

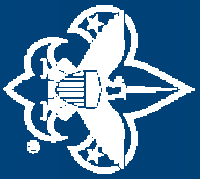
# Earning Eagle Rank

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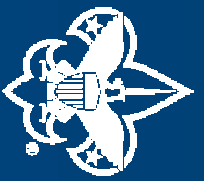
# Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Reference Materials**
- **Eagle Scout Service Project**
- **Eagle Scout Rank Requirements**
- **Eagle Scout Rank Application**
- **Rank Application Processing**
- **Eagle Scout Board of Review**
- **Questions**

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# Introductions

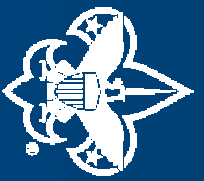
## Presenters:

- Neal Townsend, Dutchess District Chairman
  - Peter Dowley, District Eagle Advancement Committee Chair
- Here tonight:
- Members of the District Eagle Advancement Committee



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# Reference Materials

## BSA Publications :

- Boy Scout Handbook, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition (8/1/09 – effective 1/1/10).
- Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (2011)\*
  - Effective January 1, 2012
- Eagle Scout Rank Application #512-728
  - Effective January 1, 2012
- Guide to Advancement 2011 (GTA2011), #33088 (2011)\*
- Boy Scout Requirements 2012 (33216)\*
- Guide to Safe Scouting / Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety
- Age Guidelines for Tool Use (etc.) #680-028 (2012)

*\* Revisions are expected during 2013*

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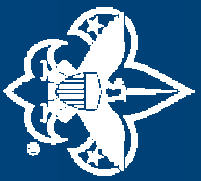
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# Eagle Scout Service Project

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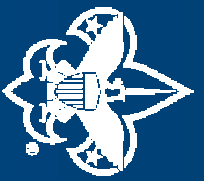
# Project Sources and Types

- **Based on a review of over 175 projects done in 2009 - 2011**
  - Projects were not specific to Troop, or Troop's area of the District
  - About 70% were for 3 "sources"
    - Organizations: 29%; Churches: 23 %; Town parks: 19 %
    - 5 other "sources" split the remaining 29% (4 – 8 % each)
  - Best way to 'find' a project – let everybody know you are looking for one! Have the adults you know ask around. Follow up yourself – estimate if it is feasible. Negotiate!
  - Figure that your project will actually be done beginning 3 – 4 months from the first time you hear about it – plan accordingly.
  - Mega-size and Expensive Projects are not of high value.

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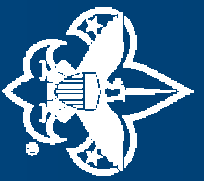
# Eagle Scout Service Project

- **Guidelines**
  - Provide opportunity for planning, development, and leadership
  - Projects must benefit any Religious Institution, any School, or your Community, (including ‘Community of the World’ ) 9.0.2.5
  - Projects must not be
    - of a commercial nature or for a business
    - only routine labor or only a fundraiser
    - joint projects – only one Eagle candidate can receive credit for a project – similar but not overlapping projects are allowed.
    - performed for the BSA, its councils, districts, units, or its properties
  - Details are given in the Workbook itself. Refer to the top of Pg 2, the bottom of Pg 3, and all of Pgs 4 & 5

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# Eagle Scout Service Project (cont)

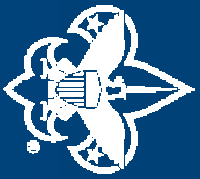
## Requirement:

- Must use Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook 512-927
- Read and understand the entire document before starting.
- Workbook has numerous parts – some give rules, some give explanations, some are separators with focus statements on them, and another 3 (or 4 or 5) are to be filled out.
- Page 5 gives the 5 tests for approval of a Proposal.



