



THE EAGLE CHARGE

The Boy Scouts of all nations constitutes one of the most wholesome and significant influences in the world's history. You have been counted worthy of this high recognition in the Boy Scouts of America. All who know you rejoice in your achievement. Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. You are a marked man. As an Eagle Scout, you assume a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to Country, to your fellow scouts, and to mankind in general. This is a great undertaking. As you live up to your obligations, you bring honor to yourself and to your brother Scouts. Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow Scouts; it extends to your Country and your God. America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these good things depend for the most part on the quality of her citizens. Our country has had a great past. You can help make the future still greater. I charge you to undertake your citizenship with solemn dedication. Be a leader, but only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the highest level of service; to God and to your fellow man. So live and serve that those who know you will be inspired to the finest living. We have too many who use their strength and brains to exploit others and to gain selfish ends. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their hearts and hands to the common good. Build America on solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship, and reverence for God. Then whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a record of which you may be justly PROUD.

Eagle candidate, I charge you to enter this Eagle Scout brotherhood holding without reservation and ever before you the ideals of honor and service. By the repetition of the EAGLE SCOUT PROMISE before your fellow members, you will become an EAGLE SCOUT. Though the words you use are similar to those by which you joined Scouting, tonight they will mean more than they would have meant at any time in the past. When you pledge yourself on your sacred honor, you will be sealing your eternal loyalty to the code of the EAGLE SCOUT.

THE EAGLE SCOUT PROMISE

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, my status and my influence count strongly for better Scouting, for better citizenship in my troop, and community, and in my contacts with other people.
 This I pledge my sacred honor.

DUTY TO GOD

DUTY TO SELF

DUTY TO COUNTRY



Eagle Charge

As a representative of the Eagle Scouts of the _____ Council, I wish to welcome you to the brotherhood of Eagle Scouts.

Little more than 2% of those who enter scouting achieve what you have here today. The requirements are demanding, but fair. Your achievement is recognition of your perseverance and ability. But I am not here to talk of your past accomplishments, but of your future opportunities.

Years ago, I received my Eagle award, and in those years it has constantly enriched my life. It will yours. Of course, when you go to a Scouting function, you will be recognized as a doer, and you will have the opportunity of standing as an equal among the leaders.

But I think that your Eagle award will go far beyond Scouting Itself. When you are applying to go to college, or to get a good job, having "Eagle Scout" on the application helps. I know, because it helped me. More than that, the things you have done, the leadership and sense of honor you have developed, will stand you in better stead than a certificate and a piece of ribbon in a drawer. You will have more opportunity to be of service to your fellows, through your school, your work, and through Scouting, because you know what you can do.

In the years to come you will casually meet people who were Eagles, too, and there is an instant bond of comradeship. You have each shared a common experience. You each know the other can be trusted, as a friend or as a worker. The comradeship among Eagles extends throughout the nation and wherever you go, in the world of Scouting or in the larger world beyond, for the rest of your life.

You travel as a marked man, an Eagle Scout!

Welcome!

Charge To An Eagle Scout

Eagle Candidate (scout's full name) :

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