



Life to Eagle

Troop 156

Advancement Planning Meeting

Agenda



- Welcome
- Requirements
- District and Troop Procedures
- The Eagle Project
- Eagle Application Process
- Eagle Project Advisors
- How to Get Started



Eagle Facts



- Eagle Rank carries special significance
 - Crowning achievement in Scouting career
 - Demonstrates long-term commitment to stick to a goal
- Eagle Rank
 - Performance-Based Achievement
 - Standards maintained over years

Elite Group



- Only 2 in 100 youth that join Scouting make Eagle....4 of 100 in NEIC
- Only 2.0 million Scouts earned the rank since 1911

Famous Eagles



- **James A Lovell Jr.** - Apollo Astronaut and Business Executive
- **Neil Armstrong** - Astronaut, first man on moon
- **Michael Bloomberg** - Mayor of New York City, founder of Bloomberg News
- **J. Willard Marriott, Jr.** – Chairman of the Board and President, Marriott
- **The Honorable Gerald R. Ford** – 38th President of the United States
- **Sam Nunn**, Former United States Senator, Georgia
- **H. Ross Perot**, Founder Electronic Data Systems and the Perot Group
- **Donald H. Rumsfeld**, Secretary of Defense
- **Thomas Foley** – Former Speaker of the House and former U.S. Congressman, Washington
- **Bill Bradley** – Former United States Senator, New Jersey
- **Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.** – Former Secretary of the Treasury and Former U.S. Senator, Texas
- **William C. DeVries, M.D.** – Surgeon and Educator – Transplanted first artificial heart
- **CDR William McCool, USN** - Astronaut, Pilot of U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia.
- **Robert M. Gates** - Director of Central Intelligence (CIA)
- **Richard A. Gephardt** - U.S. Representative from Indiana, Minority Leader
- **William Sessions** - Former FBI director
- **Henry Aaron** - Baseball player, home run king
- **Steven Spielberg** - Movie Director, made a movie of his troop while getting Photography MB.
- **Arthur Eldred** - First Eagle Scout

Troop 156 Eagles - 1997 to Present

Bill Macfadden

Drew Olson

Kevin Baldwin

Pat Baldwin

Will Keogh

Mike Macfadden

Tom Marmet

Ian Bessler

Cord Cooper

Chad Davis

John O'Malley

Chris Davis

Steve Sargeant

Burke Dupuis

Adam Snyder

Tyler Ellis

Max Tiller

Kevin Lesht

Brian Johnson

Mike Johnson

Mark Snider

Steve Silka

Ben Orr

Peter Walton

Scott Wolfson

Brian Lichtenheld

Brian O'Malley

Danny Rine

Michael Rine

Frankie Bonetti

Andrew Krause

Justin Betz

Keegan Snyder

Max Tuten

David MacFadden

Alex Barnas

Zach Dietz

Ryan Lewandowski

Karl Ruter

Pat Baldwin

Alex Smith

Frank Vicari

Charley Cummings

Kevin Lawlor

Chris Lopresti

Will Hubbard

Tim Lawrence

Scott Sivright

David Johnson

Stevie Hansen

Jack Heneghan

Your name here!

Requirements



- Be active at least 6 months as a Life Scout
- Demonstrate Scout spirit
- Earn a total of 21 merit badges
 - **12 Required**
 - **9 Elective**
- Fulfill a position of responsibility for 6-mos while a Life Scout

Requirements



While a Life Scout:

- Plan, develop and provide leadership in a service project
- Request 4 letters of recommendation
- Write a Life Purpose Statement
- Complete a Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor Conference

Requirements



By the date of your 18th B-Day:

- All requirements for Eagle Scout must be completed
- Eagle Application form must be received at NEIC office for certification
- Thereafter, successfully complete District Eagle Board of review

“BSA Active Participation Policy”



- The Scout must initiate communication with the Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor on a quarterly basis.
- If the Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor does not hear from the Scout he should contact the Scout and ask if he wants to continue in Scouting.
- If the Scouts states his intent to be inactive he should be dropped from the roster.
- If the Scout expresses and interest to rejoin, the troop has the option to accept or reject this request.

