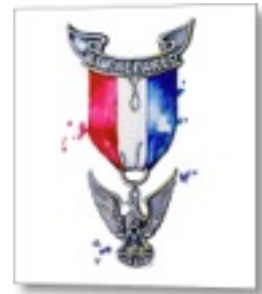


Daniel Webster Council, B.S.A.
MASSABESIC DISTRICT EAGLE BOARD
Annual Roundtable presentation from 2/19/2019.



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Q1. You just became a Life Scout. Now, what?

NOTE TO ADULT LEADERS: Scoutmaster's Conference for Life rank should include a discussion of "What's Next?" (for EAGLE). Review project ideas, make sure Scout understands all Eagle requirements and the dynamics of an EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT.

NOTE TO SCOUTS: Bring a notebook to your Life SM Conference, and TAKE NOTES on your discussion about EAGLE with your Scoutmaster.

- What do I need to complete my journey to Eagle?
- WHERE DO I START?
- a. Print out and READ The entire *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook* –pay attention to the first 6 pages.
- b. Where do I find it?

<https://nhscouting.org/> > "MORE" header > "Advancement & Awards"> Recognition & Awards > "Eagle Scout Resources" > *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*– Verify the latest version of workbook document, by "January 2021" on cover! Read the other links on this page, too! This is a "fillable .pdf" that will expand as you enter info. Scouts MUST PRESENT a facsimile of the official document, *not* a self-edited Frankenstein version of it!

ALSO: Get an Eagle Project COACH, NOW! (Most units will *assign* one.) They should be BSA registered and YPT trained, and have some working knowledge of the skills & methods you'll need to accomplish your project's goal. BUT, they are an advisor only, and have no authority to approve or disapprove anything.

Q2. WHAT IS YOUR PROJECT GOING TO BE?

Make it something you will ENJOY! Seek ideas from non-profit groups. Start with those you and your family already belong to. See NESAs "idea generator" tool (via Council Website). ** Note that new construction or restoration IS a valid effort, but something that is considered "routine maintenance" is not. And it doesn't always have to be to BUILD something. It just has to meet the criteria stated in the requirement, as it is published. (See the *Eagle Rank Application* - Requirement #5). But the concept or idea should originate from the SCOUT!

Q3. How do I choose a project!?

- a. NOT to benefit: a troop, a camp, or BSA, or *only* to raise funds.
- b. Must benefit a bonfide not-for-profit organization
- c. OK for: troop *sponsor (Chartered Institutions)*, schools, towns, others. “Deliverable(s)” may be conservation efforts, or in public-space parks, etc., (not necessarily to BUILD something!)
- d.
- e. Q4. **I KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO...NOW WHAT?**

Now you need to figure out HOW to accomplish that task.

Recruit Helpers from Scouts, School, Teams, Friends, or Family

(A face-to-face “ask” is always most effective!)

It never hurts to look at some “Plan Bs” at this stage.

Because it’s not always really about what YOU *want* to do! – it’s about helping OTHERS.

The one thing you can plan on, is that *things don’t always go as planned!*

Fully fill out the PROPOSAL section of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.

Q5. How do I apply for a meeting with the Board for a project review?

Gather all info needed, including all required signatures:

- Scoutmaster - Committee Chairman - Beneficiary - Scout
- *Council sign-off from District Eagle Board is the “final say” to proceed.*
- **DO NOT START WORK OR FUNDRAISING BEFORE YOU MEET THE BOARD!**

When you have a project selected, all signatures to approve it, and have filled out the “Proposal” section of your Workbook (and Fundraising application, if needed):

The Eagle candidate themselves, (*NOT parents or SM*) should e-mail the District Eagle Board Chairman to request a project proposal review (the first of 2 meetings with the District Eagle Board before advancement to Eagle Rank).

- a. Email: (preferred) oascout135@comcast.net
- b. Include your name and email address, troop number, plus name and e-mail address of your parent(s) **and** Scoutmaster.

- c. This is so District Eagle Board Chair can cc: other adult(s) when we send you your appointments, (as required by YPT specifications).
- d. BRING A NOTEBOOK & TAKE NOTES on the Board's input and suggestions about your project when you meet with them for project approval.
- e. DO NOT START any work or fundraising until after you meet with the District Eagle Board.

Q6. How do I KEEP TRACK of all my project DETAILS ?

Bring 3 photocopies of at least the proposal section (or the entire workbook) to first meeting with the District Eagle Board.

Look ahead, at the PLAN section of the workbook, for the info you will need to expand your CONCEPT (proposal) into a detailed, workable step-by-step PLAN.

Keep a **master copy of the entire workbook**, with original ink signatures, in a 3-ring binder, separate for your personal records.

Q7. HOW AM I GOING TO PAY FOR THIS PROJECT?

Money can be donated, or raised **NOTE: Effective 8/1/21, DWC no longer approves of "crowdsourcing" websites or apps as a valid fundraising method.** Fundraising is as legitimate a LEADERSHIP exercise as actually producing the deliverable, and is ENCOURAGED for that reason.

If Funds will be RAISED with value-based donations (car wash, bake sale), you need to fill out and present the FUNDRAISING APPLICATION in the workbook, when you present your project proposal. It's Best to have your TROOP ESCROW ALL FUNDS until the Scout uses them. Any money left-over at the end, must be donated to the beneficiary.

Q8. Do I have to worry about SAFETY?

