

Complete Script for the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Cole Gilles

2:00 pm Saturday, April 26, 2025

DRAFT VERSION!!!

Laptop/Sound: ??
SPL: Micah Uttecht
Emcee: Micah Uttecht
Eagle Charge: Jaden Uttecht
Bugler: Micah Uttecht

OPENING

Bugler: Assembly

SPL: Ladies and gentlemen, please stand for the opening flag ceremony and remove all unofficial head gear...Troop attention... Color Guard, ADVANCE THE COLORS...Scout salute...bugler sound.

(Color guard brings flags up and posts in stand.)

(Bugler plays "To the Colors" while it's being walked up.)

Post the colors.

SPL: Please join me in the pledge of allegiance. "I Pledge allegiance to the flag..." Two.

SPL: Scouts, please give the Scout Sign as we recite the Scout Oath. *(Do Oath.)*

SPL: And now, Assistant Scoutmaster Patrick Lisowski will give the opening prayer.

Patrick Lisowski: *(opening prayer)*

SPL: You may be seated.

Scout Law Candle Ceremony

(12 Scouts line up and each light a candle as they explain their point of the Scout Law.

Scouts should line up right next to the

table with the candles, to avoid the long wait as each Scout walks forward.)

SPL: This green candle symbolizes the Spirit of Scouting. Our troop will now illuminate the 12 points of the Scout Law.

SPL: A Scout Is Trustworthy.

Scout 1: A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, there may be serious consequences.

SPL: A Scout Is Loyal.

Scout 2: He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his Scout Leader, his home, his parents, his church, and his country.

SPL: A Scout Is Helpful.

Scout 3: He must be prepared at any time to save a life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must try to do at least one Good Turn for somebody every day.

SPL: A Scout Is Friendly.

Scout 4: He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout. He is especially friendly to new kids and those who need a friend.

SPL: A Scout Is Courteous.

Scout 5: He is polite to all, especially to women, children, the elderly, and the weak

and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

SPL: A Scout Is Kind.

Scout 6: He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

SPL: A Scout Is Obedient.

Scout 7: He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, and all other duly constituted authorities. If he thinks a rule is unjust, he will work to change the rule rather than just disobeying it.

SPL: A Scout Is Cheerful.

Scout 8: He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.

SPL: A Scout Is Thrifty.

Scout 9: He does not wantonly destroy property. He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to worthy causes.

SPL: A Scout Is Brave.

Scout 10: He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear and to stand up for right against the peer pressure of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies. Defeat does not down him.

SPL: A Scout Is Clean.

Scout 11: He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

SPL: A Scout Is Reverent.

Scout 12: He is reverent toward God. He lets God's light shine through the way he lives his life.

SPL: Hello, my name is Micah Uttecht, and I am the Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 72. Welcome to our Eagle Court of Honor for **Cole Gilles**. Now I'd like to introduce our Scoutmaster -- please welcome **Mr. Tom Arneberg**.

Tom A: Thank you, Micah. Ladies and gentleman, Scouts and Scouters, good afternoon, and thank you all for coming to this Eagle Court of Honor. Your presence here today not only honors Cole and the other Scouts, but supports our troop and the whole Scouting movement.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize some of our special guests today:

- Scout Executive in charge of the entire Council, **Tim Molepske**
- Chippewa Falls Parks & Rec Director **John Jimenez**
- Chi-Hi Biology teacher **Becky Bestul**
- Tech Ed teacher, Swim Coach, and Eagle Scout **Matt Blake**
- State Rep. **Clint Moses**
- Cole's Grandparents, **Larry & Mariyn Burish** and **David Gilles** (and GREAT grandparents...?)

(say a few words about Cole)

And now I'd like to turn the meeting back over to our Senior Patrol Leader...please welcome back **Micah Uttecht**.

Emcee (Micah): To earn the Eagle Scout rank, every candidate must perform a special service project. This project must benefit a community group other than Scouting, must have lasting value, and must involve a lot of other people under the Eagle candidate's leadership.

