

Life to Eagle Training





Training Objectives

- 1. Provide an overview of the requirements for Eagle rank**
- 2. Discuss the Eagle Service Project and Workbook**
- 3. Provide service project examples and discussion based on past experience**
- 4. Review the Eagle Scout Rank Application Process**
- 5. Overview of the Eagle Board of Review**

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Rank Requirements



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Requirements to Become an Eagle Scout

- 1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for at least six months as a Life Scout.**
- 2. As a Life Scout, demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Tell how you have done your duty to God and how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life, and how your understanding of the Scout Oath and Scout Law will guide your life in the future.**
- 3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges including 13 required.**

Family Life, Personal Fitness, & Personal Management require 90 day tracking – Start these well ahead of your needed date.

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Requirements to Become an Eagle Scout

4. While a Life Scout, serve actively in your troop for six months in one or more positions of responsibility. *List only those positions served after the Life Board of Review date. (Suggest SPL, ASPL, and Guide – Complete thoroughly and to the best of your ability – Leave No Doubt)*
5. Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. *The project idea must be approved by the Benefiting Organization, Unit Leader, Unit Committee and by the District Eagle BOR Chair before you start. Use the service project workbook.*

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Requirements to Become an Eagle Scout

6. **Participate in a Scoutmaster conference.**
(Turn in completed Eagle Application to the Council Office by your 18th birthday)
7. **Successfully complete your board of review for the Eagle rank.** **(This requirement may be met after age 18)**

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Before you get started!

Gather these items to cross-reference previous ranks, merit badges and accomplishments

- 1. Troop advancement report including dates, merit badges, ranks, service hours, etc. (from Troop Advancement Chair)**
- 2. Council Advancement Report – This will (should) have the same details as above**
- 3. Scouts own records – Scout Handbook, blue cards, logs**

If they are out of sync resolve them – Scout's records take precedent.

Any abnormalities during the application process can result in delays and rework

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Service Project Flow and Considerations

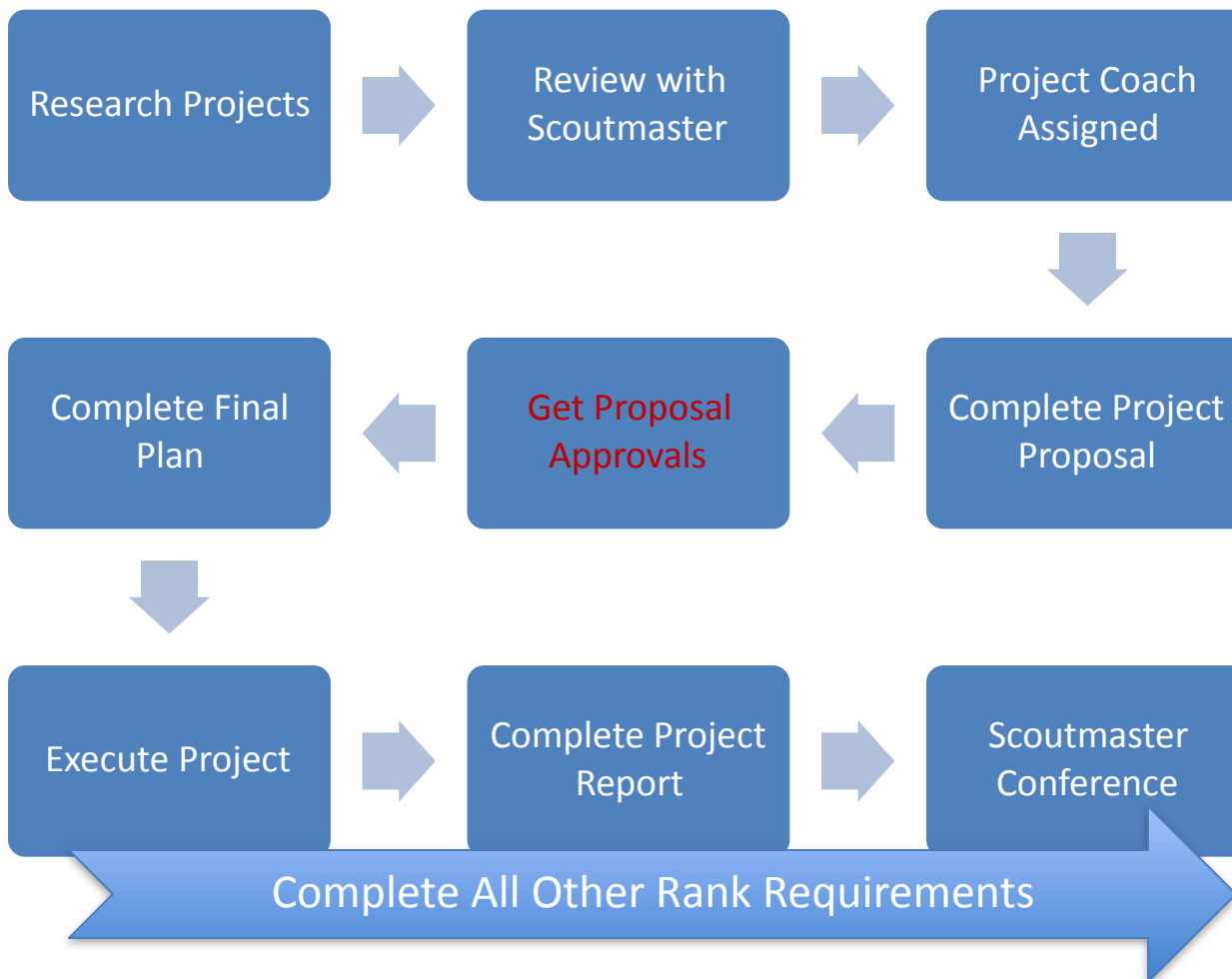
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Service Project Workflow