- a. Print and follow the “Sweet 16 of Scouting Safety”:
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16/>
- b. Where is that? - inside the *Guide to Safe Scouting*:
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/toc/>
- c. Use it in your planning
- d. ALSO - print, read and follow:

Service Project Planning Checklist!

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-027.pdf>

Safe Project Tool Use!

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/>

NOTE: as of 10/1/2018: Eagle projects are considered a “troop function”, as before, but now there must be 2 adults with YPT present at all times when (any) Scouts are “working”.

Q9. DOES THE EAGLE BOARD MONITOR MY WORK?

NO, but we *do* assign you an “Eagle Board Contact”. You must clear any changes in your approved Project Proposal, with your Eagle Board contact before implementing them. But you will not have to come back before the entire District Eagle Board, until your “Final” Eagle BOR.

Q10. WHEN THE PROJECT’S DONE... AM I AN EAGLE YET? – (not quite!)

Q11. Then, what does make me an Eagle Scout?

Have you completed all requirements for rank? - “check all the boxes”

- a. Fill out red, white, and blue EAGLE RANK APPLICATION
- b. Verify “January, 2020 printing” latest version (at bottom, on back)
- c. Write your “ESSAY” on other leadership (outside Scouting) and “life’s ambitions” (*it’s AFTER Requirement 6 on the application*).
- d. 6 mo. Minimum “active participation” while Life Rank
- e. 6 mo. In a “leadership role” while Life Rank (*only certain ones qualify-see the EAGLE RANK APPLICATION for list.*)
- f. 21 Merit Badges (13 required + 8 elective)
- g. Had a SM conference

- h. Got all signatures required
- i. Had a board of review - *This is the ONLY requirement that can be completed AFTER your 18th birthday.*

NOTE: Ask your unit Advancement Chair to help you get the dates right for merit badge verification and leadership positions.

Q12. How do I get a FINAL board of review?

- a. Send or take (red, white & blue) Eagle Rank Application application (with essay attached) to the DWC Service Center, now at **1500 Bodwell Road, Manchester, NH 03109**, 603-625-6431 – Preferably, before your 18th birthday.
- b. **NOTE: BSA Guide to Advancement states that All REQUIREMENTS Must be Completed by your 18th Birthday. You can turn in the paperwork after that, but don't "push the envelope"**
- c. Then, WAIT, Patiently!!
- d. DWC Service Center will check application, then send it to BSA/ TEXAS AND BACK, *then* it goes to the District EAGLE Board Chairman.
- e. At least one week (up to three) before the next Board, you will get an email with date, time, and place of your review.
- f. If you haven't heard back within three weeks from delivery to Council Service Center, call Mr. Vincent...DO NOT CALL HIM BEFORE THAT.

Q13. WHAT DO I BRING TO A EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW?

- Scout Spirit;
- 3 photocopies of your complete project workbook;
- Class A uniform (*recommended*)-(Look like an Eagle Scout);
- camera;
- before and after photos (hard copies, not IN a camera);
- handbook;
- SM and Coach to Project Review;
- SM, Coach, and PARENT(s) to FINAL Board of review.

Q14. IF I “PASS”, AM I AN EAGLE RIGHT AWAY?

Technically, yes, you can certainly start planning a *Court of Honor*... Paperwork has to go back through the system for National approval and registration, then Eagle Presentation “Kit” is mailed to your Scoutmaster. (Probably another 2-3 weeks before it’s received, after Final BOR).

NOTE: You do not have to play “beat the clock” to get a FINAL Eagle Board of Review before your 18th birthday...The Board has a 24-month grace period after the date you turn 18, to accommodate THEIR schedule, or other extenuating circumstances. This is NOT Scout “bonus time”!

THE LAST WORD:

EVERY UNIT SHOULD HAVE A WRITTEN DEFINITION OF “ACTIVE PARTICIPATION”, with quantitative criteria, so this is not simply a subjective opinion of the SM!

SCOUTMASTERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRS do have the right of refusal to sign-off on an Eagle candidate’s Rank Application and/or Project Workbook, if they dispute the merit of the Scout’s “active participation” or their full development to the generally accepted level of an “Eagle Scout”.

HOWEVER: Scoutmasters ARE obligated to conduct a SM conference, even if they do not sign the Eagle application!

SCOUTS always have the right to be reviewed by the District Eagle Board, even without the SM’s or CC’s signature (a “Board in contention”). If the Board confirms that all requirements have been successfully fulfilled, the District Eagle Board can, and must, advance a Scout to Eagle Rank.

If a District Eagle Board of Review is not satisfied that all requirements were met “to-the-letter” (as published on the Eagle Rank Application) they can refuse to advance the Scout. The Scout can then file an appeal of that decision with the local Council.

Massabesic District Eagle Board defers all contested issues to the official wording contained within *BSA Guide to Advancement* (latest edition is dated 2021) <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

PROGRAM NOTE:

* DWC holds a live, 3-hour Life-to-Eagle Seminar every spring, that includes all the details. All Star & Life Scouts who are “in the process” of climbing toward Eagle are encouraged to attend. See the Council’s website for date and registration.

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EAGLE BOARD MEETS: First Wednesday of every month (*Except July*), 7-9pm, now at Saint Elizabeth Seton Parish Activity Center, 190 Meetinghouse Rd., Bedford

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK...
NOW, GO GET ONE OF THESE:**