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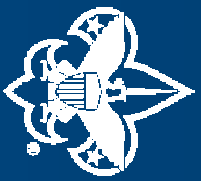
# Workbook Section Use

- Contact page (required).
  - Each section must be completed; some boxes may not apply (example: person has no e-mail address).
- Project Proposal (required)
  - All areas must be addressed – indicate “N/A” where necessary
  - Include sufficient details to determine project viability (see Pg 5)
  - Include pictures and sketches/drawings if useful

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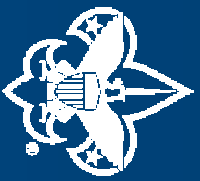
# Proposal Considerations

- **Project Description and Benefit**
  - Addresses 3 topics: What, Why, and When.
  - Your ‘Brief Description’ will be easier to understand if you keep those 3 separate.
  - Fillable PDF will allow you to write a lot more words than you might expect (about 225) – then it cuts you off. When you do write a lot of words, the font gets smaller and smaller — until it is microscopic.
  - Try ‘texting’ your project description: that allows 140 characters max. Then expand it into real words and sentences – see if that helps you “Briefly Describe”.
  - Brief does not mean fact-free. Approximate measurements can explain to the reader why you are about to say that lots of workers and tools and dollars are involved.

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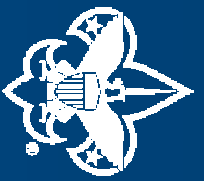
## Proposal Considerations, cont.

- ***Project Description and Benefit – When:***
  - *Experience shows that Proposal creation and local approval and District approval take longer than many Scouts expect.*
  - *We recommend multiple weeks after proposal approval as intended time to begin actual work on project.*
  - *That allows for Final Plan creation, and Fundraising Application and Tour Permit approvals if needed.*

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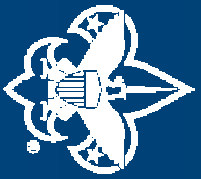
## Proposal Considerations, cont.

- **Giving Leadership**
  - The difficulty you see may be a good reason for a Project Coach.
  - Look at Workbook pg 15 for some ideas on this topic.
- **Materials, Supplies, Tools**
  - Each of these sections has a definition – those can help you keep the section’s contents unique, rather than repeating items.
  - Notice that they ask for ‘Types’ and ‘Kinds’ – think of the signs that hang over the aisles in places like Williams and Lowe’s and Home Depot – those generic names may be the answer.
  - If it helps, use pgs 13 & 14 to write down just the names of specific items – then talk with your Project Coach about ‘Types’ and ‘Kinds’.

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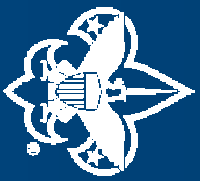
## Proposal Considerations, cont.

- **Permits and Permissions**
  - Make sure that the Benefiting Organization Representative has the authority to say ‘Yes’ for his organization.
  - Note: Schools and Town Governments have layers of bosses.
- **Preliminary Cost Estimate**
  - Ask knowledgeable people what they think things will cost, or
  - Shop for the items you think will cost the most, and add a percentage – sometimes called a “fudge factor”.
  - After you fill in those estimated costs, handle the explanation part.

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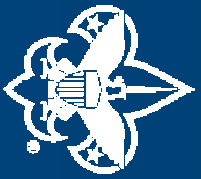
# Proposal Considerations, cont.

- **Project Phases**
  - The text in the box itself is kind of the answer: translate ‘preparation’ into the main steps that mean ‘ready to lead your project’
  - Translate ‘execution’ into the main steps that mean ‘order in which things will get done’
- **Logistics**
  - While Dad may have a new truck, it may not be designed to move 6 cubic yards of stone weighing 2700 pounds each.....
  - Tour plan is discussed later

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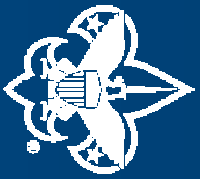
# Proposal Considerations, cont.

- **Safety Issues**
  - National Scouting literature addresses tool safety, etc.; the BSA practices limit what Scouts can do; that should be considered up front when you ask “Is this project feasible?”.
  - Dutchess has a severe local health concern, that of tick-borne Lyme Disease; as a leader, you should advise about precautions and examination by yourself and your parent.
  - Here in Dutchess, we have E911 emergency response coverage; as a leader, you have to know what help it offers and what its limitations might be.