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Service Projects Cannot

- **Benefit the Boy Scouts of America**
- **Involve Troop or Council properties**
- **Be performed for a business**
- **Be of a commercial nature**
- **Be a fund raiser**
- **Consist of routine labor normally done by others**
- **Be for a profit-making organization**
- **Begin before receiving written approval from the District Advancement Committee**
- **Be assigned to the Life Scout by others**
- **Be shared with another Life Scout for both to receive credit for one Eagle project**

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Service Project Beneficiaries

- Churches
- Schools
- City, Village or Town
- Food Banks
- Fire/Police Dept.
- Museums
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- Forest Service, DNR
- Community Centers
- Salvation Army
- International Relief Org.
- City Parks
- Homeless Shelters
- Nursing Homes
- Recycling Centers
- City Recreation Dept.
- Public Works Dept.
- State & County Parks
- Conservation Clubs

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Types of Projects Done in the Past

(Community Oriented and Permanent)

- Landscaped Church grounds
- Toy boxes for low income day care
- Sponsored Conservation Projects
- Bird houses for flicker problem
- Planned and built orienteering course
- Nature walk signage and trail improvement
- Built foot bridge, fences, steps, new trail, campsites, Adirondacks, etc. (Camp Long and Schoenwald Park)
- Renovated a community pea patch
- Planned and built garden shed, benches, and planters



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Service Project Workbook

(Available Online www.scouting.org)

Project Purpose and Selection

- Provides an opportunity to display and develop leadership skills
- Provides important lessons in project management and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment
- Project must show **Planning, Development, and Leadership**
- Find a project that is interesting and meaningful to you

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Service Project Workbook

(Available Online www.scouting.org)

Project Proposal (Approval required before you start the project)

- Project Description - Overview
- Giving Leadership – People, Manpower, Recruiting
- Material and Supplies – What kind, how much, where?
- Tools – What kind, how many, where will you get them?
- Permits and Permission – Are any needed? Where and how?
- Preliminary Costs – Estimated project costs. How will you pay for them?
- Project Phases – List 7 to 8 project execution phases
- Logistics – Transportation of tools, supplies, helpers. Tour Permit?
- Safety Issues – Safety concerns you or helpers should be aware of
- Further Planning – List additional planning steps needed for the project
- Photos and/or drawings to help explain
- **Approvals – Unit Leader, Unit Committee, Beneficiary, District Eagle Advancement Chair**

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Proposal Approval Guidelines

5 Tests of the Project Proposal

- The project provides sufficient opportunity to meet the requirement
 - The project appears to be feasible
 - Safety issues will be addressed
 - Action steps for further detailed planning are included
 - The Scout is on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience
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- Expect questions and guidance on your proposal
 - Document and incorporate recommendations

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Service Project Workbook

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Final Plan – Much more detail

