



Life to Eagle with Troop 599



October 20, 2015





Agenda



- 1.) Adult Advisors and their Role in your quest for Eagle
- 2.) Required Attendance; what is 'active participation'
- 3.) Scout Spirit
- 4.) Required Eagle Merit Badges
- 5.) Required Eagle Position of Responsibility
- 6.) Required Eagle Leadership Service Project
- 7.) Eagle Adviser Review
- 8.) Scoutmaster Conference
- 9.) Committee Chairman Review and Approval
- 10.) Eagle Board of Review
- 11.) Eagle Court of Honor
- 12.) Questions and Answers





Eagle Rank requirements



- 1.) Be active in your Troop for at least 6 months after you achieved the rank of Life Scout.
- 2.) Demonstrate Scout Spirit.
- 3.) Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have) including 13 Eagle Merit Badges.
- 4.) Eagle Position of Responsibility.
- 5.) Eagle Leadership Service Project.
- 6.) Eagle Scoutmaster Conference
- 7.) Committee Chair review
- 8.) Eagle Board of Review





1.) *Adult Advisors*



- Scoutmaster Adam White (713) 724-7274
- Committee Chairman Walter Brookhart (713) 465-0329
- Eagle Advisors: John Linderman (281) 203-9942

- Eagle Project Advisors: Craig Aitken (281) 794-1333
Dana Beebe (713) 899-7275

- Others:
 - Patrol Adult Advisor As Appropriate
 - District/Council Eagle Project John Wallace (713) 739-1060
 - Scout's Parents YOU





Role of the Eagle Advisors



- To counsel and advise the Eagle Candidates on the Eagle Application Process
- NOT a Taskmaster and will NOT “chase you down” to finish your requirements
- Resource for Help and Advice
- Reviews Eagle Application Process with you
- Conducts Eagle Advancement Review pre-Scoutmaster Conference
- Requests Reference Letters after Application approvals
- Submits necessary documentation to SHAC/National
- Organizes Eagle Board of Review
- Helps new Eagles and their Parents plan Eagle Court of Honor





2.) Attendance



- Prerequisite to learning, team building, responsible leadership, and **Eagle** Rank
- Goal – Average 75% attendance
 - Troop meetings
 - Leadership training
 - Troop outings
 - Eagle Courts of Honor
 - Summer Camp
- Fund Raising
 - Greenery!





3.) Scout Spirit



- Living the Scout Oath & Scout Law
 - Meetings
 - Outings
 - Supporting other Scouts
 - Outside of Scouting
- Enthusiasm
- Participation
- Discipline
- Scoutmaster's Judgment

A Scout is . . .

Trustworthy **Loyal** **Helpful**
Friendly **Courteous** **Kind**
Cheerful **Thrifty**
Obedient **Clean** **Reverent**
Brave

Scouting is more than fun and games. It's teamwork, leadership, friendship, and for over 100 million Scouts and Scouters since 1910, it's more than memories. Scouting is learning values they will share with others throughout their lifetimes.

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4.) Eagle Merit Badges



- Earn 21 Merit Badges
- 13 Eagle Required Merit Badges
 - Camping
 - Citizenship in the Community
 - Citizenship in the Nation
 - Citizenship in the World
 - Communications
 - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
 - Environmental Science
 - Family Life
 - First Aid
 - Cycling or Hiking or Swimming
 - Personal Management
 - Personal Fitness
 - Cooking





Eagle Merit Badges



- Merit Badges with **90 day** requirements
 - Family Life
 - Personal Fitness
 - Personal Management



NOTE: These are the “notorious 3” Eagle Merit Badges many Scouts seem to leave to the very end and push the timing! The Scout **MUST** meet with a MB counselor and start these MBs at least 3 months before his 18th birthday.





