



Dear Eagle Scout,

From my Eagle court of honor many years ago, one phrase sticks out in my mind: “As an Eagle Scout, you are a marked man.” At the time, that sounded pretty neat, but also pretty scary. At 16, I wasn’t yet a man, of course. And I wasn’t sure exactly what it meant to be a “marked” man.

Today, however, I know what those words mean, and I accept the responsibility they carry. I understand that, as an Eagle Scout, people expect more of me. They expect trustworthiness, loyalty, helpfulness, and all the rest. They trust my word, and they look to me to be a leader.

It will be the same with you. You and I have never met, but I know that I could count on you in a crisis because of the badge you wear.

Being an Eagle Scout is both a great honor and a great responsibility. But since you’ve come this far on the Eagle trail, I know that you can be trusted to fulfill that responsibility and to live out the full meaning of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Congratulations, and welcome to the fellowship of Eagle Scouts!

Yours in Scouting,

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