

## **Eagle Scout Challenge**

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with **honor.** To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. The Eagle Scout knows that "A Scout is trustworthy" is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important but because it is vitally important to set an example for other Scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on your home, your place of worship, your troop, and your community. May the **white** of the Eagle badge remind you to always live with honor.

The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is **loyalty.** This means being true to your family, Scout leaders, and your friends, school, community, and nation. Loyalty to the troop and your fellow Scouts makes you pitch in and carry your share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty that 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 people measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face danger, but also the determination to stand up for what is right. Trusting in God, with faith in your fellow citizens, you can look forward to each day, seeking your 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 rank, which has its ends turned up in a **smile**.

Another critical responsibility of an Eagle Scout is **service.** Eagle Scouts extend a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting's trail, just as others have helped them in their climb. The performance of the daily Good Turn takes on a new meaning when the Eagle Scout enters an adult life of continuing service to others. Eagle Scouts stand as protectors of the weak and helpless, aiding and comforting the unfortunate and the oppressed. They uphold the rights of others while defending their own. As an Eagle Scout, you will always "Be Prepared" to put forth your best.

You deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting's highest rank. But wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and the Scout Law be your guides for tomorrow and into the future.