5.) *Positions of Responsibility*



- Level 3: Life Scout
 - Preferred Troop Positions
 - Senior Patrol Leader
 - Asst. Senior Patrol Leader
 - Instructor
 - Troop Guide (Life or Eagle)
 - Term: 6 – 12 months
- Other: Eagle Scout
 - Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster
 - SPL or ASPL
 - Eagle Palms





Positions of Responsibility



- Scouts Role
 - **Seek Out** / Indicate Interest / Plan
 - Read the new Troop Leadership Handbook
 - Develop and Present Resume to Scoutmaster
 - Responsibility to “**DO THE JOB**”
 - Commitment / Attendance

- Patrol/Position Advisors Role
 - Advisor - not an Authoritarian
 - Resource for Help and Advice
 - Reviews and Recommends from Plan
 - Approves at Patrol Level
 - Monthly PA Meetings





Positions of Responsibility



- Scoutmaster
 - Keeper of Troop Long Range Leadership Plan
 - Reviews, Recommends, Approves
 - Assigns Special PORs (Instructor)

- Parents Role
 - Support (Gentle reminders when necessary)
 - Encouragement





6.) *Eagle Leadership Service Project*



- Troop 599 Eagle Scout Procedures
 - Available on Troop website (www.scouttroop599.org)
 - Outlines the procedures, people and time-line for the Eagle project, Eagle application and Board of Review process
 - Print, read and understand BEFORE starting to plan a project
- Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
 - Available on Troop website (www.scouttroop599.org)
 - BSA requires that you use this workbook
 - Print and study this workbook BEFORE starting to plan and write-up your project
 - Project ideas can be floated by the Eagle Project Advisors, Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman for preliminary concept approval
 - Project Proposal and Final Plan - You must answer all questions and provide a detailed write-up (with all required drawings, if appropriate) to allow the project to be completed by another without additional research or planning.





Eagle Leadership Service Project



- **Project Selection**
 - Discuss potential project with Sponsor
 - Project Approval by Scoutmaster (Eagle Project Advisor)
- **Project Proposal**
 - Contact Information
 - Project Proposal - overview – answer all questions
 - Approvals: Beneficiary; Unit Leader; Unit Committee; Council or District
- **Project Final Plan**
 - Answer all questions and provide DETAILS
 - Meet with your Project Coach/Advisor
 - Fundraising Application maybe necessary – Must be Approved by Council
- **Project Execution**
 - Record Participants and time spent
 - Take lots of Pictures
- **Post-Project Report & Approvals**
 - Scout
 - Beneficiary
 - Scoutmaster (Eagle Project Advisor)





Eagle Leadership Service Project



- Routine labor (a job or service normally rendered) should not be considered.
- Projects involving council property or other BSA activities are not acceptable.
- Projects may not be performed for businesses or an individual.
- Projects may not be of a commercial nature.
- Projects may not be a fund-raiser. Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials needed to carry out the project and must be pre-approved by the Council.
- Donors to projects must be made aware of what entity is benefiting from the project, and that it clearly is not the Boy Scouts of America.





Eagle Leadership Service Project



- The project is a youth leadership project. Thus, the vast majority of labor in completing the project should be YOUTH. That may be Scouts, friends from school (e.g., National Honor Society members needing service hours) or others. While adults may help, adult help should be limited and should provide only a small portion of total project hours.
- **No minimum number of hours is required. However, the project must be large enough to challenge the Scout and for Scout to be able to demonstrate Leadership of others.**
(Note: The National average Eagle Scout Project is 150 to 160 hrs)
- The project is an individual effort; therefore, two Eagle Scout candidates may not receive credit for working on the same project.
- Any funds raised for a project and not used for the purchase of project materials must be given to the beneficiary of the project.





7.) *Eagle Advisor Review*



- Conducted by Eagle Advisor
- Advancement Review Questionnaire
 - 90% correct to pass
 - Review Q&A
(find on Web Site (www.scouttroop599.org) & Scout Hut)
- Ensures readiness for Scoutmaster Conference
 - Checks all requirements and dates
 - Checks Class 'A' Uniform
- Review Scout Individual History Report (IHR)
- Scout Handbook Sign-off's as appropriate
- Review Eagle Application
- Review/Discuss References





Eagle Application



- Must use the current BSA Eagle Scout Application
 - Can be downloaded from link on Troop website
 - Must be filled out and signed by Scout
- Application requires at least five Letters of Recommendation
 - Scout must contact these individuals to ensure their willingness to provide Recommendations
 - Scout DOES NOT obtain these letters
 - These are CONFIDENTIAL letters provided to the Troop
 - Scout must merely provide contact information for these individuals
- CAREFULLY list all 21 merit badges
 - Listed MBs MUST be those shown on IHR for Star, Life and Eagle
 - All dates for MBs and Rank Advancement must be EXACT
- Requirement 6 – A written statement of:
 - Ambitions and life purpose
 - Listing of leadership positions, Honors and Awards





