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# "Advancement to Eagle Scout Rank"



## Scout Focus



Hudson Valley Council



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# Expectation

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- Our Expectation is that Scouts Can, Should, Will make Eagle Scout
  - Majority who make First Class **CAN**
  - Most who make Star **SHOULD**
  - Almost all who make Life **WILL**
- But YOU Have To Want To Make Eagle





# Eagle Rank Requirements

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- Scout Handbook
- Scoutmaster's Handbook
- Eagle Scout Rank Application
- Hudson Valley Council "Guide for Advancement to Eagle"  
Part I - For The Life Scout

**Note:** This guide was put together when the councils merged and was approved by the Hudson Valley Council Executive Board.

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





# Six Requirements For The Eagle Scout Rank

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1. Be active in your unit for at least six months, since becoming a Life Scout
2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. List individuals who know you personally and would provide a recommendation on your behalf.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges
4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for six months in one or more positions of troop/unit leadership responsibility.
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.
6. Attach to the 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.





# Eagle Requirement #1

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Be active\* in your (*unit*) for at least six months, since becoming a Life Scout

- Troop Participation
  - Meetings
  - Campouts
  - Service Projects
  - Civic Events
  - Fund Raisers
  - Summer Camp

\* Scout may need to discuss with SM what is realistic due to involvement in other activities.





# Eagle Requirement #2

## The Scout's Job Is To Work At It

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Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. List individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

- **Demonstrate Living the Scout Oath and Law through your Scout Spirit**
  - Enjoys Scouting
  - Shows that “Be Prepared” is real to him
  - Sets Good Example for Others
- **Recommendations (choose appropriately, substitutions may need to be made)**
  - Parents/Guardians\*
  - Religious\*
  - Educational\*
  - Employer (If Any)
  - Two Other References\*

\* Required

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# Eagle Requirement #3

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Earn a total of 21 merit badges

- Required Merit Badges (12)
  - Camping
  - Citizenship in the Community
  - Citizenship in the Nation
  - Citizenship in the World
  - Communications
  - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving,
  - Environmental Science
  - First Aid
  - Cycling or Hiking or Swimming
  - Personal Management
  - Personal Fitness
  - Family Life
  
- Optional Merit Badges (9)





# Eagle Requirement #4

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While a Life Scout, serve actively for six months in one or more positions of responsibility

- Leadership Growth
    - Works Well in Patrol
    - Leads Patrol(s)
    - Helps Others in Troop/Unit
    - Learns about being a leader
      - Leader Training (NYLT)
      - **Leads at Troop/Unit level**
      - Senior Patrol Leader, Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Scribe, Librarian, Quartermaster, ....
- Some new possibilities available after Jan 1, 2010





# Eagle Requirement #5

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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 idea must be approved by your Scoutmaster, troop committee, benefiting organization and by the District before you start.
- You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook ... in meeting this requirement.

**"More Details On The Leadership Service Project To Follow"**





# Eagle Requirement #6

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Attach to the Eagle Scout 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.
- Take part in a Scoutmaster conference with your unit leader.
  
- Statement of Ambitions & Life Purpose
  - What do **YOU** want to do in your life
  - What are **YOUR** goals
  
- List of Positions Held Outside of Scouting Where Leadership Has Been Demonstrated
  
- Guidelines About These Are In The HVC Guide





# Getting Started

## Get the Materials You Will Need

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- Hudson Valley Council "Guide for Advancement to Eagle"
- Eagle Scout Rank Application
- Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook

You are encouraged to Obtain And Use The Electronic Versions Of The Rank Application and The Project Workbook

**These materials may be found at:**

- [www.bsahvc.org](http://www.bsahvc.org) (under program/advancement)
- [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org) (trail to Eagle)
- [www.owntown.info](http://www.owntown.info)





# Leadership Service Project

## Approval Steps

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- Project Idea / Description
  - Discuss with the Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor
  - Review With Representative of the Benefiting Organization

### **“ONCE A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON WHAT THE PROJECT WILL ENTAIL”**

- Project Details - **Review With and Obtain A Signature From**
  - Representative of the Benefiting Organization
  - Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor
  - Unit Committee
  - District Eagle Advancement Committee

### **“NOW THE PROJECT CAN BEGIN”**

- Project Completion - **Review With and Obtain A Signature From**
  - Scout
  - Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor
  - Representative of the Benefiting Organization





