

THE PATH TO EAGLE

What Scouts, Parents and Leaders can do to 'be prepared.'



CHARTING THE COURSE

- Complete Eagle requirements
 - Merit Badges
 - Community Service Project
- Eagle Scout Rank Application (ESRA)
 - Ensure dates of ranks and merit badge completions are consistent -- from original records, to Troop records, to application.
- ESRA reviews: Electronic and physical reviews
 - Eagle binder
- Eagle board of review
 - Letters of recommendation
- Completed ESRA submission (signed after BOR); Award of rank, patch, and medal



TIME IS NOT ON YOUR SIDE

- Give yourself at least a year from start to finish
 - Start your project as soon as you earn Life
 - Create a plan and set goals for remaining merit badges
- Minimum six months for application review/approval
- Multiple rounds of reviews and signatures may be required
- COVID adds complications
- Three and six-month extensions are available for processing application and completing board of review, NOT requirements.
- Extensions also create problems when we recharter
 - Over-18 applicants will have to register as adults and take YPT, even if they are not active leaders in the troop.



THE EAGLE TEAM

- The Scout
- The Troop
- The Scout's parents
- Eagle coach or advisor
- The Scoutmaster
- The Troop Committee Chair
- Rank Advancement Chair
- The Eagle project beneficiary
- Council Project Approval Representative
- District Eagle Application Reviewer
- Council Scout Executive



2021 EAGLE REQUIREMENTS

- Be active in your troop for at least six months as a Life Scout.
- As a Life Scout, demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
 - ESRA letters of recommendation
- Earn 21 merit badges including 13 required merit badges.
- While a Life Scout, serve > 6 months in a position of responsibility.
- 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.
- Participate in a Scoutmaster conference.
- Complete application and review process
- Successfully complete your board of review for the Eagle Scout rank.



MERIT BADGES

- First Aid
 - Citizenship in the Community
 - Citizenship in the Nation
 - Citizenship in the World
 - Communication
 - Cooking
 - Personal Fitness
 - Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
 - Environmental Science OR Sustainability
 - Personal Management
 - Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling
 - Camping
 - Family Life.
- Keep all your **blue cards**!!! Protect them. Guard them. Put them in a safe.
 - You do not need to complete all your merit badges before you start your project.
 - Also, protect your **Scout Handbook**! Be sure BOR dates are signed off and dates are legible.



THE EAGLE PROJECT

- Download and use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.
 - Recommended: Type in information using the fillable PDF form.
- Identify the beneficiary and develop a project proposal.
 - Projects do not need to be giant construction projects or hard labor.
 - Must be a service project that helps the organization or community
 - Must demonstrate giving “leadership to others”
 - Consider safety, supplies, fund raising, human capital, etc.
- Proposals must be approved by (1) the beneficiary, (2) Scoutmaster, (3) Troop Committee Chair, (4) Council Project Approval Representative
- Once approved, flesh out the proposal into a complete plan.
- Complete the project.
- Complete the Eagle Scout Project Report. (Must be signed by beneficiary and Scoutmaster.)



EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION

- Complete all requirements and have Scoutmaster Conference before 18th birthday.
- Scout, Parents, and Eagle Advisor coordinate with Advancement Chair to confirm rank award dates and merit badge completions.
 - Rank award dates = dates of boards of review, should match your book (the original record)
 - Merit badge completion dates = dates on blue cards. Must match.
- Four to six references (parent, educational, spiritual, employer, plus two)
- Include city, state, and organization in the Project Title
 - Round up service hours to whole numbers (must match the what's in the workbook)
- List non-required Merit badges in chronological order
- Write a **Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose**, and a **list of leadership positions** held in other organizations including honors and awards received.



ESRA REVIEW PROCESS (COLONIAL DIST.)

- Phase 1: Electronic review of
 - ESRA
 - Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose
 - List of leadership positions
 - Internet Advancement or Scoutnet Individual History Report (provided by Advancement Chair)
 - Extension letter, if applicable
- Phase 2: Physical review of ESRA and Eagle Binder
 - Hard copies of everything above, plus
 - Completed and signed Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
 - Copy of blue cards in order as they appear on your ESRA
 - Scout Handbook
 - Binder should include a cover and spine that includes the Title, “Eagle Scout Application,” the Scout’s name, and Troop number.



EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

- Once your application is approved the Board of Review chair will schedule the BOR.
- Must include a district representative
- BOR members can be requested by the Scout
- BOR members cannot include Scoutmaster or Scout's parents
- Virtual BORs are permissible if necessary
- Letters of recommendation will be shared with the BOR members
- After the successful BOR, the application is signed by the BOR chair and District Rep and the Scout is officially an Eagle
- The Eagle advisor or chair will physically deliver the final documentation to NCAC, which will then transmit the information to National



CONGRATULATIONS!



- In about three to six weeks after your final documentation is delivered to NCAC, your advisor will receive your Eagle Award Kit:
 - Pins for mom, dad and advisor
 - Eagle medal
 - Eagle patch
- An Eagle Court of Honor can be held at the discretion of the Scout and his family



EAGLE RESOURCES

- Visit the Troop website for changes and updates, www.bsall3.com
- What goes in your Eagle Binder? <http://www.bsall3.com/the-eagle-scout-binder/>
- NCAC Eagle Scout Information, <https://www.ncacbsa.org/eagle-scout-information/>
 - Site includes links to:
 - [NCAC Eagle Scout Procedures Guide](#)
 - [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#)
 - [Eagle Scout Rank Application](#)
- BSA Guide to Advancement, <https://www.scouting.org/resources/guide-to-advancement/>
- BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
- Watch for NCAC training opportunities:
 - Youth: Path to Eagle
 - Adult: Eagle Advisor Training

