

**BEFORE THE CEREMONY STARTS:**

1. Be sure to get the patch from the leadership/parents
2. Place the NESA sign up sheet near the other “memory book” type things
3. Sign in on the dignitary/speaker list

Firstly, let me offer my personal congratulations to (Eagle’s name). This is an accomplishment that you can always be proud of. More importantly, however, the rank of Eagle is a responsibility. From now on, you are a marked man. Your actions reflect upon the honor of all Eagles, both those that came before, and those who will follow in your footsteps. I challenge you to continue the Scouting tradition of “Leave it better than you found it.”

For if a Scout earns any of the ranks up to and including Life, when he leaves the troop or grows older, he can say that he WAS a First class or Life scout. But if a Scout earns Eagle, he always IS an Eagle Scout. As we often like to say, “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.”

On behalf of NESA, the National Eagle Scout Association, I would like to invite (Eagle’s name) to join the Suffolk County Council chapter as a member.

NESA is an organization of men who know from experience that the skills learned on the trail to Eagle are some of the most useful tools you will ever have. Our goal is to fulfill the Eagle Promise, to “make my rank and my influence count strongly for better Scouting and for better citizenship.” We work to help the Council in any way we can - to date, this has included securing the donation of a sailboat and a motorboat to Baiting Hollow and setting up a college scholarship fund for Suffolk Eagles. Most importantly, however, we are looking to expand our membership. I ask any Eagles who are interested in joining to sign up for our mailing list on the sheet over by the sign-in table.

In recognition of your achievement, we are pleased to present you with this certificate and the NESA council shoulder patch for your Scouting uniform. (Add NESA credentials here if available)