“Fulfill Position of Responsibility”



- Troop or Venturing Crew job responsibility for at least six months as a Life scout:
 - Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chaplain Aide, Instructor, OA Representative
 - V Crew President, VP Activities, VP Communication, VP Recruiting
- Scout’s responsibility to fulfill the requirements
 - Complete position of responsibility form
- The Scoutmaster/VC Advisor determines fulfillment

ref: Troop 156 policy dated 1/12/2004

Venturing Crew Advancement



- Eagle Rank can be earned in Venturing Crew
- Must have earned First Class in a Troop
- Scoutmaster or Venturing Crew Advisor can sign-off requirements for Venturing Crew members

Trail to Eagle Key Requirements



<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Rank</u>		
	<u>Star</u>	<u>Life</u>	<u>Eagle</u>
Active in Troop	4 mos.	6 Mos.	6 Mos.
Merit Badges	4 Eagle 2 Other	7 Eagle 4 Other	12 Eagle 9 Other
Position of Responsibility	4 mos.	6 Mos.	6 Mos.
Eagle Project	N/A	N/A	Required
Life Purpose Statement	N/A	N/A	Required
SM/VC Advisor Conference	Required	Required	Required
Eagle Application	N/A	N/A	By 18th B-Day

Eagle Project



- Finding the Right Project
- Project Guidelines
- Project Phases
- Timeline



Eagle Project Plan

Finding the Right Project



Key Questions?

- What is the project idea?
- Who benefits?
- Is it something I can execute?
- What costs are involved?
- How will I fund the project?
- Will the project allow me to show *leadership*?



Eagle Project

Finding the Right Project



Types of Projects

- Construction
- Service
- Collections

Scope of Work

- 100+ Man-hours
- 70%+ Execution

Project Sponsor

- Organization
- Contact Person

Eagle Project

Finding the Right Project



Project Demonstrates

- Leadership (++++)
- Useful Service (++)
- Personal Interest (+)

Know your Resources

- Skills
- Equipment
- Materials

What is “Enough” Project?

- Once in a lifetime.
- What do you want it to be?
- Originality

Eagle Project



Project Guidelines

- Independent of existing organization activities
- Scout must **Plan, Develop** and **Give Leadership**
- Parents – It's your son's learning opportunity:
 - Don't develop the project concept
 - Don't write the proposal or final write-up
 - Don't manage the execution



Eagle Project



Project Guidelines

- Scouts – It's your learning opportunity
 - Ask questions
 - Seek help and advice
 - Plan way ahead

- Parents – It's your sons learning opportunity
 - Do be supportive and helpful
 - Do be persistent
 - Do provide "proportional nudging"



Eagle Project

Important Points



- The scout must plan, develop, fund and carry out the project *himself*
- The scout must demonstrably give leadership to others
- The project must be achievable
- The results of the project must be measurable
 - Collection projects must meet stated goals
- The health & safety of all project participants must be assured



Project Funding



- The proposal must include a funding plan
- Project funding is a great learning opportunity:
 - Selection and cost of materials
 - Communicating with retailers and benefiting organization
- Source of funds:
 - Fund raising (car wash/garage sale etc.)
 - Scout Account
 - Retailer donations
 - Benefiting organization donation (materials/tools)
 - Friends and relatives
 - Parents can contribute food and beverage only



Eagle Project



Project Phases

- **Plan**
- **Promotion**
- **Execution**
- **Recognition**
- **Reflection**

Eagle Project

Project Phases



- **Plan**
 - Project Concept
 - Detailed Project Plan

- **Promotion**
 - Publicity/Recruit
 - Sign-up Volunteers

- **Execution**
 - Project Preparation
 - Materials Purchasing
 - Execute the Plan!
 - “Plan B” Contingency



Eagle Project

Project Phases



- **Recognition**
 - Thank-You's

- **Reflection**
 - Post Project Report
 - Post Project Review

Eagle Project Proposal Contents



Part I - Introduction

- Describe the project/project goals
- Who will benefit - be specific

Part II – The Plan

- More detailed explanation of the job or project goals
- Explain strategy for accomplishing the goals
- Materials needed
- Tools/Equipment needed
- Budget – What it's going to cost
- Fund Raising
- Safety – Include map/directions to hospital
- Instructions to workers
- People needed
- Record Keeping – Man hours
- Letter to sponsoring organization

Eagle Project Proposal Contents



A few key points:

- **Materials & Equipment**
 - Details, Details, Details!
 - e.g., 150 galvanized 16P Nails
- **Funding Plan**
 - Source of \$\$\$ and Materials must be confirmed and documented in Project Proposal
- **Instructions to Workers**
 - Details, Details, Details!
 - Write it as if you are not going to be there
- **Pictures tell the Story**
 - Before, execution and after (satellite photo)
- **Letter to Sponsoring Organization**
 - Your deliverable - What, when and where
 - What they agree to do e.g., access, materials, tools etc.