# Leadership Service Project

## "Rules of the Game"

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- Projects are documented using the official Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, either the hardcopy or softcopy version.
- The Leadership Service Project Workbook itself has some rules about projects (**Read pages 2 – 4**)
- The HVC Guide explains the process and helps define the requirements
- The Scout needs to demonstrate his leadership skills
- The community's needs must be considered – do it for appropriate group
- There are ways that Scouts do things – be that handling axes, or raising funds, or taking trips
- Project proposals are not Pass/Fail tests – Planning is an evolutionary multi-step process
- Projects can only go forward after they have been approved





# Leadership Service Project

## Parts of The Project

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### ● Project Description

- This Description used to be called the Project Concept – it is an overview, a short statement of the project’s goals, answering the question, “What is the big picture of what I’m going to do?” .

### ● Project Details

- Expect your Project Details to be challenged and questioned at each approval step.
- This is where you translate your goals, “WHAT I will do”, into a set of information that tells HOW you will do it.

### ● Carrying Out The Project

- This is your report on what you accomplished and how you led people in doing it.
- It includes the time of those involved and any changes you made to your plan.
- Make sure you keep track of the materials used and their costs.



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## Project Details

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- Next to actually carrying out the project, **Developing The Plan** is where you will be spending most of your time
- Investing the time to put together a well thought out plan will:
  - Make the implementation go much more smoothly
  - This will teach you skills that can be used in school & for the rest of your life
- Planning is an evolutionary multi-step process
  - Your expectation should be that you will not get a plan approved the first time you come to review it with your Scoutmaster
- In each step, the plan should address and answer the following questions as they apply:
  - **WHO** will be doing the work
  - **WHEN** will it be done
  - **WHAT** is needed
  - **HOW** will it be done





# Project Details

## Essential Elements

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- The HVC Guide contains a good outline for the essentials of the Planning Details
  - Describe The Present Condition & Method(s)
  - Resources & Project Needs
  - Materials & Equipment
  - Schedules
  - Photographs, Drawings, Maps
- Do **NOT** limit your write-up to the small space provided in the Project Workbook
  - Attach Additional Pages as Needed





# Project Details

## Present Condition & Method(s)

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- What are the present conditions?
- What needs to be done or corrected?
- What method will you use to do or correct each item?





# Project Details

## People Resources & Project Needs

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- Who will help with the project?
- How will I sign up and confirm the attendance of my work force?
- How many adults & boys might be needed?
- How will they be organized to do the work?
- What special training will be needed?
- What safety precautions are necessary?
- What emergency plans are needed?
- Are there special needs for the project helpers?





# Project Details

## Material and Equipment

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- What materials are needed?
- How much will they cost (even if you feel they will be donated)?
- How will they be paid for?
  - The Eagle Project is **NOT** intended to be a learning experience for organizing a fund raiser
  - When possible the project sponsor should be a financial backer
  - Don't count on Big Box Stores for large donations
- How will you handle cost overruns?
- How will you get the materials?
- How will you ask and assign the volunteers to bring items?
- What special equipment is needed?
  - Any special safety precautions?
  - Who will operate it?





# Project Details

## Schedule

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- When are the **SPECIFIC** dates?
- Where will you meet?
- What times will you be working?
- What are your contingency dates?
- Did you check against different calendars?
  - Troop, School, Family, Personal Commitments
- Ask yourself –
  - “Does the sequence of events in the plan make sense?”
  - “Do I have the right number of people to do the tasks?”
  - “Have I allotted enough time to each task?”





# Project Details

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## Photographs & Miscellaneous

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- Take Photographs
  - Before Pictures
  - After Pictures
- Are special permits needed from the Town, County, State.... ?
- Can weather affect your plan?
  - How do you account for it, if it can be?
- Will food and drink for your workers be needed?