- Document suggestions and recommendations from proposal process
- Project description and benefits
- Present condition or situation – Taking before photos is encouraged
- Breakdown the specific steps and planning items
- Project budget for Supplies, Material, Tools etc. Expenses and Funding
- Giving Leadership – Who, Skills needed, How many, Communication
- Logistics – Transportation, Food, Restrooms, Clean up, Return
- Safety – Hazards, prevention, First Aid, safety briefing, who will provide
- Contingency Plans – What ifs? Cancellations, Fall back dates, Backup
- Optional - Project Coach and Scoutmaster – Comments and Feedback

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Service Project Workbook

(Available Online www.scouting.org)

Fund Raising – Optional

- Some projects may require fund raising
- Self funding by Scout, family, chartered organization, or benefitting organization does not require Council approval.
- Use the form in the Service Project Workbook
- Follow Procedures and Limitations for fund raising
- Beneficiary and Unit Leader approval signatures
- Submit to Council for approval at least two weeks before fund raiser
- Council will contact you for approval or changes

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Service Project Workbook

(Available Online www.scouting.org)

Execute Your Project - Recommendations

- Execute your detailed plan – Track ALL hours for your report – Create a Log
- Take before, during, and after pictures
- Request and commitments for assistance 1 month before needed
- Emails, meeting announcements, phone calls, sign up lists, etc.
- Utilize older Scouts as team leads. Meet with them ahead of time so they can lead areas and zones of work, help direct others - Lieutenants
- Have specific jobs and tasks planned for all volunteers
- Demonstrate leadership and direction – Don't let others take over
- Document progress, task completion, what is next, and what is left to complete
- Have a Scout or Parent in charge of taking photos during the project

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Service Project Workbook

(Available Online www.scouting.org)

Final Project Report

- Overall Summary of the project – Submitted for Rank
- Observations - What went well – What was challenging?
- Changes from original plan
- Leadership – How did it go? What did you do?
- Final listing of Materials, Supplies and Tools
- Service Project Data – People and Hours
- Funding – How much was collected, spent, left over, donor appreciation
- Photos and Documentation – Any photos, receipts, and paperwork that can benefit the board of review process
- Candidates promise and signature
- Beneficiary and Scoutmaster signatures
- **Provide service hours to Unit Advancement Chair for tracking and credit**

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

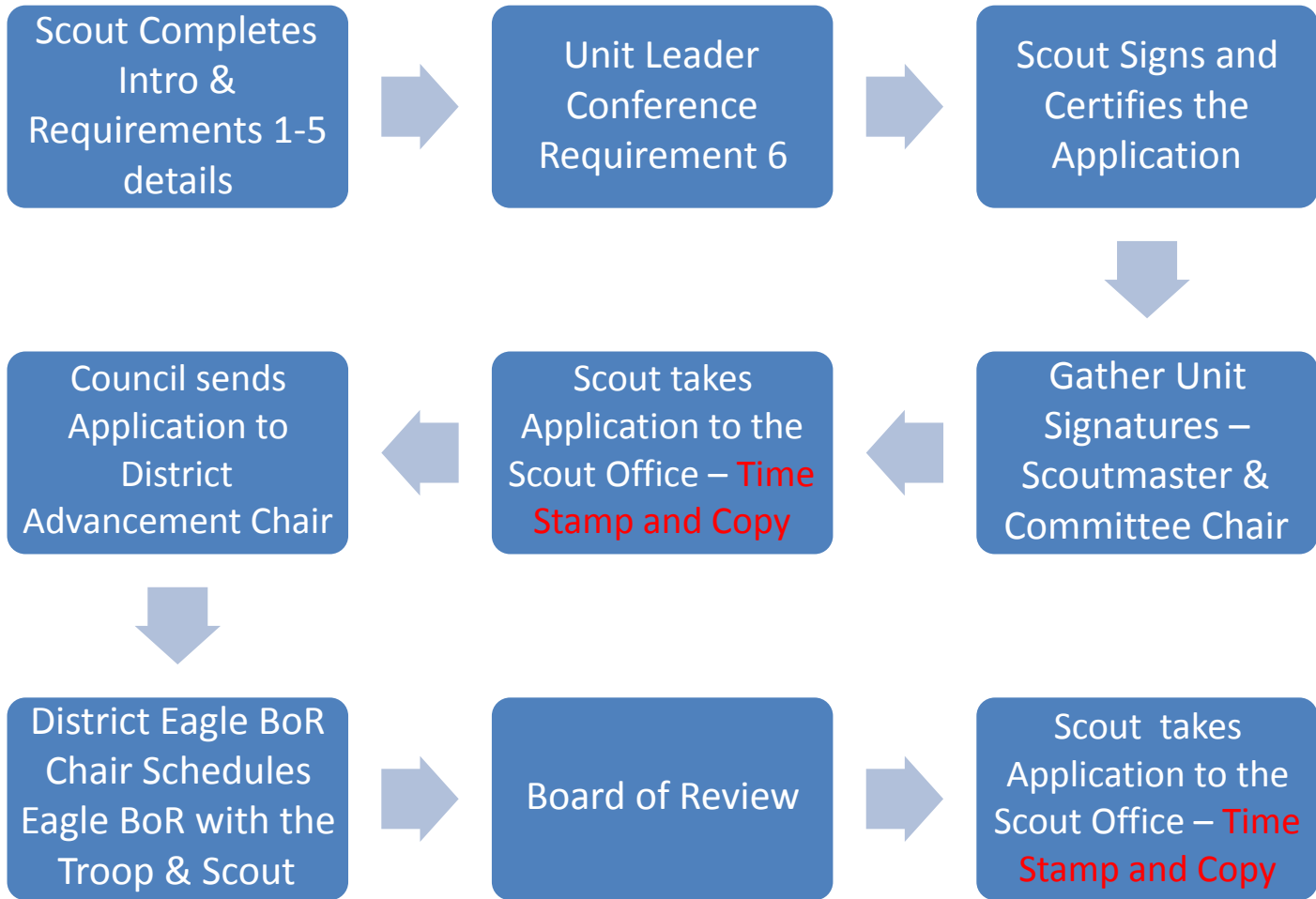
(Must be turned in by your 18th birthday)

