



Eagle Candidate Seminar

*Cardinal District
Advancement Committee*

Heart of Virginia Council



Seminar Objectives

- Review the requirements for Eagle rank
- Discuss the Eagle Leadership Service Project
- Review Eagle application process
- Discuss the Eagle Court of Honor
- Answer questions from Scouts, Scouters & parents
- To understand time commitment

To Avoid Any Surprises!



Cardinal District **Eagle Scouts**

In 2010, the Cardinal District started holding District level Eagle Boards of Review.

In 2010, 272 Eagle Awards were earned in the Heart of Virginia Council.

76 Scouts and Venturers from the Cardinal District earned the Eagle Award.



Eagle Requirements

- Merit Badges * 21 minimum
- Leadership Position * 6 mo. active
- Active as Life Scout * 6 mo. minimum
- Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project *
- Demonstrate live by Scout Oath & Law *
- Scoutmaster Conference *
- Complete Eagle Board of Review

**** All requirements except the BOR
must be completed prior to 18th birthday!***



Remember!

**Eagle rank is more than just 21
merit badges & a project!**

**The primary emphasis is
LEADERSHIP!**



12 Required Merit Badges

- Camping
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communications
- Environmental Science
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Swimming or Hiking or Cycling
- Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving



Warning: Several merit badges require specific, extended periods of time to complete.

- If the requirement says:
 - Meet with your counselor ...
 - Keep records for three months ...
 - You must meet with your counselor AT LEAST three months prior to your 18th birthday or you cannot complete the merit badge in time!
- You cannot keep a record of your budget and spending for three months in only three weeks.
- To ask anyone to backdate merit badge requirements because of poor planning would violate the principles of the BSA and should invalidate the Eagle rank presented as a result of that action. This would be a terrible example to set for other Scouts.



Alternate Merit Badges for Eagle Rank

- Eagle Scout rank may be achieved by qualifying for alternate merit badges due to of a physical or mental disability.
- The disability must be permanent.
- A medical statement is required.
- Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Merit Badges must be completed prior to starting alternate merit badges.
 - Must be approved by the Council Advancement Committee and Scout Executive.
 - Alternate Merit Badge Application must be attached to the Eagle Scout Rank Application.



Leadership Position

- Scoutmaster assigned or elected
- Minimum of 6 months
 - (one or more positions)
- Must do the job - Not just wear the patch
- Approved positions are:

- Sr. Patrol Leader
- Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader
- Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- Instructor
- Den Chief
- Troop Historian

- Troop Scribe
- Troop Librarian
- Troop Quartermaster
- Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster
- Chaplain aide
- Troop OA Representative
- Webmaster
- Leave No Trace Trainer

Note:

Patrol QM, Asst Patrol Leader, Patrol Scribe do not satisfy requirement



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Project Ideas
- Plan / Proposal
- Approvals
- Working Project
- Final Report



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

- Purpose is to “Demonstrate Leadership of Others”
- Must benefit community organization
 - other than Boy Scouts
- May NOT benefit a commercial business
- May NOT be a “fund raiser”
- Must be planned and carried out by one Scout
 - no joint projects
- Will take up to 6 months to complete - plan ahead!
- May begin planning project immediately after passing Life Board of Review
 - (not necessary to earn all 21 merit badges first.)



Sample Eagle Projects

- Built church sign
- Landscaped church grounds
- Repaired church playground
- Built church patio
- Repaired & cleaned out storage shed
- Collected eye glasses for Lions Club
- Built chuck boxes for Girl Scout troop
- Repaired memorial brick and stone patio for church
- Built Garden Work Center for Beaverdam Elementary School
- Re-landscaped and fixed up church sign
- Built backstop for Elmont Elementary School baseball field
- Built cabinets for Patrick Henry High School Robotics Team
- Repaired, re-roofed, landscaped church gazebo



Eagle Leadership Service Project Plan

- Meet with an adult advisor before doing much planning.
 - The project plan write up (see handout)
 - Must use official BSA Workbook to submit plan and final report (electronic version OK)
 - Download from BSA National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) website) <http://www.nesa.org/trail>
 - Approvals:
 - Organization served (First)
 - Scoutmaster / Project Advisor
 - Troop Committee
 - District Advancement Committee (Last)
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Must have District approval BEFORE starting work!
(To begin earlier could invalidate the entire project)



Eagle Application Process

- Complete all requirements
- Write project final report
- Complete Eagle Scout Application
- Submit Application & Project Final Report to:
Troop Committee & Scoutmaster
- Request Recommendation letters
- District for Board of Review
- Conduct Board of Review
- Council verifies Scouts records
- Council approval
- National approval
- Conduct Court of Honor



Board of Review

- Scheduled after all requirements complete.
- Conducted by Cardinal District Advancement Committee
- District Board of Review checks references
- Troop Committee Member is Board Chair
 - Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster may observe but may not participate, except to introduce the Scout
- Eagle date of rank is date Board of Review is passed.
 - Important if earning Eagle Palms
- Scout should be in full Scout uniform
- It is not a retest of knowledge or skills
 - However, should know the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and be ready to discuss how you live by them.



Eagle Court of Honor

- Special ceremony to recognize only Eagle Scout(s)
- Conducted only after National approval
 - ~4-6 weeks after Board of Review
- Planned and carried out by the Eagle Scout and Parents
- There is no required format – the Eagle Scout will tailor as he wishes
- Some items to consider:
 - Who to invite - up to the family
 - Date and time to accommodate schedule of special guests
 - Reserve church or other location
 - Reception decorations & refreshments - family responsibility
 - Letters from public officials - family's choice
 - Photo album of Scouting career at reception



References for Eagle Candidates

- Cardinal District Web Site
<http://cardinaldistrict.net/>
 - Click on “Advancement”, then “Life to Eagle Process” in menu on Left side
- National Eagle Scout Association
<http://www.nesa.org/>
- Boy Scouts of America
<http://www.scouting.org/>
- US Scouting Service Project Eagle Resources
<http://usscouts.org/netresources/eagle.asp>



Discussion & Questions