Cole loves Irvine Park and does not shy away from tackling a big project, so his idea was to build a footbridge along the new Glen Loch Trail hiking path to allow hikers to walk over the wet and muddy section below the Rumbly Bridge.

To talk more about this project, please welcome Chippewa Falls Parks & Rec Director, **Mr. John Jimenez**.

John Jimenez: (talk about Eagle project)

Emcee: Now we're going to hear a different perspective of Cole. What was he like at school? Please welcome Chi-Hi Biology teacher **Ms. Becky Bestul**.

Becky Bestul: (talk about Cole at school)

Emcee: Cole was lucky enough to have a Troop 72 Eagle Scout for his Tech Ed teacher in Middle School! This teacher also became his Chi-Hi Swim Coach, and came along on our 350-mile self-supported bike trip to La Crosse and Madison in 2023. Please welcome teacher, coach, biker, and Eagle Scout, **Mr. Matt Blake**.

Matt Blake: (talk about Cole at work)

Emcee: Cole is blessed with a very dedicated father who has come on almost every campout in the past five years, including the big bike trip to Madison. To get

a father's perspective of what this journey has meant for Cole, please welcome Assistant Scoutmaster **Mr. Gary Gilles**.

Gary Gilles: (talk about impact of Scouting on Cole's life)

Emcee: Now you'll get a flavor of what it's like to be a Scout in Troop 72, as we watch a bit of history in the Scouting career of Cole. Sit back, relax, and enjoy **Cole's Journey to Eagle**.

SLIDE SHOW

(Award Presentation)

Emcee: And now to present the Eagle Charge, please welcome an Eagle Scout from 2023, Mr. **Jayden Uttecht**.

Jayden: Honor guard, please escort the Eagle candidate to the stage.

(Honor guard escorts Cole to the front, where he stands facing the audience.)

Jayden: Before we finish the official Eagle award, we have a very distinguished guest who would like to present his own special award from the state of Wisconsin.

Jayden: Please welcome Wisconsin State Representative **Clint Moses**.

Clint Moses: (deliver special award from the state)

Jayden: Cole, The Boy Scouts of America constitutes one of the most wholesome and significant movements in history, and you have been counted worthy of this highest rank. Scouting has helped millions of boys, but fewer than 5% have made it to the top rung.

We all rejoice in your achievement. Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility.

Our country has had a great past. You are here to make the future greater. I charge you to undertake your citizenship with a solemn dedication.

Lift up every task you do and every office you hold to the high level of service to God and to your fellow man. But wear your Achievement with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. Build America on the solid foundations of clean living, honest work, service to others and reverence toward God.

Jayden: Honor guard, please escort the candidate's parents to the stage.

Jayden: Mr. Gilles, you can now pin this Eagle award on your son.

(Dad puts pin on Cole.)

Jayden: Cole, now you can pin your mom and dad with the "Eagle Scout parent" pins.

(Cole puts pin on his mom and dad, after which Mom and Dad are escorted to their seats.)

Jayden: And now for the official Eagle Charge. We would like all the Eagle Scouts

in the audience to please stand and repeat the Eagle Scout pledge along with Cole.

Jayden/Cole/Eagles:

*"I thoughtfully recognize
and take upon myself
the obligations and responsibilities
of an Eagle Scout."*

*"With the help of God, I will do my best
to make my training an example."*

*"My influence and my opportunities
strongly count for physical fitness,
for wholesome character
and for devoted citizenship,
in Scouting and in my community."*

"To this I pledge my sacred honor."

Jayden: (to Eagles in audience) Thank you; you may be seated.

Jayden: Cole, by the authority vested in me by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America, it is my privilege and pleasure to officially declare you Eagle Scout. **(NO PAUSE HERE!)** **Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you EAGLE SCOUT COLE GILLES!** *(Spontaneous unplanned thunderous applause)*

Cole: (short acceptance speech, during which he can present his Eagle Mentor pin if he wants)

Emcee: Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for attending our Court of Honor. Please stay around for some treats afterward. Now please stand for the closing prayer and flag ceremony.

SPL: Color Guard, retrieve the colors. Bugler sound. **This Court of Honor is now adjourned!**