Eagle Project Write-UP Mandatory Contents



- What was the project?
- How did it benefit others?
- Who from the group benefited gave guidance?
- Who helped carry out the project?
 - Include Man-Hours record
- What materials and tools were used and how were they acquired?
- Did you demonstrate leadership of others?
- Was I indeed the project director, rather than doing all the work myself?
- Who from the group benefited may be contacted to verify the value of the project?
- Did the project follow the plan?

Eagle Project

Approvals



- **Concept** (Informal)
 - Project Sponsor
 - Scoutmaster / Venturing Crew Advisor
 - District Eagle Advancement Committee (Optional/recommended)
- **Project Plan** (Formal write-up)
 - Project Sponsor
 - Scoutmaster / Venturing Crew Advisor
 - Troop Sub-Committee
 - District Eagle Advancement Committee
- **Work Complete**
 - Project Sponsor
- **Project Report** (Formal write-up)
 - Scoutmaster / Venturing Crew Advisor
 - Project Sponsor
 - District Eagle Advancement Committee

Troop, District & NEIC Contacts



Troop 156 / Crew 156

Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor

- Approves Eagle Project Concept

Eagle Advisor

- Counsels and Advises

Scoutmaster / Crew Advisor

- Reviews and Approves Eagle Project Plan

Troop Sub-Committee

- Reviews and approves Eagle Project Plan

District Eagle Project Proposal Review

Eagle Advancement Committee

- Reviews and Approves Eagle Project Plan

NEIC Records Certification

Certifies Eagle Rank application

District Eagle Advancement Chair

Eagle Board of Review

Contacts:

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Jeanne Barnas

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Julie Fogarty, John Wolfson,
Jack O'Malley**

Bill Broten/Jeanne Barnas

John Wolfson

Thomas Handler

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Cheris Phillips

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George Sullivan

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Eagle Project Timeline



Project Timeline (6-12 Months)

Project Concept	2 months (+)
Project Plan	2-4 Months (+)
Plan Approval	1-2 Months (+)
Execute Project	1 Month
Project Report	1-12 Months

Eagle Application (1-2 Months)

Council Review	1-2 Weeks
National Review	2-4 Weeks

Board of Review (5-6 Weeks)

Eagle BOR	4-6 Weeks
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Eagle Advisors



Jeanne Barnas

Dave Barnas

Julie Fogarty

John Wolfson

Jack O'Malley

Bob Krause

Advice from your friendly Eagle Advisors ...



- **Mr. Handler doesn't want to hear from you for the first time after you turn 17 1/2**
- It takes *much* longer than you think...
- Plan on 12 months from start to finish...
- Three merit badges have a three month duration.....
- Don't wait until the last minute, your scouting brothers have burnt that bridge already...
- You will never regret earning your Eagle Rank!

Where do I Start?

- Select an Eagle Advisor
- Create a project calendar....set goals
- Look for project ideas at local parks, schools, nature centers, and churches etc...
- Bounce ideas off your advisor, principle or park district personnel
- Create a project proposal outline....gradually add “meat to the bone”
- Keep at it and it will get done!



“New Eagle Rank Application”



- Advancement Report and Application now combined
- Request ERA to review awards/dates:
 - Troop Advancement Committee Chair
 - Review dates, omissions etc.
 - Advancement Chair submits edits to Cherise Philips
 - All signatures on new ERA form

Eagle Application



- **Records are important**
 - Council Records are the Official Records
 - Keep your Blue Cards!
- **Dates – Dates – Dates**
 - Time in Grade Advancement Dates
 - Merit Badges and Leadership
 - Sequence and Order of Approvals
- **References**
 - Four Letters are Required
- **Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose**
 - In your own words
 - Thoughtful and Concise



Other Eagle Info



- National Eagle Scout Association (NESAs)
- NESAs Scholarships
- Macscouter.com
- Scout peers

Eagle Court of Honor



- You'll receive 3 Eagle pins:
 - Mother
 - Father
 - **Mentor**
- Make someone's day – show your appreciation to a Scout Leader that made a difference



Questions?