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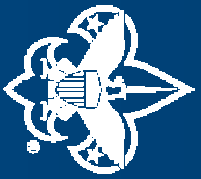
# Proposal Considerations, cont.

- **Further Planning**
  - “List some action steps (toward) a Final Plan” can be translated into “What do I need to learn or do to create a Final Plan”.
  - In Engineering circles, this kind of activity is sometimes called ‘creating a plan for a plan’.
- **Candidate’s Promise**
  - Being ready to sign is the important part.
- **The Approvals**
  - These new Workbook statements are more detailed than before, are serious declarations of your readiness, and of the support and approval of the signers.

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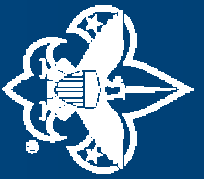
## Workbook Sections, cont.

- **Fundraising (if needed)**
  - New rules – read pg 18 of Workbook carefully.
  - Projects can be paid for by designated payers = NOT donations.
  - Support from other payers or donors of either money or materials is defined as fundraising.
  - Eagle Project Fundraising Application (Workbook pg 17) is not the same form as a Unit Fundraising Application.
  - The Application requires a good-faith list of specified potential donors and the type of donations being sought to be attached.
  - Application must be approved before fundraising starts.
  - It is approved by HVC Youth Development Committee.
  - Approval requires about 2 weeks time.

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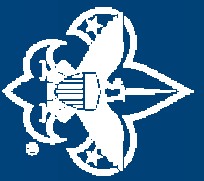
## Workbook Sections, cont.

- **Fundraising, continued:**
  - Send to Council e-mail address on pg. 6 of the Workbook.
  - Follow BSA standard rules regarding earning money.
  - Williams Lumber website has link to their program.
  - Council Advancement website defines Lowe's program.
- **Tour Permit (if necessary)**
  - Only needed if project is outside Council boundaries.
  - Transporting people has strict rules.
  - Use paper form; it's far more flexible.
  - Council staff approves.
  - Requires 2 weeks minimum lead time.

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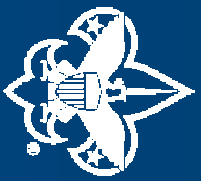
## Workbook Sections, cont.

- Final Plan (not required, but strongly recommended)
  - Seen as proof of your leadership
  - Having a Project Coach is encouraged.
  - Read GTA2011 Section 9.0.2.9 for a description of the role and value of a Project Coach. Scouting wants you to succeed in your Project. A good Project Coach is important to have as a “voice of experience”.
  - It’s your project : you make the decisions – but you don’t have to go it alone; you can have a Project Coach.
- Final Report (required)
  - Keep a separate list of people and hours for unit service hour credit.

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# Service Project Proposal Approval

Project Proposals must be approved **before** starting work

- Unit Leader
- Unit Committee Member
- Beneficiary Representative
- (last) District Eagle Advancement Committee
- District Proposal Approvals
  - Are done on a regularly scheduled basis (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of school year months; none in July; August may be affected by Roundtable.)
  - Are by appointment – times are sent out by e-mail on prior Monday night, often around midnight.
  - Your unit leaders have details of the process.

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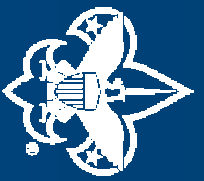
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# Eagle Scout Rank Requirements

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## 6 Eagle Requirements, simplified

1. **Be active as Life Scout \*** 6 month minimum
2. **Prove you live by Oath and Law \***
3. **Earn total of 21 Merit Badges \*** required and optional
4. **Serve actively in a Leadership Position for 6 months after Life\***
5. **Lead Eagle Scout Service Project \* Plan, Develop, etc.**
6. **Take part in Scoutmaster Conference \***

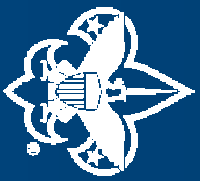
*\* All requirements must be completed before 18th birthday!*

After Eagle Scout Rank Application is approved by Council, a District Eagle Scout Board of Review will occur.

