flag that you ordered. A 5'X8' cotton flag fits nicely in the large flag case. Flag cases can be purchased from Michael's.
- Order a nameplate for the flag case using the following link  
<http://www.bsatroop766.org/Forms/Eagle%20Scout%20US%20Flag%20Nameplate.pdf>.

### 11. 2 weeks away:

- Keep working on scrapbooks and Scout memorabilia to be displayed.
- Keep working on the slideshow presentation.
- Finalize the script and e-mail parts to your adults and Scouts so they can practice.
- Buy reception supplies: cups, napkins, plates, forks, tablecloths, etc.
- Buy/find a card basket and a guestbook.
- Finalize the menu (if any) for the reception.
- Order cake and buns for the reception. Hy-Vee doesn't want to put the Eagle medal or Eagle patch on the cake, but you can get non-BSA Eagle cakes (example on right).
- Make/buy/order table centerpieces for the reception. There are centerpieces in the Eagle tu



### 12. 1 week away:

- Confirm everyone can still help with your ECOH. This is important to check before you print the program. Tell the helpers in the ceremony to arrive 30 minutes before the ECOH begins.
- Cut the script into segments so that the readers can have it for the ECOH.
- Make sure Eagle Coordinator will bring the US flag, Troop flag, and flag stands.
- If you need to use the Troop's data projector, speakers, and extension cords, contact the Eagle Coordinator to bring them.

### 13. 4 days away:

- Buy other reception food supplies.
- Finish reception decorations, tablecloths, centerpieces, etc.
- Order flowers, balloons, etc. if needed.
- Send reminder e-mail to the Troop using [BSATroop766@GoogleGroups.com](mailto:BSATroop766@GoogleGroups.com)

### 14. 2 days away:

- Optional: charge the video camera, get extra batteries for the camera and ensure you have enough space on your memory card/tape.
- Rehearse the final script to make sure you know all the parts.
- Finalize slideshow.
- Confirm delivery of food (if any).

### 15. 1 day away:

- Finalize and print programs.
- Organize all of the things to bring to the ECOH.
- If you don't have a laptop for the slideshow, make sure you arrange to borrow one. If you borrow one, make sure you practice the slideshow.

### 16. EAGLE COURT OF HONOR DAY:

- Don't worry, you planned well. Everything will work great!
- Pick up the cake, buns, flowers, balloons, etc.
- Don't forget to bring Eagle gift from the parents, the Eagle scarf, the Eagle slide, the red Mother's Ribbon, Scout memorabilia, scrapbooks, displays, etc.
- Make sure Dennis or the designee will bring the US flag, the Troop flag, and flag stands.
- Bring all reception supplies (plates, cups, napkins, forks, tablecloths, etc.), laptop, slideshow, food, scripts, punch bowl, programs, candles, cameras, batteries, guestbook, card basket, flowers, balloons, etc.
- Decorate the facility and make punch (if any).
- Have a dry run with the Scouts – focus on the Scouts lighting the candles.
- When setting up the candles, make sure the paper is below the candles as they will drip and leave a mess on the table.

### 17. Within 1 week after:

- Send thank you letters to everyone that helped and/or gave you a gift.

