**Eagle Court Of Honor for Logan Peeples**

**Troop 23**

CEREMONY

**Luke**: Good Evening! My name is Luke Peeples. Welcome to Logan Peeples’ Eagle Court of Honor. I am very proud to stand in front of you today as we recognize my brother’s amazing accomplishment! Before we start, will everyone please bow their heads for the Invocation:

God, we thank you for the opportunity to come together as family, friends, leaders and fellow scouts on this significant day in the life of Logan Peeples. Today is a celebration of a journey, a journey full of challenges, friendship, struggles, and, occasionally, a little fun. Today, we think of all the Merit Badges earned along the way, the oaths committed to, the character this young man developed, and the service to our community he worked so hard to bring about. Little by little, month by month and year by year, he was faithful and we celebrate his faith, commitment, and hard work.

So we ask for your blessing on Logan Peeples and our family who supported and encouraged him, and his fellow scouts who helped them along the way. Bless the scout leaders of Troop 23, and all those who are here physically or in Spirit. Continue to walk with Logan as he takes his next steps in being the Scout he has aspired to be.

Amen.

**Luke** - Color guard, Attention!

Everyone please rise.

Scout Salute.

Color Guard, Forward March!

Color Guard, Halt!

Colar Guard, Post the Colors.

Everyone please join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."**

Please join me for the Scout Oath.

Luke leads- [Scout Oath].

**On my honor, I will do my best   
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;   
To help other people at all times;   
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”**

Please be Seated!

Luke introduces Chris Dibert

**Chris Dibert:**

As scouting coordinator for Troop 23, it is my pleasure to declare that this Eagle court of honor for Logan Peeples is now officially open.

Significance of the Eagle Rank

Webster's dictionary describes an eagle as a large bird of prey with sharp vision and powerful wings, famous for their strength, size, grace, and keen vision. It is the national emblem for the United States. Though the eagle is found throughout the world, it is never found in abundance; it is always rare and it is always a superb specimen.

In Scouting the eagle stands for strength of character, and for knowledge of all phases of Scouting. The eagle represents an understanding of community and nation, and a deep respect for same. The eagle is a symbol of what a young man has done as well as what that young man will do, and will be, when he grows to manhood. The eagle is a leader. The eagle is respected, both by his peers and by his adult leaders.

The EAGLE SCOUT AWARD is the highest award available to youth members of the Boy Scouts of America. It is a recognition by the National Court of Honor, presented through the local council and a local court of honor.

It represents many years of dedicated effort , and the successful completion of a long process which started when the young man became a Boy Scout. It is a demonstration of how people, working together, can truly help mold a young man with a solid sense of leadership, citizenship, and responsibility.

Not every boy, nor every Scout, qualifies for the high rank of Eagle.

1. The physical requirements are strenuous, as set forth in the required merit badges.

2. Mental requirements are unusual and require much more than average intelligence.

3. Perhaps an even more difficult and more important requirement for the Eagle rank is the personal character of the Scout as reflected in his right attitudes toward God and the ideals of Scouting, as reflected in his cooperation and service to others in church, the home, school and community. The applicant must have a high degree of the spirit of cheerful service to others which is a basis of good citizenship.

The attainment of the Eagle Scout Rank is indeed the highest honor that a Scout may achieve.

When a boy enters Scouting, in the three parts of the Scout Oath, he promises upon his honor to do his best to do his duty

first to God and his country

second, to other people, by helping them at all times

and third, to himself, by keeping himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Likewise, the Scout Law he promises to obey is put into effect as the occasion may demand. He is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Each is an important foundation stone in the building of strong character.

An Eagle Scout is one who has taken the Scout Oath and Law, to which he has promised, and embodied them within his character. The Oath and Law have become a part of him, they guide and direct him.

Very few Scouts make it this far, only about 2% of all scouts, and it is a great achievement for all parties involved: the Scout, his family, his community, his unit, and the Boy Scouts of America.