# Project Details

## Key Things To Remember

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- **The Safety Of Your Workers Is Most Important**
  - This Is A Top Priority And Comes Before Anything Else
- **Make Sure Your Workers Get Trained To Do Their Job**
- **If You Are Soliciting Donations**
  - ✓ Do It In Person And In Your Uniform
  - ✓ Have A Letter Explaining Your Project And What You Are Looking To Have Donated
    - If Possible, On The Letterhead of The Benefitting Organization
  - ✓ Remember To Send A Thank You After Your Project Is Completed
- **Notify Newspapers and local media about project – they do like good news**
- **Keep A Detailed Log Of All Time Spent On The Project**
  - Start With The Time You Spend Discussing and Planning The Project
  - Include Days and Time Spent By All Those The Helped
  - Photographs – Photographs - Photographs





# The Final Step

## Eagle Scout Paperwork

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- No Job Is Complete Until The Paperwork Is Done
- All 6 Eagle Scout Requirements Must Be Completed Before The Life Scout's 18 Birthday
- The Following **MUST** In The Council Office **Before The Life Scout's 18th Birthday \***
  - Completely Filled Out And Signed Red, White, & Blue Eagle Scout Rank Application
    - Signatures Include: Scout, Unit Leader, and Unit Committee Chair
  - Use Latest Form and Include #6 Statements
  - \* If Within A Few Days of 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Contact District Advancement or Eagle Scout Advancement Chair for Special Process
- Once Approved By Council
  - Notification Sent To District Advancement Chairman Who Will Notify Troop Leadership to Set Up Board of Review and Obtain Letters of Recommendation





# Contact Information

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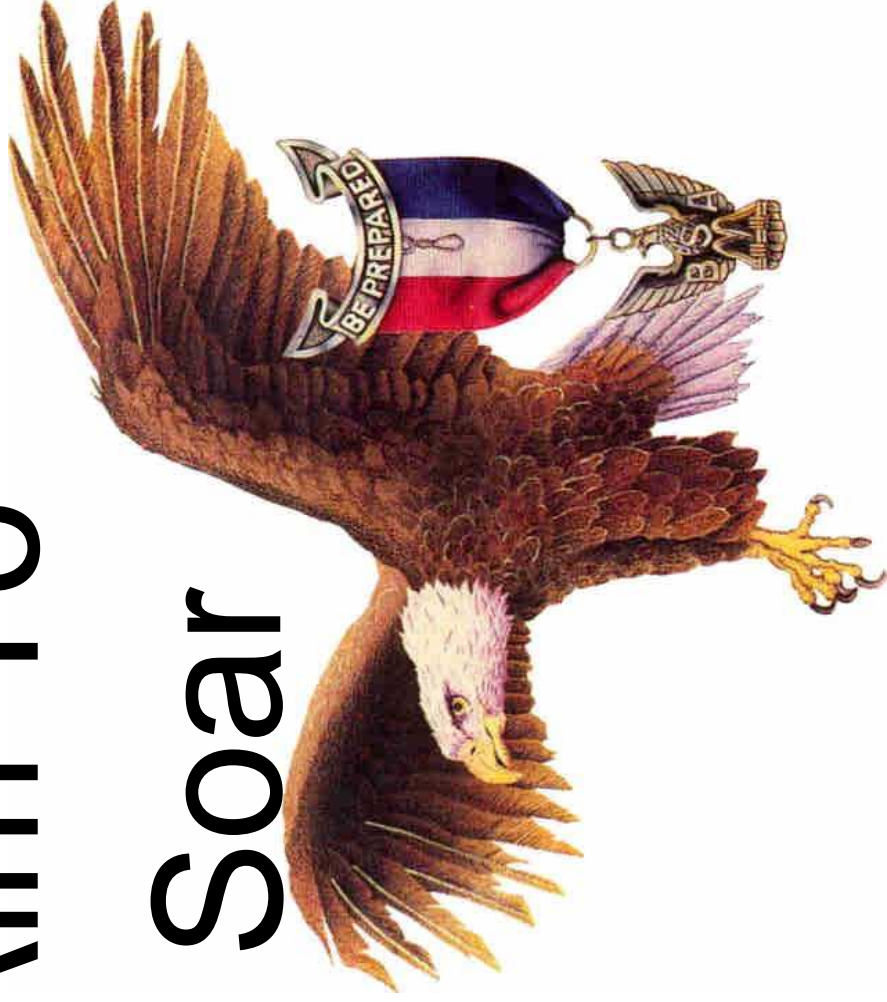
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- If you want more information about the Life to Eagle Trail, please contact your District Advancement Chairs or Visit [www.ntown.info](http://www.ntown.info)
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