



Cardinal District

Heart of Virginia Council, BSA

Advancement Committee

To the **Beneficiary** of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project,

The Eagle Scout Candidate giving you this letter is working to achieve the highest rank in Scouting, which is attained only by Scouts who demonstrate strength of character, resourcefulness, determination, and leadership skills. To attain this rank, he must perform a leadership service project that benefits a religious institution, school, or community organization. This letter will help you understand whether the proposed project will be helpful to your organization and also will meet the requirements of an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project.

An acceptable Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project will:

- Be helpful to your organization,
- Give the Scout the opportunity to show planning and leadership skills, and
- Help the Scout discover the sense of well being that comes from helping others.

The size and nature of the project must meet the following criteria:

- The Scout must clearly demonstrate leadership skills.
- It must be planned and led solely by the Eagle Scout Candidate. You, his Scout leaders, and his parents may provide guidance and support, but he and those he leads must do the work.
- It will require planning and leading others to accomplish the task. There is no firm rule to define "helpful". His advisors will look at how he demonstrates leadership in developing and executing the project through the work of others.

Adults may work alongside youth but must be lead by the Candidate who must do the planning and provide leadership.

The Candidate may obtain financial and material support from any of the following sources:

- Your organization
- Local retail or wholesale companies.
- Fund-raiser for the purpose of obtaining the materials.
- Any other donor, but all donors must be made aware the funds or materials are for the benefit of your organization, not the Boy Scouts of America.

Before beginning the project, the Candidate must prepare a project proposal acceptable to you and his advisors. You should review this plan to assure that the project will meet your expectations. As a part of the plan, the Candidate should provide you with the names and phone numbers of his leaders and advisors.

Upon completion of the project, the Candidate will ask you to sign his project workbook. He may ask you to write a letter of acceptance, which he will include in his final report. His leaders and his Eagle advisors will review your letter, his final report, and his formal Eagle Scout Rank Application in detail. Upon their approval, he will attend a formal Eagle Scout Board of Review, which has the authority to recommend to the Boy Scouts of America's National Board of Review that he be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

Thank you for working with this Eagle Scout Candidate. Your efforts will be rewarded not only with successful completion of the project you are considering, but also with the knowledge that you have made an important contribution to the growth of this Eagle Scout Candidate.

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