

# National Pike District

Life to Eagle

2016

# New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf)

Requirement – provide the benefitting org with a pull-out from the workbook

Additional information can be found on the Baltimore Area Council webpage and on the National Pike District webpage

# Timelines for Eagle Project Reviews

- District Review conducted each month the week of Roundtable\*
- Proposals must be reviewed by district reps and submitted for review by Sunday preceding Roundtable
- District rep review is to make sure the workbook is filled out properly
- Proposals should be to district rep at least two weeks prior to Roundtable; one week minimum. One day – no way!

*Proposals must have all signatures prior to submitting to district rep*

*\* Reviews are conducted in July even though there is no Roundtable meeting*

# What do you submit?

- Workbook
- Diagrams/drawings/plans
- Pictures
- **Signature page** (now the benefitting org signs whether or not they have received the pull-out that was supposed to be provided)

All must be submitted electronically for review

# Eagle Project Approval Criteria

Eagle Scout projects must be evaluated primarily on impact: the extent of benefit to the religious institution, school, or community, and on the leadership provided by the candidate.

- *It provides sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle Scout service project requirement.*
- *It appears to be feasible.*
- ***Safety issues will be addressed.***
- *Action steps for further detailed planning are included.*

# What We Are Looking For

- Answer the questions
- Provide the information specified
  - Tools listed as tools, supplies listed as supplies
  - Safety issues are addressed
    - Precautions
    - Reactions
- Elaborate as necessary

*Show you have given this proposal thought and researched it sufficiently to know what you are getting into and the benefitting org knows what they are receiving.*

# Reminder

- When you sign the workbook, you are signing that you have read the entire workbook
  - You understand what is required
  - You will do your best
    - (anything less is not acceptable)
  - Your best starts with your workbook proposal submission

# Unit Commitment

- Eagle projects are now part of the unit program
  - Unit is responsible for tour plans
  - Unit is responsible for supporting project

# Benefitting Organization

- National has included a pull-out in the workbook to provide to Benefitting Organizations advising them of their rights and responsibilities
  - Have the responsibility to support your project by allowing activities to be done at their location (if needed)
  - Can request changes if they don't like how the project is progressing
  - Don't have to sign that the project has been completed to their satisfaction if it hasn't!

*Good idea to have drawings and detailed information/specifications so that all parties are on the same sheet of music!*

# Eagle Service Project Fundraising

## (From Baltimore Area Council)

- Scouts may ask for straight cash donations from ONLY:
  - Family
  - Troop
  - Charter Organization and its members
- So what about funds from the Benefiting Organization?
  - A benefiting organization may give a Scout the funds (whole or part) for his Eagle Project.
  - A Scout may work with the Benefiting Organization to solicit members of the benefiting organization for funds to purchase materials for his project, not straight cash.  
(If members of the benefiting organization are going to give cash the Scout should directly associate those monies to a material item such as “lumber”.)
- A Scout may not use Joe Corbi’s as a fundraiser

Eagle Fundraising Applications are submitted to the District  
Advancement Chair

# Lowes Grants

- In the past, Lowes has made available \$100 cards for Eagle projects
- Lowes has not yet provided info on whether they intend to continue the program for 2016
  - They did not have the program in 2014 or 2015
- Watch BAC webpage for more info

Why is this being briefed? We are getting proposals saying that the Scout will obtain a Lowes Grant

# Eagle Project Coach

Because of the significance difference in the amount of research and documentation being provided prior to the project approval, National created a position called an Eagle Project Coach.

The Coach advises

- The Scout
- The Unit
- The Benefitting Organization

# Eagle Project Coach

- Works with the Eagle candidate
  - to make sure the proposal is complete **prior** to submission for district review
  - to advise the candidate through the project

## As You Continue to Plan Your Project

- There is much documentation still to be done

## As You Finish Your Project

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## As You Finish Your Project Documentation

- Scoutmaster Conference
- Eagle Application and documentation

# Info on Trail to Eagle

National Pike District website

Baltimore Area Council website

- Eagle Scouts tab

You can get to both from:

[www.baltimorebsa.org](http://www.baltimorebsa.org)

# Eagle Requirements Beyond the Project

- Eagle required merit badges
- Be **Active** in your Unit
- Leadership position within your Unit

# What do you turn in to Council?

- Eagle Application
  - Copies of all rank pages from your Boy Scout Handbook
  - Copies of all your blue cards (in the order as they appear on the Eagle Application)

Or

- Eagle Application
  - Copies of your internet advancement report\* with all merit badges and advancements included

\* A Troopmaster report, signed by the unit advancement chair, which includes all merit badges and rank advancements may be submitted in place of the internet advancement report

## **Do not turn in :**

- **your Eagle Service Project workbook**
- **your statement of ambitions and life purpose**

# Once Your Application Has Been Turned In to Council

- Council currently processes applications as they are turned in
  - Applications are normally processed within 1-2 weeks; if there are discrepancies, it can take longer
- When the verification has been completed, it is sent to the District Advancement Chair
  - It is forwarded to the District Advancement Rep working with your unit

# What you get from Council

- There was an error while processing your application. Please call at your earliest convenience. The Scout Office is open M-F.
- Your verified Eagle Application has been forwarded to your District Advancement Chairman. Please contact your Unit leadership to make them aware. They will work with the District to schedule your Board of Review once all of the documentation has been received. Contact your Unit leadership if you have any questions regarding the next step in the process.

It doesn't say – you can schedule your board

# Before an Eagle Board of Review can be Scheduled

- Reference Letters must be requested by the unit
- Reference Letters must be received
  - Four to six weeks is the “polite” time allowed for references to respond

Reference letters are not to be requested until all requirements have been completed and the Eagle Application has been turned in to Council

# The Eagle Board of Review

- The Board members are to be in Scout uniforms or dressed in business attire
- The Scout is to wear:
  - a Scout uniform, no OA sash,
  - or
  - nice clothes with a jacket and tie
- The Eagle Board of Review should last about 30 minutes, no more than 45 minutes unless there is a problem – if there is a problem, then the board should be paused and reconvened at a later date

# After the BoR

## What Next?

- What gets turned in to Council?
  - The verified Application signed by the District Rep and the Board Chair
  - The Council Eagle Project Description form
    - The second page is optional

**No advancement form is required!**

**Please allow six weeks from the turn in before the Eagle Court of Honor**

# Birthdays – Are they Important?

*you have known for a long time when your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday will be*

- You have to complete **ALL** requirements for the rank of Eagle **PRIOR** to your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
- If you finished just before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday,
  - You have only 90 days after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to complete your Eagle Board of Review

*Planning is key to becoming an Eagle Scout, or worded differently*

*Lack of planning can mean finishing your Scouting career as a Life Scout –*

“I am afraid that through no fault of his own he will age out on September 19<sup>th</sup>”

# FAQs

- Reference Letters – who is responsible for requesting them?
- Who do I provide my Eagle Application to?
- How long after my BoR can I have my CoH?
- Once I start the requirements for Eagle, they don't change, do they?
- If I started on my Eagle before Jan 2014 do I really have to earn the Cooking Merit Badge?

Questions?