Life to Eagle
(The Trail to Eagle)

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Course References

- Boy Scout Handbook; 34554
- BSA® Guide to Advancement, No. 33088, 2017 Printing*
- Current Boy Scout Requirements, No. 33216
- Eagle Scout Rank Application, No. 512-728 (2017)*
- Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927 (2015) *

*Now Available on line from National Website
www.scouting.org
What is an Eagle Scout?
THE PURPOSE OF THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

• A recipient of the Eagle Scout Award is a Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or qualified Venturer* who applies the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. He has achieved the qualities listed below because of determination and persistence through the advancement program:
  – Concern for others
  – Ability to help others through skills he has learned
  – Ability to live and work cooperatively with others by meeting his responsibility to his patrol and troop
  – Concern for self by improving his physical fitness to the limits of his physical resources
  – Capacity for leadership

* In order for a Venturer to be an Eagle Scout candidate, he must have achieved First Class rank as a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout.
Once an Eagle Scout
Always an Eagle Scout
6 Interesting Statistics of Former Members

322,762,018 US population, 3,000,000 scouts (.9%), 12000 Eagles (.04%)

Here are six interesting facts about former Scout members.

1. 181 NASA astronauts were involved in Scouting (57.4% of astronauts). 39 are Eagle Scouts (12.4%)

2. 36.4 percent of the United States Military Academy (West Point) cadets were involved in Scouting as youth. 16.3 percent of cadets are Eagle Scouts.

3. 22.5 percent of United States Air Force Academy cadets were involved in Scouting as youth. 11.9 percent of cadets are Eagle Scouts.

4. 25 percent of United States Naval Academy (Annapolis) midshipmen were involved in Scouting as youth. 11 percent of midshipmen are Eagle Scouts.

5. 189 members of the 113th Congress participated in Scouting as a youth and/or adult leader. 27 are Eagle Scouts.

6. 18 current U.S. governors participated in Scouting as a youth and/or adult volunteer. Four are Eagle Scouts.
You just turned Life Rank, now what?

EAGLE

Eagle rank, it is all about Leadership.
Less than 4% of all Scouts become Eagle.
You can do it!
It takes a little planning.
It takes a little time.
You have our support.
How do I Become An Eagle Scout?

Review Eagle Application with Scoutmaster.
Set goals to complete Merit Badges
Serve in an approved Troop position, 6 mo.
Select and Complete Eagle Project
Complete Eagle Application
Complete Eagle Scoutmaster Conference
Complete Eagle Board of Review
Be Approved by National Office BSA
Eagle Scout Rank Application
(#512-728)

Eagle Application Requirements

1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.
2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life. List the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed).
4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your unit for a period of six months in one or more positions of responsibility.
5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community.
6. Take part in a unit leader conference.
7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review. In preparation for your board of review, prepare and attach to your Eagle Scout Rank Application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.
Assess what Merit Badges are complete?
21 needed for Eagle, 13 are Eagle required

Eagle Required Include:
Camping, Citizenship in the (Community, Nation, World), Communications, Cooking, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, [Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving] and [Cycling or Hiking or Swimming]

Develop a plan to complete remaining Merit badges.
See Advancement Chairman or Scoutmaster for Counselors
Put plan into action.
Position of Responsibility

While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility. List only those positions served after the Life Scout’s board of review date.

Boy Scout Troop: Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Order Of The Arrow Troop Representative, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian, Quartermaster, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Historian, Venture Patrol Leader, webmaster, and Leave No Trace trainer.

Varsity Scout Team: Captain, Co-captain, Program Manager, Squad Leader, Team Secretary, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, Den Chief, Order Of The Arrow Troop Representative, Webmaster, and Leave No Trace trainer.

Venturing Crew/Ship: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Historian, Guide, Den Chief, Boatswain, Boatswain’s Mate, Yeoman, Purser, Storekeeper, Webmaster, and Leave No Trace trainer.

Lone Scout: Leadership responsibility in his school, religious organization, club, or elsewhere in his community.

If it is not currently possible for him to be in an elected to an office (for example, unit elections won’t be held for a while), the unit leader probably has positions that can be assigned. Don’t overlook being a Den Chief. They are always needed, and it’s a very rewarding position!
What is an Eagle Project?

Service to a religious institution, school, community group, or non-profit agency.
Something you like to do or interested in doing.
An unselfish activity.
Where you are the BOSS.
You need to have fun with it.
What is Not an Eagle Project?

Fund Raisers
Activity you do not manage
Activity only performed by YOU.
A business or commercial activity.
Something routine.
Involves BSA or Council property
Shared by 2 or more Eagle Candidates
Finding Eagle Project Ideas

Check with your Scoutmaster.
Ask at your church.
Ask at your school.
Talk to community parks and planning commission.
Ask at local library.
Check with non-profit agencies.
Your packet has ideas inside.
Project Beneficiary Representative (vs. Name of Contact)

The “Beneficiary” is the ORGANIZATION for whom you are doing the project.

The “Representative” is the person responsible for giving you approval to do your project. This might not be the person you speak with, who is your contact! Many organizations have a committee of some sort which must approve projects done at or for their organization. Some examples:

- A School – You probably will need approval from the Board of Education.

- A Church -- You may need approval from the Diocese, a Board of Trustees, or an Administrative Board, rather than the Pastor, Priest or Reverend.

- A Town/City – You may need to make an appointment, to be included on the agenda of a Council meeting to present your project. This will be included in their Minutes and is a part of Public Record.

For your consideration: Since a number of projects must be approved by a committee of some sort, or group of people, ask for a letter, stating their approval.
An Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project will take a significant amount of time for the Scout to plan, write up, obtain approvals, and carry out the project. The Scout must not make the mistake of waiting until the last minute before his 18th birthday to begin thinking about his project.

WARNING!!

Procrastination or lack of planning on the Scout’s part DOES NOT constitute an EMERGENCY on anyone else’s part!!!
Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (#512-927)
Available from:
New Workbook (2015)

New Workbook has (4) sections:
I  Project Proposal
II  Eagle Scout Service Project Plan (development)
III  Fundraising Application
IV  Project (closeout) Report
(even though “Leadership” is dropped from title, Leadership is emphasized throughout)
# Contact Information

Eagle Scout candidates should know who is involved, but contact information may be more important to unit leaders, unit committees, project beneficiaries, and council or district approval representatives in case they want to talk to one another. While it is recognized that not all the information will be used, the information provided will be used. Approval representatives must understand, however, that doing so is not a part of the service project requirement.

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* BSA PID No. found on the BSA membership card

## Current Unit Information

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| Name of District: | Name of Council: |

## Unit Leader

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## Unit Advancement Coordinator (If your unit has one)

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## Project Beneficiary (Name of religious institution, school, or community)

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## Project Beneficiary Representative (Name of contact person for the project beneficiary)

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## Your Council Service Center

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## Council or District Project Approval Representative

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## Project Coach (Your council or district project approval representative may help you learn who this will be.)

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BSA PID #'s

What is this?

Your PID # is found on your registration card and is unique to you, and the Boy Scouts of America.
I  Project Proposal  
( pp. A-E )

"It is an overview, but also the beginnings of planning."
"...proposal need only be detailed enough to show... you can meet the (5 tests)."

Council/District approval stage

Parts include...

Description & Benefit  (old “Project Description” + helpful drawings, sketches, details to visualize)

Giving Leadership  “What...will be most difficult about leading them?”

Materials

Supplies  ( clarification of terms)

Tools  (...and equipment)

Permits & Permissions