New Birth of Freedom Council
Boy Scouts of America
Life to Eagle Seminar
Seminar Objectives

➢ To review the requirements for Eagle rank
➢ To discuss the Eagle Service Project Workbook
➢ To review Eagle application process
➢ To discuss the Eagle Court of Honor
➢ To answer any questions from Scouts & parents
➢ To understand time commitment

To Avoid Any Surprises!
The Steps From Life To Eagle
What you need to know to get from here

To here

*Before* your 18th Birthday
As soon as you have earned this
You should obtain this:
Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

http://www.scouting.org
And this
What is needed to advance to the Rank of Eagle Scout?

While a Life Scout you must:

• Be active in your Unit for 6 months
• Demonstrate Scout Spirit
• Earn 21 Total Merit Badges
  - 13 required plus 8 additional
• 6 months of Responsibility
• Complete a Service Project
  - Plan, develop, & provide leadership to others during the project.
• Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor Conference
Where **NOT** to look for your Eagle Scout Service Project

- Blood, Food, or Shelter Drives
- Routine Labor
- A business
- An individual

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Where you can look for your Eagle Scout Service Project

Schools

Churches

Parks

Senior Centers

Townships & Boroughs
The Eagle Scout Service Project should fulfill

Five Elements
1. It should provide sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle Scout service project requirement:

You must show that **planning**, **development**, and **leadership** will take place; and how these factors will benefit a religious institution, a school, or your community.
2. It appears to be feasible.

You must show the project is realistic for you to complete.
3. Safety issues will be addressed:

You must show you have an understanding of what must be done to guard against injury, and what will be done if someone does get hurt.
4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included:

You must make a list of the key steps you will take to make sure your plan has enough details to be carried out successfully.
5. You are on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.

You are going to have fun and remember your Eagle Project for the rest of your life.
The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

Remember this is a very important part of the Eagle Scout process.

This is the “first impression” that your Project’s Benefactor, Unit Leader, Unit Committee and the District Committee has of you and your project.
The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook must be used for this requirement.

The District Advancement Committee requires that the Project Workbook be submitted in a Three (3) – Ring Binder.
Leadership plays a vital part in your project so be certain to include how you will show leadership skills throughout your project.
What does the Write Up need to include....?
Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal

Eagle Scout candidate’s name

Eagle Scout Requirement 5
Write a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.
What does the Proposal need to include....?

• Project Description and its Benefit
• How Leadership is given
• Materials, Supplies and Tools
• Permits and Permissions
• Preliminary Cost Estimate
• Project Phases
• Logistics
• Safety Issues
• Further Planning
The Proposal also needs to include....

Your signature and date at the Candidate’s Promise

Then Get approval from:
   Unit Leader
   Unit Committee
   Benefactor of the Project
and then on to the:
   District Advancement Committee Member
Start Working on your Project and complete the Final Write up....
Carrying out the project....

Record the progress of your project; Keep records of how much time you and all workers spend planning and carrying out the project.
Carrying out the project....

1. List who besides yourself will work on the project;
2. the days they worked;
3. the number of hours they worked each day;
4. and the total length of time others assisted on the project.
5. You should turn these numbers in to your Unit Advancement Chair to track Service Hours for the advancement of the other Scouts.
Carrying out the project....
And Final Plan

Work Processes - Prepare a step-by-step list of what must be done and how everything will come together: Consider asking your project coach for assistance with this.
What does the Final Plan need to include....?
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- Comments From Your Proposal Review

- Project Description and Benefit—Changes From the Proposal.
What does the Final Plan need to include cont.?

➢ Present Condition or Situation
➢ Project Phases
➢ Work Processes
➢ Permits and Permissions
➢ Materials
➢ Supplies
What does the Final Plan need to include cont....?

➢ Tools
➢ Expenses and Revenue
➢ Giving Leadership
➢ Logistics
➢ Safety
➢ Contingency Plans
What does the Final Plan need to include cont. . . .?

- Comments From Your Project Coach About Your Final Plan

If appropriate, include photographs of the area before you begin your project.

Providing before-during and-after photographs of your project area can give a clear example of your effort.
How is the project to be funded?

Will you need an Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application?

The Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application must be used in obtaining approval for service project fundraising or securing donations of materials in excess of $1000.00.
The Final Write up....

Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan

Eagle Scout candidate's name: ____________________________

Project start date: _______________ Projected completion date: _______________

Eagle Scout requirement 5 says you must "plan" and "develop" your service project. Though this final plan is a tool for your use, and is not approved or signed, it is important in helping to show you have done the required planning and development. Note, however, that it is not necessary to provide details that are not necessary to the accomplishment of your project.

A Scout who is prepared will complete the final plan and ask a project coach to review it with him. The council or district representative who approved your proposal may also review the plan. Having your project coach or someone else with strong involvement in your service project review your final plan is optional, but it can help you avoid many problems or mistakes. This can also improve your chances of passing the Eagle Scout board of review.
The Final Write up cont....

Summary – What went well and what was a challenge?

Changes – What changes were made during the project?

Leadership – In what ways was leadership demonstrated, what was difficult and rewarding as a leader and what leadership skills were developed?
The Final Write up cont....

Materials, Supplies, Tools – Were there shortages or overages of material supplies or tools?

Funding – How much was collected and how much spent? If excess funds, what was done with them? Were donors thanked?

Photos and Other Documentation – Attach photos (before, during, after), maps and other documentation and printed materials.
Final Write up cont....