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Application Workflow



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Eagle Scout Rank Application

(http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf)

- Use the most recent online form – computer fill-able
- Be neat, concise, this will be your permanent record
- Preferable to use a computer for neatness
- Print clearly, do not cross out or write over mistakes
Use white out if needed
- Give complete address and contact information
- Enter dates showing month, day, and year
- Full name, including middle name, not an initial
 - This is how your name will appear on the certificate

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

➤ All requirements and dates of completion

- Life Scout BoR date
- Names and contact info for references
- Merits Badges – Earned and Dates
- Position held and the dates of service while Life Scout
- Service Project Name, Dates, Total Hours
- Unit Leader Conference and Date
- Attach Statement of Ambitions, Life Goals, Honors for Service

➤ Signatures

- Scout, Unit Leader, Committee Chair – Before BoR

➤ Eagle Board of Review

- Signed by the District Eagle BoR Chair

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Requirement 1 – Be active in your Troop

- **At least 6 Months after receiving Life Scout**
 - Provide date you received Life Rank Board of Review

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Requirement 2 – Demonstrate you lived by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

- Provide name and contact information for six individuals for recommendations
- Four specific references:
 - Parents
 - Religious
 - Educational
 - Employer (If Any)
- Two others of your choice
- Reference forms also required – Not clear on application

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Requirement 2 – Demonstrate you lived by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

- Everyone listed as reference on the application should be provided a Letter of Recommendation form and a stamped envelope addressed to the District Eagle BoR Chair
- Forms are sent to the District Eagle BoR Chair
- All letters are confidential and only the BoR sees them
- **Make sure references know this is time sensitive**
- The Eagle BoR will not be scheduled until the recommendation letters received by District
- Recommend selecting more references than needed

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Requirement 2 – Demonstrate you lived by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

Instructions to Scout: Everyone you listed on your Eagle application in requirement #2 should write a recommendation letter. The only reference that may be omitted is employer, if you do not have a job. If you do not belong to a faith community, a parent must provide the religious reference. The Letter of Recommendation is confidential and is not to be returned directly to you. You should provide your references with a stamped envelope addressed to your District Advancement Chairman or leader designated to collect Eagle recommendation letters. He or she will hold all your letters and provide them to your Eagle Board of Review.

