



# *Life to Eagle* *with Troop 599*





# 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 : 13 Eagle Merit Badges + 8 electives
- 4) Eagle Position of Responsibility ***at least 6 months***
- 5) Eagle Leadership Service Project
- 6) Eagle Scoutmaster Conference
- 7) Committee Chair Conference
- 8) Eagle Board of Review





# Adult Advisors

- **Scoutmaster:** Rick Snell 713.444.3159
- **Committee Chairman:** Walter Brookhart 713.465.0329
- **Eagle Advisors:** Gordon Wood 832.763.1701
- **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





# 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!

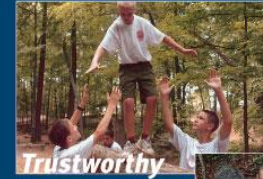




# Scout Spirit

- 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*



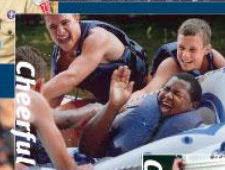
*Friendly*



*Courteous*



*Kind*



*Thrifty*



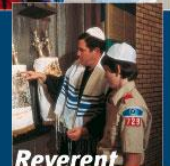
*Obedient*



*Cheerful*



*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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# Eagle Merit Badges

- **13 Eagle Required Merit Badges + 8 electives**
  - Camping
  - Citizenship in the Community
  - Citizenship in the Nation
  - Citizenship in the World
  - Communications
  - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
  - Environmental Science or Sustainability
  - 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 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.





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





# *Eagle Leadership Service Project*

- **Troop 599 Eagle Scout Procedures**
  - Available on Troop website ([www.scouttroop599.org](http://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](http://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, Scoutmaster (Eagle Project Advisor), Unit Committee Chairman, and District Representative
- **Project Final Plan**
  - Answer all questions and provide DETAILS
  - Meet with your Project Coach/Advisor
  - Fundraising Application may be 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 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.





# *Eagle Advisor Review*

- Conducted by Eagle Advisor
- Advancement Review Questionnaire
  - An Eagle candidate should be able to correctly answer a majority of the questions. (Are you smarter than a senior FCE Scout?)
  - Review Q&A (find on Web Site ([www.scouttroop599.org](http://www.scouttroop599.org)) and in Scout Hut)
- Ensures readiness for Scoutmaster Conference
  - Checks all requirements and dates
  - Checks Field (Class 'A') Uniform
- Review Scout Individual History Report (IHR)
- Scout Handbook Sign-offs 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





# *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 (Life ambitions and Activities Outside Scouts)
- **Look Forward**
  - Within Scouting (SPL, ASPL or JASM?)
  - Outside of Scouting (College/Career)
- **Signs Eagle Application, Scout Book, & IHR**





# *Committee Chairman Review*

- Discuss completed Eagle Project and lessons learned
- Review Scouting experiences in general
- Final review to ensure completion of all Requirements
- Review 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 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday





# *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, Law, Motto and Slogan**
- **Check on Scouts Advancement**
- **Review of Scouts Experiences**
  - Good & Bad
- **Check of Success/Failure of Troop 599 Program**
- **Adult Interaction**
- **Plan for Scouts Future**





# *Eagle Court of Honor*

- **Eagle Courts of Honor**
  - Couple times a year based on number Eagles
  - Scheduled in Advance - on Calendar
  - Oct/Nov 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



# Questions & Answers