Many Eagle Scouts have gone on to assume important positions:

The list includes Presidents and Pulitzer Prize recipients, Astronauts, Athletes, Celebrities, and CEOs. You may have heard of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. Or Steven Spielberg, Award Winning Director. Sam Walton, founder of Walmart, Gerald Ford, US President, or Michael Boomberg, former NY City Mayor, just to name a few.

Awarding the Eagle is an important and serious matter. It is the climax and goal toward which this Scout has been working for several years. It is the culmination of the efforts of the parents and leaders of this Scout. It is an occasion for pride and for joy.

Eagle is the highest and most coveted award in all of Scouting, and it is the last major step in the advancement program. It is, at this point, that Scouting has achieved its purpose in these Eagles:

in building participating citizenship

in growth in moral strength and character

in development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness

[Chris be seated]

**Luke-** Would the honor guard please escort Logan forward.

[Pause for honor guard to escort scout to front.]

Luke introduces Kurt Crist.

[Pause for Kurt and Logan to come forward. Logan will stand behind the candles]

Kurt - As we begin this Eagle Court of Honor and examine the "Trail to Eagle," it is fitting that we start with the fundamental principles of Scouting: the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. We have just joined together in reciting the oath. Let us begin our ceremony by lighting candles symbolic of the three parts of the Scout Oath:

Duty to God and Country, Logan please light a candle. [pause for Logan to light candle]

Duty to others, Logan please light a candle. [pause Logan to light candle]

Duty to self, Logan please light a candle. [pause Logan to light candle]

Logan, remain standing behind the candles.

Kurt: In Scouting, as in most activities of life, there are rules. The rules of Scouting are found in the twelve points of the Scout Law. As a candle is lit for each point of the Scout Law, let us pay careful attention to the words and rededicate ourselves to the principles contained in those words.

Kurt: A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises.

Honesty is a part of his code of conduct.

A SCOUT IS LOYAL.

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders,

school, nation, and world community.

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly

volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A SCOUT IS 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

that are different from his own.

A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.

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

together.

A SCOUT IS KIND.

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle.

He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

A SCOUT IS 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.

A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.

A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully

does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He

saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

Kurt: A SCOUT IS 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 him or threaten him.

A SCOUT IS 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.

A SCOUT IS REVERENT.

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

Kurt is Seated.

**Luke introduce Robert Harper.**

Robert Harper: The pathway to Eagle can be described as a steep trail leading up to three peaks, the highest being that of Eagle Scout. Officially, the trail starts with the Tenderfoot rank and continues through Second and First Class ranks. Then, the mountain climbing begins. The path is marked with merit badges, leadership responsibilities, service projects, and the practice of Scouting skills and ideals. The first peak reached is that of Star Scout, the second is Life Scout, and, finally, Eagle Scout.

Logan, you may take a seat. [Logan to be Seated]

Now we shall hear the story of Logan 's "Trail to Eagle."

To earn the rank of Tenderfoot Scout, Logan did the following:

He was active in the troop and his patrol for at least two

months. He memorized the Scout Oath and Law.

He explained the meaning of each point of the Scout Law.

He practiced these ideals in his everyday life.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

In earning the rank of Second Class Scout, Logan did the following:

He was active in the troop and his patrol for at least two

months after earning Tenderfoot.

He showed Scout spirit. He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

To earn the rank of First Class Scout, Logan did the following:

He demonstrated basic orienteering skills.

He participated in ten troop or patrol activities.

He served as patrol cook on a camp out.

He discussed the rights and obligations of a citizen.

He identified ten kinds of native plants.

He demonstrated ability with knots and lashings.

He demonstrated first aid skills

He swam 100 yards.

He showed Scout spirit.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

In earning the rank of Star Scout, Logan did the

following:

He was active in the troop for at least four months after

earning First Class.

He showed Scout spirit.

He earned merit badges.

He did at least six hours of service projects.

He served at least four months in a troop leadership position.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

In order to earn the rank of Life Scout, Logan did the following:

He was active in the troop for at least six months after earning

Star.

He showed Scout spirit.

He earned additional merit badges.

He did at least six hours of service projects.

He served at least six months in a troop leadership position.

He had a personal growth conference and a board of review.