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## Eagle Requirements (details on #1)

1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least 6 months after you have achieved the rank of Life

Requirement is met if:

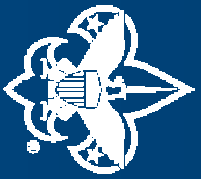
- 1.The Scout is registered.
- 2.The Scout is in good standing.
- 3.The Scout meets the unit's reasonable expectations

*It is appropriate for units to set reasonable expectations for attendance and participation.*

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## Eagle Requirements (details on #2)

2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.

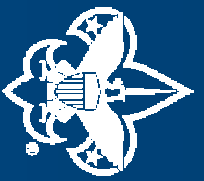
List the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

- Parents/guardians
- Religious
- Educational
- Employer (if any)
- Two other references

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## Eagle Requirements (details on #3)

3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges. *Some merit badges require extended periods of time to complete!*

Required merit badges (a chosen 12 now; also see notes\*)

- 1) Camping, 2) Citizenship in the Community, 3) Citizenship in the Nation, 4) Citizenship in the World, 5) Communications, 6) Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, 7) Environmental Science, 8) First Aid, 9) Cycling or Hiking or Swimming, 10) Personal Management, 11) Personal Fitness, 12) Family Life

Select only one for #6 and #9.

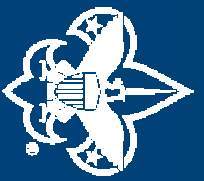
Plus 9 'others' for a total of 21

***\*Cooking will become required badge # 13 in 2014.  
\*Total will still be 21 = there will be only 8 'others' needed.***

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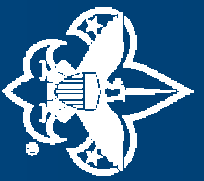
# Merit Badge Counselor & Counseling Requirements

- Boy Scouting requires that all Merit Badge Counselors be registered as Merit Badge Counselors, for a specific list of Merit Badge(s).
- HVC Approval is required for their specific badge(s).
- Camp Staff Counselors are approved by the BSA.
- Section 7 of the Guide to Advancement 2011 has details.
- Merit Badge Counseling is a BSA activity subject to the rules of what is called Youth Protection Training (YPT).
- Counselors must conduct themselves and do their counseling within the framework of those YPT rules.

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## Eagle Requirements (details on #4)

4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of 6 months in one or more of the positions of responsibility (as listed on the Eagle Scout Rank Application.)

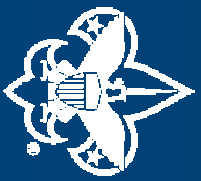
*When a Scout assumes a position of responsibility, something related to the desired results must happen.*

*Note: For Boy Scouts, Assistant Patrol Leader does NOT count.*

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## Eagle Requirements (details on #5)

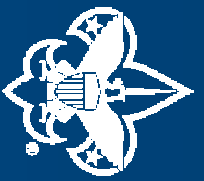
5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start.

You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.



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## Eagle Requirements (details on #6)

### 6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.

(Complete an Eagle Scout Rank Application (BSA form 512-728), available as a fillable PDF.)

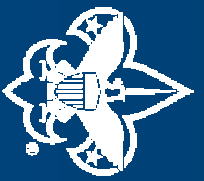
Attach to this application a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.

***Requirement does not say to “pass” a conference. It is also not required to be the last step before a Board of Review.***

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## Eagle Requirements (next steps)

After the 6 requirements are met, the Scout signs a Certification.

Next, the unit gives approval as evidenced by the personal signatures of the Unit Leader and the Unit Committee Chair.

If the Eagle candidate is the son of either of these leaders, they may appoint another person in writing to act in that position while freeing themselves to focus on the role of ‘Dad’.

After Eagle Scout application has been reviewed and approved by the Council office, the Eagle candidate must successfully complete a District Eagle Scout Board of Review.