8.) Scoutmaster Conference



- Review Scouts Progress with:
 - Advancement
 - Leadership
 - Participation
 - Scout Spirit !!!
- Counsel
 - What have you learned?
- Plan
 - How to use this knowledge
 - Discuss Req 6 essay
- Look Forward
 - Within Scouting (JASM?)
 - Outside of Scouting (College/Career)
- Signs Eagle Application, Scout Book, & IHR





9.) *Committee Chairman Review*



- Discuss completed Eagle Project and lessons learned
- Review Scouting experiences in general
- Final review to ensure completion of all Requirements
- Review Eagle Application for completeness and accuracy
- Discuss format and content of Eagle BoR to ensure readiness
- Final signature on Eagle Application prior to submission to SHAC
- Must have Committee Chairman's signature PRIOR to 18th Birthday





10.) *Eagle Board of Review*



- Consists of 3-5 Adults, one of which must be from SHAC/District
- Unit Leaders from the Scout's unit, relatives, or guardians **MAY NOT** sit on BoR
- **NOT** a Re-Test of Scouting Skills other than Scout Oath and Scout Law
- Check on Scouts Advancement
- Review of Scouts Experiences
 - Good & Bad
- Check of Success/Failure of Troop 599 Program
- Adult Interaction
- Plan for Scouts Future





11.) *Eagle Court of Honor*



- Eagle Courts of Honor
 - 3 per Year (minimum)
 - Scheduled in Advance - on Calendar
 - Oct/Nov, Jan/Feb and Mar/Apr
- Eagle Advisors
 - Meet with Parents of Eagle Candidates
 - Ensure all paperwork in order with SHAC/National
 - Order Awards, Flags, other Acknowledgements
- Eagle Parents
 - Organize CoH, Select & Invite Speakers
 - Send out Invitations
 - Develop and Print Program
 - Organize Refreshments
 - Put together Eagle Scout Display Boards





An Eagle Perspective



Mike Rowe (the 'Dirty Jobs' guy on TV and an Eagle Scout) recently responded to a dad's request for help in convincing his 13 year old son to finish scouting with only a year and half left to go. Thought you'd be interested in his reply

Quote:

Kelby,

Your Dad asked me to drop you a line and say something inspirational that might persuade you to dig down deep and find the determination to make the rank of Eagle Scout. It's a reasonable request, from a father who obviously wants to see his son succeed. But here's the thing - The Eagle Award is not really meant for people who need to be dragged across the finish line. It's meant for a select few, and I have no idea if you have the guts to see it through.

Statistically, I suspect you do not. Only one out of a hundred Scouts make Eagle, so if you fail, there will be lots of other people with whom you can share excuses. Quitting now might disappoint your Dad, but I doubt that he or anyone else will be overly surprised. Anytime 99 out of 100 people do the same thing, it's not exactly a shock.

I'm not trying to be cute with a bunch of reverse psychology. When I was 15, there was nothing that anyone could have said to me that would have inspired me to do something I didn't want to do, especially a stranger with a TV show. So I'm not going to assume you're any different, or pretend that I have some influence or insight that you haven't already heard from a dozen other people who actually know and care about you. I'll just tell you straight up, that doing something extraordinary can be very lonely, and most people simply aren't cut out for it. Being an Eagle Scout requires you to be different than most everyone around you, and being different is really, really hard. That's why the award is called "an accomplishment."

Personally, and for whatever it's worth, the best decisions I've made in my own life, are those decisions that put me on the outside of being cool. Singing in the Opera, working in home shopping, starring in the school play when the entire football team laughed at me, and especially earning my Eagle, were all choices that required sacrifice, hard work, and delayed gratification. I have no idea if you possess those qualities, or even envy them. But I can tell you for certain, that NOT getting your Eagle, will be one of the easiest things you've ever done.

Whatever you decide to do Kelby, it's important to remember that the decision is yours. Not your Dad's, not your friend's, and not your Scoutmaster's. And you'll own that decision for the rest of your life.

Good Luck,
Mike

End Quote





LAST SLIDE!

