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Advancement to Eagle Scout



Troop Leader Dialog



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Agenda

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- Leader Education – What to Know
- Scout Education – Before He Starts
- Troop Responsibility – Create Valid Proposal
- Dialog About the Difficulties
- Eagle Advancement Goals
- Scouts with Disabilities
- Contacts and Resources



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Troop Leader Education

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Basic Leader Guidance: What to Know

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- Hudson Valley Council "Guide for Advancement to Eagle"
 - Part I - For The Life Scout
 - Part II - Leadership Responsibilities & Processes (Leaders Only)

Note: This guide:

- was created when Hudson Valley Council was formed
- is approved by the Council Executive Board as policy
- current edition dated May 2011 (Rev. C)

- Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook
- Eagle Scout Rank Application 2010 version
- Advancement Committee, Policies and Procedures (BSA #33088)



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Scout Basic Education

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Materials He Needs To Know To Get Started

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- Your Life Scout needs to get and read the current editions of:
 - Hudson Valley Council "Guide for Advancement to Eagle"
 - Eagle Scout Rank Application 2010 Edition – Fillable .PDF
 - Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook

Aim for use of a softcopy version of the Project Workbook:

- Get it from the Dutchess Eagle Advancement website, <http://www.ntown.info>
- Download (**Preferred:**) .DOC (**Alternatives:**) .RTF or .PDF
- **Caution:** *National BSA / NESAs Fillable .PDF has limitations*

- Forms are not self-explanatory: Reading will create questions.
- You need to teach him what things mean – see handout



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Creating an acceptable Project Proposal

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- Process and Form are not new:
 - Yet many indicate that there is too much complexity.
 - Many show that they don't understand what should be done.
 - Many show that they haven't used available help.
 - District called upon to make things right

- Good Project Proposals are Scout and Troop Tasks
 - Scout's first job is to ask questions
 - Leader's job is to guide the Scout to the answers
 - Scout's second job is create a thorough, valid proposal
 - Leader's job is to review it for accuracy and completeness



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Time for Some Dialog



- Why is Eagle Advancement so hard?
- What flaws do you see in the process or forms?
- What might District do to help?





Eagle Advancement Goals

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- Most Star Scouts earn Life Rank
 - Most of those who don't advance stay until they age out
- Most Life Scouts earn Eagle Rank
 - Those who leave early are very few
- Real times of loss are in junior ranks:
 - Tenderfoot & Second & First Class show meaningful drops
 - BUT
 - Biggest losses are those who are Scout rank, or never even earn Scout !
- Goal needs to be Retention through Advancement



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Scouts with Disabilities

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Boys with disabilities can be scouts

- BSA has manual on how to work with Scouts with disabilities or special needs
- Best if scout is registered as having disabilities
 - Contact Chris or Council for help on this
 - Requires documentation
- Scouts with disabilities can have requirements modified, but not eliminated!
 - Must have Council Youth Development approval
 - Must be as close to original requirement as possible



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Contacts & Resources

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