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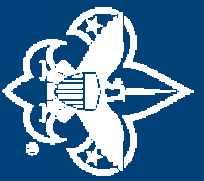
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# Eagle Scout Board of Review

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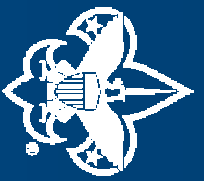
# Eagle Scout Rank Application Process

- After having completed all requirements and unit approvals, the Eagle Scout Rank Application is processed as follows:
  - Troop leadership submits to Council
  - Council verifies information
  - Council notifies Troop and District that Eagle Scout Board of Review can be scheduled
  - District and Troop schedule the Eagle Board of Review. Scout is consulted on his availability.

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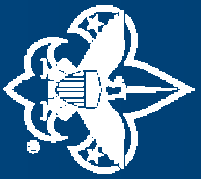
# Eagle Scout Board of Review

- It is a District BOR.
- Conforms to National and HVC policy
  - Determine quality of Scouting experience
  - Not a test!
- **May be held, even if lacking:**
  - Reference letters
  - Full uniform (see next slide)
  - Signatures on Workbook or Eagle Scout Rank Application
    - Requires “Board of Review under Disputed Circumstances”
- **May be held after 18<sup>th</sup> birthday**
  - Permission needed if after age 18 years 3 months (Avoid this!)

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# Eagle Scout Board of Review (cont)

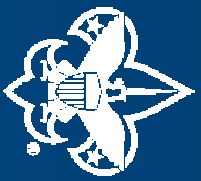
- Uniforming
  - Candidates should dress according to importance of occasion
    - Clean and neat in appearance
    - Full field uniform is expected
      - **Correct badge placement – refer to Insignia Guide 33066.**
        - » *Facts: Merit Badge sashes come in sizes; Scouts grow!*
      - **Not an Order of the Arrow (sash) occasion**
    - In most cases, Scouts can reasonably meet this expectation.
  - Accommodations will be made for:
    - Unit uniform variance
    - Any extenuating circumstances

***Candidates will not be rejected, under any circumstances, for lack of uniform.***

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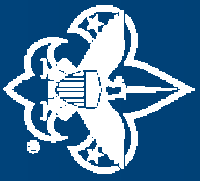
## Eagle Scout Board of Review (cont)

- **Composed of 3-6 members**
  - One of which may be a community leader
  - Unit may be included
- **Board's Timeline**
  - Review submitted material (30 min)
  - Interview with Scout (30 min)
    - Scout may be asked to conduct an opening that could include: Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law
    - Scout should expect questions on:
      - » *Service Project*
      - » *Leadership*
      - » *Scouting Life*
      - » *Et cetera*

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# Eagle Scout Board of Review (cont)

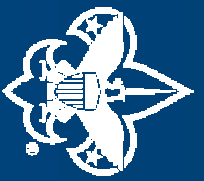
- **Timeline (cont.)**
  - BOR Member Discussion and Formal Vote
  - Conclusion
    - Notification of decision
    - Discussion of process after Board
    - Photos (be sure to bring a camera)

***The total Board will take about 1 ½ hours!***

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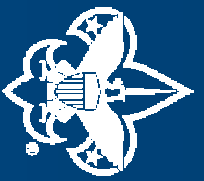
# Eagle Scout Board of Review Results

- Eagle BOR date is official date of becoming an Eagle Scout
- What happens after the Eagle BOR
  - Eagle Board Chair forwards paperwork to Council (in 2-3 days)
  - Council reviews paperwork. If correct, notifies National.
  - National reviews information. If correct, sends credentials to HVC.
  - Council will notify Troop to pick up Eagle Scout credentials (usually in 2-3 weeks from submittal to council)
- Planning for an Eagle Court of Honor may officially commence after the credentials come in.

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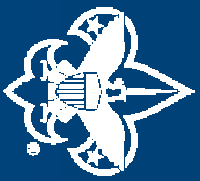
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