

Your Path to Eagle Scout (Part 2)

Introduction

This document was given to you at your initial meeting with the Life Coach (or the Eagle Counselor). As you remember from that meeting, this document provides details on how to complete the activities identified on your Eagle-Scout Progress-Tracking Report, which you should be keeping in the front pocket of your three-ring notebook. Be sure to enter the completion date of each activity as you progress.

You should edit the third page of this document and slip it in the pocket on the front cover of your 3-ring notebook.

The following sections provide an overview of each activity group that you will complete to reach your goal. Because the amount of required work for a particular activity can be significant, don't hesitate to ask for help, either from your parents (or guardian) and/or other adult leaders !!!

Activity-Group Overview

Activity Group 1.x relates to your initial meeting with the Life Coach. It introduces you to the path to Eagle. Ensure that you place the documents provided to you at that meeting in your notebook so that it is readily available for future reference.

Activity Group 2.x lists some things to be done while a Life Scout. These don't have to be done right away, but remember that they do take time. Get a position and be active. The troop needs your experience and leadership. You are in a great position to set an example. It is strongly suggested that your parents serve on an Eagle board well before you are eligible to attend the board. They will learn a lot that can help you on your path. They do not have to have any experience to sit on a board, since they will be paired with a veteran. The Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose is detailed on the Eagle App and can be about a page long.

Activity Group 3.x establishes the scope of your Eagle Scout Service Project and ensures that you begin recording all related information that will be needed later. Read workbook pages 3-5 for help on your project. Discussions with both the beneficiary and the Eagle Counselor will ensure that your project will be a memorable experience. It is helpful that you select an Eagle Coach to assist with your project. Do not agree to a project until discussing it with your coach and/or another Scouter. Four approvals are required before you may begin actual work.

Activity Group 4.x takes the project from the approval to completion of work. Be sure that your workers get credit for their service.

Activity Group 5.x completes your Eagle Scout Service Project Report. This report has a well-defined format and must be approved by the beneficiary and both Troop 20 and district representatives. It is nice (but not required) to get a completion letter or email from the organization that you did the project for, in addition to their signature on page 20. This date is considered the end of the project.

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Activity Group 6.x makes sure all requirements are complete and completes your Eagle Scout application. The Advancement Status report is posted on the Troop 20 web site. Use it to verify that all of the Eagle requirements have been met. Ask the Advancement Coordinator for a copy of your Eagle App Assistance Report. It contains all of the data that you will need to complete the application. Items 6.5 and 6.6 are optional, but are great to document your Scouting career. It will be nice to see them during the Eagle board and many years after. You are trying to create a favorable impression with your book, so extra effort will pay off.

Activity Group 7.x obtains reference letters to be read by the Eagle board. A letter must be received from each reference listed on the application. These letters will be seen only by the board members. Five references are required. A sixth (employer) is also required if you have ever had a job. You should carefully choose these references to ensure that you obtain timely responses. Get the reference process started at least two months before you plan to go to the Eagle board. Follow up with the Scoutmaster and the references to make sure all letters are received in time. People are not as always as responsive as you would like them to be.

Activity Group 8.x wraps up the forms and gets approval signatures. The Eagle board will need a total of three copies of your entire book to make the review go faster. The two additional copies may be black & white and can be carried to the board. When finished with this activity, your submission package will be ready for forwarding to the Council office.

Activity Group 9.x The Eagle practice board will help you understand what happens in the real board. It is an informal discussion held during a troop meeting. Bring any questions that you might have. Dress up in full uniform, including merit badge sash.

Activity Group 10.x You will be notified when you have been accepted for the Eagle board. It is usually held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month (except November and December). The dates and location are usually listed in the Troop 20 calendar. Dress up in full uniform. You might want to study the "Scout" and "Tenderfoot" sections of your Handbook prior to your BOR and know what the insignia on your uniform represent.

As part of preparation for the Eagle board, you will need to round up 4 adults to attend and sit on the boards of other Eagle candidates. Your parents are good candidates for this. Bring two additional adults, no experience necessary.

Activity Group 11.x schedules your Eagle Scout Court of Honor. It normally takes 4 to 6 weeks for the Eagle package to be approved by the national office. You will be notified when it returns. There are hundreds of ideas for Eagle ceremonies on the internet. There is no prescribed format. The Eagle Scout is free to plan his ceremony. Make sure it gets announced and put on the troop calendar. It is sometimes more efficient and convenient for several Eagle to have a combined ceremony.

**Submittal Package
for the
Rank of Eagle Scout**

[First Middle Last Name]

**Troop 20
Toqua District
Great Smoky Mountain Council
Boy Scouts of America**

