

Troop 146 Road to Eagle Scout

Congratulations! Your hard work and dedication have brought you to the rank of Life Scout.

To attain the rank of Eagle Scout you will need to complete the required number of merit badges, fulfill a leadership position, complete an Eagle Project, have a Scoutmaster's Conference, and fill out the paper work from B.S.A. National (available from the scout shop) all before your eighteenth birthday.

To begin the Eagle project, first you must attend a mandatory meeting with the district Eagle advancement chairman. These meetings are held at the monthly roundtable meetings. Check with your Scoutmaster for dates.

Next, you need to choose your Eagle Project. Check with your Scoutmaster, local parks department, churches, schools or other non-profit organizations for project ideas.

Your chosen project will require a minimum of 100 hours of documented service. Additionally, your project should have a positive humanitarian effect on your local community and should provide you ample opportunities to demonstrate leadership skills. Once you have come up with an idea, you are ready to meet with Scoutmaster to present your project. Once approved, meet with the district Eagle Advancement Chairman to get his approval, and then call the troop committee chair to put your presentation on the monthly committee meeting agenda to seek their approval for your project. Your parents are not allowed to sit with you while you present your project to the committee.

For the committee meeting:

- 1 Wear your complete class A (make sure your leadership and patrol patches are current)
- 2 Bring before pictures of your project, if appropriate
- 3 Create a presentation either on paper or PowerPoint to explain your project.

Your project should include the following:

1. An overview of the project
2. A description of how your project will benefit the community.
3. An estimate of how many hours the project might entail.
4. An estimate of how many scouts and adults that you will need.
5. A list of necessary supplies and a plan to acquire them.
6. Some tentative dates to place on the troop calendar.

After the committee approves your project, make flyers for the troop with a date and details of the project. You'll need a sign-in sheet, which is in the back of the troop sign-up book. Also, you will need a tour permit that will need to be submitted to the district office two weeks before the project. Letters for donations should be sent out immediately after your project is approved to guarantee time for all organizations to respond to your requests.

You should be prepared to provide food or snacks to all the participants. Markets, local vendors, and service organizations can be solicited for donations. Don't forget to send out thank you notes to those who donated to you once your project is completed. You will be asked at your Eagle Board of Review if you have done so.

Remember, strong leadership is the key to becoming an Eagle Scout. You must take the initiative to make all of the necessary contacts, schedules and presentations. This is your project and not your parents'. Parent participation should be limited to supervision and transportation.

Have fun, thanks for making a difference in our community. This project and process will certainly shape your future.

After your project...Scoutmaster's Conference

You should have been given an Eagle application from the district office. Complete the application, which will include a paper on your ambitions and life purpose. You will also need three letters of recommendation. You should make a copy of the original application as a practice sheet before completing the official application. Once you have completed your project and the requirements for Eagle in your handbook, it is time to set-up a Scoutmaster's Conference. You will need to bring your handbook, completed Eagle application, and the paperwork from your project. You will also need your completed notebook with all of your merit badge cards in sleeve protectors along with your rank advancement cards. This notebook should also have pictures of your project. Come to the conference in your complete class A and be prepared to talk a lot about leadership.

After the Scoutmaster's Conference

Turn in your completed paperwork and notebook to the district office. They will process the paperwork and await your letters of recommendation. They will set up the board of review panel and contact you when they are ready for you. At the board of review you will need your complete class A and your scout handbook.

After the board of review

The board will let you know that night if you have passed or not. They will also remind you not to plan your Eagle Court of Honor until national makes you official. Once you get notification you're free to plan away. There are many sample court of honors on the internet. Here's one wonderful site: <http://www.eaglescout.org/finale/coh/coh.html> Contact the troop's advancement chair to make sure your Eagle medallion and pins are ordered for you. Send out invitations to your court of honor to our local and national politicians. Enjoy your court of honor and don't forget to send out thank you notes for any gifts or help you received.