To complete the rank of Eagle Scout, Logan did the

following:

He was active in the troop for at least six months after earning

Life.

He showed Scout spirit.

He earned his final remaining required merit badges.

He served at least six months in a troop leadership position.

He planned, developed, and gave leadership to others in a

service project. His project was Myakka Valley Ranches Community Park Picnic Area. He along with other scouts dedicated 121 hours to create a recreational area in his neighborhood community park. Complete with 2 new picnic tables.

He participated in a personal growth conference.

He was reviewed by a board of review which included

representatives from TwoRivers District as well as members

of the committee of Troop 23.

[Robert is seated]

Luke: I would like to introduce Chris White, who will deliver the Eagle

Charge.

**CHRIS WHITE:**

The Boy Scouts of the world constitute one of the most wholesome and significant movements in history, and you Logan Peeples, have been counted worthy of this highest rank in its membership, 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 have assumed 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. If you fail, you bring down the good name of all true and worthy Scouts. Your responsibility goes beyond your fellow Scouts -- to your Country and your God. America has many good things to give you and your children after you; but these good things depend on the qualities she instills in her citizens. You are prepared to help America in all that she needs most. She has a great past, and you are here to make her future greater.  
I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication. Be a leader, but lead only toward the best. Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and your fellow men to the finest living. We have too many who use their strength and their intellect to exploit others for selfish gains. I charge you to be among those who dedicate their skills and ability to the common good.

Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence for God. Whatever others may do, you will leave behind you a record of which every Scout may be proud.

CHRIS WHITE Eagle Challenge:

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with HONOR. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that "A Scout is Trustworthy" is the first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for other scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his home, his church, his troop, and his community. May the white color of the Eagle badge remind you always to live with honor.  
The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is LOYALTY. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. His loyalty to his troop and brother Scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty which means devotion to community, to country, to one's own ideals, and to God. Let the blue of the Eagle badge always inspire your loyalty.  
The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be COURAGEOUS. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face physical danger, but the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in God, with faith in his fellow man, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do. Let the red of the Eagle badge remind you always of courage.  
The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be CHEERFUL. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile, the Red, White and Blue ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout, which has its ends turned up in a smile.  
The final responsibility of an Eagle Scout is SERVICE. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting's trail, just as others helped him on his climb to the Eagle. The performance of a daily Good Turn takes on new meaning when he enters a more adult life of continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as a protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He will always "Be Prepared to put forth his best.  
You deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting's highest award. But wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and Scout Law be your guide for tomorrow and onward.

[CHRIS is seated]

**Luke**: Would the honor guard please escort my parents forward.

[Pause for honor guard to escort parents to front.]

**Luke:** It is my pleasure to introduce my mother and step-father, Jennifer Winkler and Ryan Winkler.

**Luke**: I would like to introduce Trey Kenner, Scout Master of Troop 23.

**Trey Kenner**: The symbol of your success is the Eagle badge which I

now present to your mother. Your mother will, in turn, pin the badge over Logan’s heart.

[Presentation of Eagle badge]

Eagle Scout Logan in recognition of the wisdom and guidance

given to you by your step-father, will you present to him this Eagle tie tack, which he will be proud to wear in your honor.

[Presentation of Eagle tie tack]

And now, also in recognition of the many hours of patient guidance given by her in your efforts, will you pin the Eagle mother's pin on your mother. [Presentation of Eagle mother's pin]

**Luke Introduce Ritchie Bufkin:**

**Ritchie:**

Logan, I welcome you to the brotherhood of Eagle Scouts. Barely more than 2 percent of the boys who enter Scouting achieve what you have been recognized for tonight. The requirements are demanding, but fair, requiring perseverance and ability. I am not here to talk of your past accomplishments, which are great, but of your future opportunities. Your Eagle Award will go far beyond Scouting itself. When you apply to a college or apply for a good job, Eagle Scout on your application helps. More than that, the things you have done, the leadership and character you have developed, will stand you in better than a certificate and a piece of ribbon in a frame. You will have opportunities to be of service to others, through your school, your work, and through Scouting, because you know what you can accomplish.  
In the years to come, you will casually meet men who are Eagles too, there will be an instant bond of comradeship. For you have each shared a common experience. You each know the other can be trusted, as a friend and as a brother Scout. The comradeship among Eagles extends throughout the nation, yes even around the world. For the rest of your life Scout Logan you travel as a marked man, an Eagle Scout!!

