

# Troop 84 - Eagle Scout

## Court Of Honor - Etiquette

- \* Each Scout after attaining Eagle will set up a special ceremony with the help of his Scoutmaster and parents.
- \* Our Troop provides the opportunity for each Scout to have his own. It is thus personalized, with much effort into making it special.
- \* The Eagle Scout is instructed to personally invite each Family in the Troop, to this honorable occasion.
- \* This Eagle Scout has spent countless hours instructing and guiding Your son. His wish is for everyone to participate!
- \* Included on the invitation will be a RSVP date - Please respond!
- \* We have seen the disappointment from these fine young men, when a scouts family does not have the courtesy to respond.
- \* As you know the Troop takes great pains in inculcating that each Scout must be responsible for signing up for activities, but also being accountable for not being able to make it as well. These Eagle Court invitations are no exception! Your Scout must respond either way! A Scout is Courteous!
- \* If you can not make the ceremony, no one needs an explanation why, just a simple: "I can not make it". This way your son learns that it is okay to say no! This can only lead to others respecting him!
- \* Participating will lead your son into accelerating his quest for the prestigious rank of Eagle. He will see first hand the accolades bestowed on these Scouts and want to do the same.
- \* Wok, your son can participate, but you can not. No problem, the entire family is invited as a courtesy but is not necessary for their scout son to attend.
- \* Do I need to give a gift? No! The Eagle Scout does not expect any personal gifts! as a matter of fact this Scout has to give his Advisor and Scoutmaster one! If we started to give gifts to each Eagle we would go broke as well as attendance at their ceremony going way down, due to this requirement.

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\* In the past I have attended about 30 Eagle Court of Honors and the only ones giving gifts are relatives. I have seen on occasion that a Scouts family will give one when the Eagle Scout is very close to them and or has mentored their son throughout the years. Our family attended a personal friends sons Court and we gave him one.

\* Trust me, I have never heard from an Eagle Scout that they were disappointed that a scout did not give them a gift. But I have heard many, many times an Eagle Scout comment that they were disappointed by this Scout and that Scout not attending!

\* Your son after responding to attend, may be asked by the Eagle to take part in the ceremony. He will be given further instructions at that time, which will probably include arriving early.

\* Your son must wear his full class A uniform including his Merit - Badge sash.

\* To emphasize the fact that your son must respond, regardless weather he can make it or not. Here is a quote, that says it all:

The truth of the matter is, that you always know  
the right thing to do.

The hard part is doing it!

H. Norman Schwartzkopf

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