

Online Training outline for District Reps for Eagle BOR

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1. Review all forms.
2. Complete the test, and fill in information requested.
3. Return the completed form to the Council Service Center

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EVANGELINE AREA COUNCIL PROCEDURE FOR EAGLE SCOUT ADVANCEMENT [5/05]

The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook should be presented to each Scout when he reaches the rank of Life.

Once the Eagle project idea proposal is ready, the signed booklet is forwarded to the District Advancement Chairman. [Acadia & Beau Bassin Districts: the signed booklet is returned to the Council Office to be forwarded to the District Advancement Chairman].

1. Project plans need to be legibly printed or typed on the booklet.
2. Project plans need to be clearly stated.
3. Project plans need to be approved by: the group it will benefit, Unit Leader {*Scoutmaster (Troop)/Coach(Varsity)/Advisor(Venturing)*}, and unit committee before it may be submitted to the District Advancement Chairman for approval.

The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook will be forwarded to the District Advancement Chairman. The Chairman will review the project. The District Advancement Chairman will notify the unit of the project approval and return the booklet to the unit by the most convenient means.

The Eagle Project may proceed only after written approval by the District Advancement Chairman. Failure to obtain prior approval before beginning the project may result in the Scout being required to carry out a new project.

After all advancement requirements are completed for Eagle, submit the ORIGINAL Scout application and Project Workbook to the Scout Office. The Scout Office will audit the information for accuracy.

During the time of the Scout Office Audit, the references will be contacted by a form letter or telephone questionnaire. Allow 15 working days for audit and reference replies. The candidate should not secure reference letters.

After completion of the audit and reference checks, the application, reference letters, and Project Workbook will be forwarded to the District Advancement Chairman by the council office.

NOTE: If a district has no Advancement Chairman, the Council Advancement Chairman, working with the District Committee Chairman, will arrange for Eagle BOR's if needed.

THE BOARD

The board of review for Eagle is composed of at least 3 but not more than 6 members, 21 years of age or older. One member will serve as chairman. Unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, relatives, or guardians of the Scout may not serve as members of his board of review. The Evangeline Area Council Advancement Committee has decided that: **effective August 1, 2005, all Eagle BOR's will be organized by the District. 3 district-appointed (trained & certified) representatives (one of whom must be a registered Scouter) will sit on each Eagle BOR. The unit of the Eagle Scout Candidate is allowed to recruit 3 additional persons to serve. Each district advancement committee is authorized to determine the schedule of their district's Eagle BOR's. This schedule should serve the needs of the district.**

After the BOR, the completed, signed original Eagle application is returned to the Scout Office for signature of the Council and submitting for National approval. Date of Board of Review is date of Eagle achievement. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for final processing. Do not make presentation arrangements until Scout Office notification of National approval.

Recommended Eagle Board of Review Procedure (5/05)

The board of review for Eagle is composed of at least 3 but not more than 6 members, 21 years of age or older. One member will be elected by the board to serve as chairman. Unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, relatives, or guardians of the Scout may not serve as members of his board of review. The Evangeline Area Council Advancement Committee has decided that, effective August 1, 2005, all Eagle BOR's will be organized by the District. 3 district-appointed (trained & certified) representatives (one of whom must be a registered Scouter) will sit on each Eagle BOR. The unit of the Eagle Scout Candidate is allowed to recruit 3 additional persons to serve. Other members do not have to be registered in Scouting, but they must have an understanding of the importance and purpose of the Eagle board of review.

The Scout's Eagle BOR should not be an inquisition—it should be a memorable experience for the Scout.

Additional Advancement information may be found in BSA's *Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures*.

- Introduction of Review Board to district or council representative
- Council representative explain Review Board's responsibility
- Council representative explains position of Review Board and himself
- Council representative explains purpose of Board of Review
- Explains Board of Review proceedings **NOTE:** Letters of Reference are confidential--for members of the board only. The district rep will retain and destroy them upon completion of the board of review.
 - Progresses until complete
 - Committee reviews application and project record
 - Passes out questions for guide
 - Scoutmaster brings candidate, dressed in Class "A", in for review
 - Scout is introduced to committee

--Scout gives Scout sign, Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan

--Scout and project reviewed until completed.

There is no set of questions that an Eagle candidate should be asked. However, a thorough discussion of his successes and experiences in Scouting should be considered. The review should take approximately 30 minutes.

--Scout and scoutmaster leave the room

--Committee discusses Scout's progress.

--Committee should consider these questions:

Did the candidate demonstrate leadership to others?

Was he indeed the project director, rather than the doer?

Was the project of real value to the school, church or community?

Who from the group benefited may be contacted to verify the value of the project?

Did the project follow the plan and was it successfully completed?

Do you feel this candidate is a good scout?

Is this scout worthy of being Eagle?

- Candidate is brought back into the room
- Decision rendered--because of the importance of the Eagle Scout Award *MUST BE UNANIMOUS*
- Congratulate Scout [or inform him if he is not ready to advance—refer to step #9 in "12 Steps from Life to Eagle"—*Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures*]

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Evangeline Area Council Eagle Board of Review (5/05)

The Board of Review for the Eagle Rank is different from the other Boards of Review in which the Scout has participated. The members of the Board of Review are not all from his Troop Committee. Introductions are essential, and a few "break in" question may be appropriate.

At this point, the goal is to understand the Scout's full Scouting experience, and how others can have similar meaningful Scouting experiences. Scouting principles and goals should be central to the Scout's life; look for evidence of this.

The BOR is not a "re-test"; the board may not require a Scout to tie a knot, or explain the buddy system, etc. The Board is to establish that the boy is having a positive Scouting experience and that he is ready to advance.

Although this is the final rank, this is not the end of the Scouting trail; "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle". Explore how this Eagle Scout will continue with Scouting activities and continued service to his home, church and community.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 30 minutes.

Sample Questions:

1. What was your Eagle project?
 - How did you select this project?
 - Is your project school, community or church related?
 - How did you develop your project?
 - How long did it take to complete the project?
 - How many hours did you put into the project?
 - Did you have to get any materials for the project? If so, how?
 - What did you get out of doing this project? What did you learn about managing or leading people? What are the qualities of a good leader?
 - What part of your Eagle Service Project was the most challenging? Why?
 - If you were to manage another project similar to your Eagle Service Project, what would you do differently to make the project better or easier?