**Luke:** At this point in the court of honor, our newest Eagle Scout, Logan

would like to make a few remarks.

**Logan** – share a few remarks.

**LOGAN:**

I have been in scouts since I was 6 years old, as a Tiger Scout. I can remember wearing my first blue Class A uniform, I felt so important! My mom took a thousand pictures and was so proud! My mom volunteered to be a Den Mom and dragged my little brother Luke along to all our meetings. We didn’t miss a single meeting or camp out from Tiger Rank until I crossed over to Boy Scouts.

My 12 years as an active scout have been so rewarding, I will never forget them! I have traveled to so many places I wouldn’t have with my family and have met so many new friends.

I am currently a Junior in High School and working hard to make a strong finish. I have not always been the best student, school was always hard for me, academically and socially. I am very proud to share this year I received my first report card with all A’s and B’s! This includes enrollment in an IB class, IB English, and a Senior level math class. My goal is to finish my senior year of high school with all A’s! My stepdad promised me a new dirt bike if I accomplish this goal too!

Upon graduating from High School, I am still torn on which direction to go. I am strongly thinking about entering the Navy. I have already met with a Naval Recruiting Officer and excited about the opportunities they can provide, including traveling the world! My stepdad served 16 years in the Navy. I have learned a lot about his experience and think it will be a great start to my future while I figure things out. I am also thinking about attending college and will visit a few colleges in the next few months. I am planning to visit UCF, UF, and USF. I want to go to a college close to home and take advantage of my Florida PrePaid College fund. I am also thinking about the Mechanics Program at Suncoast Technical College, as I am very interested in becoming a small engine mechanic. One of my dreams is to own a recreational store that sells and services dirt bikes and ATV’s.

Finally, my life purpose is to be the best version of myself I can be! I go to the gym daily to work on my physical fitness, I am careful about my diet, and try to get at least 8 hours of sleep every night. I want to make sure I am giving myself all the tools I need to make each day the best is can be. I am very focused on my school work and less about social pressure and making stupid decisions that only result in short term pleasure. A year ago I didn’t think about tomorrow, I just lived in the moment, now every day I think about my future and the decisions I make and the consequences they will have. I have found having a positive attitude and making the right decisions has made my family life so much stronger too. I work hard to make my parents proud and be a contributing family member. I ask my mom every day, is there anything I can do to help?

I am very excited about my future and living the Scout Oath and Law every day!

**Logan**- Scout Leaders, will you please come up so I can give you a token of my appreciation for all of your time and patience with me to achieve my Eagle, this night would not be possible without each of you!

**Chris White**

**Chris Dibert**

**Robert Harper**

**Ritchie Bufkin**

**Trey Kenner**

**LUKE**: My parents would like to say a few comments. Mom and Ryan, will you please come up.

**MOM and RYAN to say a few words.**

**LUKE:** Thank you Logan, thank you Scout Leaders, and thank you friends and family who have joined us today! I would like to close this ceremony with a blessing. Please bow your head.

Dear God,

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor marks the end of one journey, and the commitment to another: a commitment to better Scouting where all may participate, a commitment to better citizenship, and a commitment to be an example of leadership to all.

Bless all of Logan’s future endeavors. Walk with him wherever his life takes him and give him your strength, your compassion, your wisdom, and your love.

And may all of us gathered here be committed to Scouting’s ideals which instruct us to lead better lives. May we, like Logan always follow our own trails, discovering who we are by striving into the unknown;

May God be with us all, until we meet again. Amen.

**Luke**- Call the color guard and Retire the Colors.

**Trey**: As Scout Master for Troop 23, I would like to

offer my congratulations to Logan for achieving the rank of Eagle

Scout. I now declare this Eagle court of honor closed. Thank you for joining us today. Now, let’s enjoy a delicious dinner!