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Requirement 3 – Merit Badges

- Record date badge was earned
- Cross out those required badges not earned.
 - Emergency Preparedness/Life saving
 - Cycling/Hiking/Swimming
- Six merit badges for Star, 11 for Life
- Mandatory Pre-requisites:
 - Swimming before Lifesaving
 - First Aid before Emergency Preparedness
- Identify unit where badges were earned

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Requirement 4 and 5

- **Requirement No. 4 – Leadership**
 - Position(s) held after Life Scout Rank was reached
 - Position(s) and dates
- **Requirement No. 5 – Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project**
 - Provide Project Name, Date Complete, Total Hours

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Requirement 6 - Unit Leader Conference, Life Ambitions and Purpose

➤ Attach to your application

- Statement of your ambitions and life purpose
- List positions held in church, school, camp, community where you demonstrated leadership
- Include honors and awards received

➤ Unit Leader Conference

- Date of Conference

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Eagle Scout Rank Application

Certification and Approvals

- **Certification**
 - Applicant's Signature
- **Unit Approval and Signature**
 - Unit Leader – Scoutmaster, Coach, Skipper, or Advisor
 - Committee Chair
- **Take application and package to the Scout office**
 - Get time stamped and a personal and unit copy
 - Scout office reviews original and sends approved application to the Eagle BoR Chair
 - The Eagle BoR Chair reviews the application, receives letters of recommendation, and works with the unit and Scout to schedule the BoR

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Final Package for Application (Council)

Eagle Scout Rank
Application

Ambitions and
Life Purpose
Statement

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Final Package for Application (District)

Eagle Project
Workbook Copy

References

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Eagle Board of Review

(Must be completed within 3 months of application approval)

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Eagle Board of Example Flow

Participants

- District Rep 3 to 6 –BoR Chair
- Unit Leader – Non voting
- Scout Parents
- Candidate

Interview

- Scout Introduced
- Scout Dismissed with an assignment
- Parents
- Parents Dismissed

Deliberation

- Board Reviews the final package
- Board discusses the candidate, project, and results

Interview

- Board question and answers with the Scout
- Discuss the assignment answers with the Scout
- Scout dismissed

Final Review

- BoR Deliberation and Decision
- Scout and Parents Return
- BoR Feedback and Decision
- Congratulations and Photos

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Eagle Board of Review

➤ **Be Prepared**



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Final Steps

1. The signed application returned to the Scout Office
2. Get time stamped personal copies again
3. The Council submits the signed application to BSA national for Eagle rank award and credentials
4. The Troop and Scout are notified when the award arrives – BoR date is the official date of Eagle
5. Let the Troop pick up the Eagle certificate and award – Basic kit and upgrade option available
6. The Troop will present the award to the Scout

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Eagle Court of Honor - Optional

- Parents responsibility to plan the final CoH
- Opportunity to give back to the Troop with a celebration and party
- Time
- Organization
- Responsibilities
- Speakers
- Invitations
- Ceremony
- Display
- Reception

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Eagle Court of Honor

The Eagle Court of Honor is first, to honor the Scout. If the Court of Honor is executed well, it will inspire other Scouts to follow the adventurous and rewarding Eagle trail. A dignified and meaningful Court of Honor will also show the community the result of the Scouting program, so they will direct other boys into the Scouting programs and support the movement.

There are many online resources for planning a great and memorable Eagle Court of Honor

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Questions?



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Helpful Online Resources

The Eagle Scout Rank: (read this first)

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/guidetoadvancement/eaglescourank.aspx>

Eagle Service Project Workbook: (always look for the latest version)

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx>

Eagle Letter of Recommendation Form:

<https://www.seattlebsa.org/media/forms/ReferenceLetter.pdf>

http://troop282.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/eagle_scout_letter_of_recommendation.pdf

Eagle Project Sign in Form:

http://troop282.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/eagle_project_signin_sheet.pdf

Eagle Scout Rank Application:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf

Interesting YouTube video on the process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2g3sOpId8jA>

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Helpful Online Resources

Eagle Coach Presentation

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/ppt/>

[The_Eagle_Scout_Service_Project_Coach.ppt](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/ppt/The_Eagle_Scout_Service_Project_Coach.ppt)

Information for Eagle Project Beneficiaries

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/510-025.pdf>

The Eagle Scout Application Process Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbBluSh-GWQ>

Eagle Board of Review Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9HQbAiEfWs&feature=youtu.be>

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Thank you for attending!



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