Candidate’s Promise – Signature and date on your honor that the project was completed as reported.

Completion Approvals – Signature and date for Beneficiary name and Unit Leader name.
Final Write up cont....

Hours you and all workers spent working on the project

The length of time spent should be as adequate as is necessary to demonstrate leadership of two or more individuals in planning and carrying out the project.

There is not a specific amount of time that must be spent on the project.
What **MUST** be done **BEFORE** you turn 18?

All requirements, except the Board of Review, must be completed prior to your 18th birthday.

Completed Eagle Scout Rank Application and the completed project workbook must be turned into the Council Service Center

**DO NOT DELAY.** Time does run out.
Special note regarding the Eagle Scout Application
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Please pay close attention to the CERTIFICATION following Requirement #6 on the reverse side of the Application.

*Life Ambition and Leadership essay*

An Eagle Scout Application is not complete without this information and it will cause a delay in the application being processed.
Signatures and Approvals

Prior to submitting the application to Council be sure that the following is completed.

- Application is signed by the Scout the Unit Leader and Committee Chair.

- Unit committee reviews and approves the records of the Eagle Scout Candidate.

If unit leader and/or committee signatures are missing this may delay the Eagle Candidates Final Board of Review.
Helpful Hint

Do not wait until the last minute to verify merit badge dates. Start this process while you are still working on your project to allow the Troop Committee Advancement Chair to obtain any missing information. You do not have to earn all Merit Badges before starting the project, but it helps.
Be sure to get permission from the people that you list as references on your application and let them know the importance of the reference and the need for a quick response.

* Verify correct address
* Educational individuals may not check school mail during summer months. A delay may result.

Eagle Candidate is not to be involved in this process other than to provide the names on the application.
Completed Application

Reminder - Be sure to turn in the application and completed workbook to the council Service Center as soon as possible following your Scoutmaster conference.

Application contents will be verified by the Council Office.

The council Service Center will send letters of reference for return to the District Advancement Committee Chairperson.
After Verification

- District Advancement Committee receives the completed project upon verification of application contents.

- Upon receipt of references, the District Advancement Committee and the unit leaders will set up the Board of Review for the Eagle Candidate.
Eagle Scout Board of Review

- Composed of at least 3 members but no more than 6 members total.

- District Committee will provide two members for the Board.

- One District member will serve as the Committee Chairperson for the Board.

- Family members, Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters may **NOT** be a member of the Board.
Eagle Scout Board of Review

• Members of the Board must have an understanding of the importance of the Rank of Eagle but do not need to be registered in Scouts.

• The Board will review the Candidate’s Application, references and project prior to meeting with the candidate.

• Candidate should expect the Board of Review to last 45 to 60 minutes.

• You may bring your Parents with you but they may NOT sit in or participate in the Board of Review.

- RELAX – this is not a test but a review-
Eagle Scout Board of Review cont.

• Full Field Uniform (Class A Uniform) is not required, however appropriate dress is expected.

• You should bring your Boy Scout Handbook

• Candidate is introduced to the committee by the Unit Leader

• Unit Leader may stay but DOES NOT actively participate in the Board of Review
After the Board of Review

Upon completion –

• The committee will discuss the acceptability of the candidate as an Eagle Scout.

• The candidate is then given the decision of the committee immediately.

• This is where the candidates family get to come in.
IF Not Approved..

• If denied, a reason must be given, in writing, to the candidate immediately along with what needs to be done to meet the requirements within a given period of time.

• If the Scout disagrees with the denial, an appeal can be made.
Approved

• Immediately upon completion of the Board of Review, if approved, the application is signed by the District Representatives.

• The Eagle Application and Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook are resubmitted to the Council Service Center by the Advancement Committee Chair.
Council Process

• Application is now signed by the Council Scout Executive to certify that all of the proper procedures have been followed.

• Application is then forwarded to the National Eagle Scout Service at the National BSA Office in Irving, TX.
Final Step... on to National

- Eagle Scout Service screens the application

- Any missing signatures or dates that do not match will cause delay.

- If all information is in order, the Scout is then certified as an Eagle Scout by the Eagle Scout Service Committee on behalf of the National Council
When can I get my Eagle Rank?

- Eagle Award may not be sold to the Unit until the Eagle Scout Certificate is received from the National Office of the BSA. (2 - 6 weeks turnaround)

- **Eagle Scout Court of Honor should not be scheduled until the Local Council receives the Eagle Scout Rank Credentials.**
Congratulations
You Are Now An
Eagle Scout
What's Next?
Your Court of Honor
This is YOUR day!
The accumulation of many hours of hard work!

A Court of Honor is a public ceremony to recognize the Scout for the successful achievement and to describe the importance of the Eagle program to relatives and friends.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Be PROUD of your accomplishments

Be sure to display your achievements, Merit Badges earned, and most of all your Eagle Scout Service Project Notebook.
Eagle Court of Honor
Resources

Your Unit Advancement Chair

National BSA Web Site:
http://www.scouting.org

Eagle Scout Web Site:
http://www.eaglescout.org

Scouter Web Site: http://www.scouter.com
Remember

“Once an Eagle – Always an Eagle”

Wear it Proudly
Your not finished yet; next comes the Eagle Banquet

Each year, the Eagle Scouts of the previous year are presented at the Annual Eagle Banquet.
There you will meet with Eagle Scouts from all across the New Birth of Freedom Council to enjoy fellowship prior to the main program of the evening.
An Eagle Scout will be selected to give a short presentation about their Scouting career, their project and future career choice.