

Troop 54

LIFE to EAGLE

Workshop



OBJECTIVES

- ◆ Review the requirements for Eagle rank
- ◆ Discuss Eagle Scout Service Project
- ◆ Review Eagle Scout Rank Application process
- ◆ Discuss Eagle Scout Court of Honor
- ◆ Gain an understanding of time commitment
- ◆ Answer questions

EAGLE REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Active as Life Scout - 6 months minimum
- ◆ Demonstrate and live by Scout Oath and Law
- ◆ Merit badges - 21 minimum
- ◆ Leadership Position - 6 months active
- ◆ Eagle Scout Service Project
- ◆ Statement of Life Purpose and 5 References
- ◆ Scoutmaster Conference
- ◆ Board of Review

Note: All requirements except the Board of Review must be completed prior to the Eagle Scout candidate's 18th birthday.

ACTIVE AS LIFE SCOUT

To satisfy the Active Participation requirement per the Troop 54 Handbook, a Scout must:

1. For each month (or a 30-day period equivalent) being counted, attend at least two “Troop Activities”
 - Troop Activities can include Troop Meetings, Service Projects, First Class Trail and other Advancement Sessions, or Troop outdoor activities such as a climbing session or canoeing outing; Troop Activities does not include a merit badge class, Court of Honor, or Venture Crew/Cub Scout Pack or Den activity.
2. In at least half of the months being counted, attend one “Overnight Outdoor Activity”:
 - Overnight Outdoor Activity includes, e.g., the Troop’s monthly weekend campouts but does not include Cub Scout Pack or Venture Crew campouts. Attending an Overnight Outdoor Activity requires the Scout’s presence and participation at the bulk of the activity/campout and must include staying overnight. Camping both Friday and Saturday night on a weekend campout constitutes one event (not two).
 - For Star, this would require 2 Overnight Outdoor Activities
 - For Life and Eagle would require 3 Overnight Outdoor Activities each
 - Participation in a week-long summer camp, NYLT or NAYLE (including participation as Staff) will satisfy both the Troop Activity and Overnight Outdoor Activity for a one-month equivalent.
3. During each rank period (First Class to Star; Star to Life, and Life to Eagle) attend at least one Court of Honor.
4. During the period from First Class thru Eagle, at least one of the Overnight Outdoor Activities must include participation in a Troop 54 summer camp, NYLT or NAYLE.

EARN 21 MERIT BADGES

14 from the Required Eagle List*

- ◆ Camping
- ◆ Citizenship in the Community
- ◆ Citizenship in the Nation
- ◆ Citizenship in the World
- ◆ Citizenship in Society*
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Cooking
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving

- ◆ Environmental Science OR Sustainability
- ◆ Family Life
- ◆ First Aid
- ◆ Personal Fitness
- ◆ Personal Management
- ◆ Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling

Any other 7 of your Choosing*

***Effective 1-Jul-22, the new "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" merit badge will increase the required list from 13 to 14, and decrease the number you can choose yourself from 8 to 7.**

WARNING

- ◆ Be mindful of merit badges that require -
 - Meeting with a counselor
 - Keeping a log for a period of time
 - Family Life
 - Personal Fitness
 - Personal Management
- ◆ This is the time to look at any partials you have on Eagle-required merit badges.
- ◆ You cannot log ten camping nights over one weekend!

LEADERSHIP

- Scoutmaster assigned or elected
- Minimum of 6 months - one or more positions
- Active leadership - signed leadership agreement

Approved Leadership Positions

Senior Patrol Leader*	Troop Scribe	Patrol Leader
Asst Senior Patrol Leader*	Troop Librarian	Chaplain Aide
Troop Guide*	Troop Quartermaster	Outdoor ethics guide
Instructor*	Junior Assistant Scoutmaster*	Den Chief
Troop Historian	Troop OA Representative	Webmaster

* Troop 54 requires Scouts to have completed NYLT training prior to accepting these positions.

Also, Troop 54 encourages Scouts to hold more than one / single position for Star, Life, and Eagle credit

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

- ◆ The purpose is to “demonstrate or hone, or to learn and develop, leadership skills.”
- ◆ Project must present an opportunity for planning, development and leadership
- ◆ Project must benefit a religious institution, school, or your local or world community
- ◆ May not benefit a commercial business
- ◆ May not be only a fundraiser - cannot primarily raise money for an organization
- ◆ May not be performed for BSA, councils, districts, units, or their properties
- ◆ No minimum required hours
- ◆ Can take multiple months to complete - plan ahead
- ◆ May begin project planning immediately after having passed Life Board of Review
- ◆ No more than one Scout candidate can receive credit for working on the same project
- ◆ Does not have to be original

PROJECT IDEAS

- ◆ Your project should reflect something about which the scout is passionate.
- ◆ Seek the counsel of other scouts or your Eagle Advisor.
- ◆ www.samhoustonbsa.org
- ◆ www.houstonsevice.org
- ◆ www.nesa.org
- ◆ www.scoutorama.com
- ◆ www.eaglescout.org
- ◆ www.scouting.org

EXAMPLE PROJECTS

Eagle Projects tend to fall into one of three categories; these are just a few past examples:

Collection Projects

- ◆ Collect and create display of veteran's memorabilia for the Amazing Place
- ◆ Food drive and benefit concert for CCSC
- ◆ Collect and transport books to Navajo community school
- ◆ Collect used lacrosse equipment and teach lacrosse to underprivileged children

Building Projects

- ◆ Refurbishment of outdoor classroom for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Children's Place
- ◆ Build and construct outdoor Prayer Chapel at McKaskel Church Retreat
- ◆ Sanded and painted soccer goals at South Campus
- ◆ Landscaping and beautification of outdoor area of Temple Beth Israel

Cataloging Projects

- ◆ Organize and catalogue vocal music library of HSPVA

PROJECT PLAN

- ◆ Meet with Eagle Advisor at the beginning of this process
- ◆ Use official BSA workbook to submit plan and final report (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf)
- ◆ Meet with Beneficiary representative
- ◆ Draft and discuss Project Proposal with Eagle Advisor
- ◆ Keep a log of all the time you and all your workers spent planning and performing your Project
- ◆ If you are raising funds from the general public (e.g. outside of family, friends and Troop) you need to complete the Fundraising Application and obtain Beneficiary, Scoutmaster and Council approval
- ◆ Questions to Consider: What kinds of tools do you need? Do you need to rent any items? How will you address safety issues. Do you need any permits? What are the phases of your Project?

APPROVAL PROCESS

You must obtain FOUR signatures BEFORE you begin work on your project.

1. Beneficiary (first signature)
2. Unit Leader (Scoutmaster)
3. Unit Committee (Troop Committee Chairman)
4. District Advancement Chairman- this is the LAST signature you will obtain

PROJECT IN ACTION

- ◆ Once your project is approved, you can focus on getting things moving.
- ◆ Send letters out soliciting funds and assistance. All checks should be payable to Troop 54, with a note for the Scout's Eagle Project. Deliver all checks to the Troop Treasurer
- ◆ Know what supplies and materials you will need. Purchase items needed
- ◆ Special order items need to be taken care of first. They will take time for preparation and delivery.
- ◆ Discuss with your Beneficiary when you can do the Project
- ◆ Arrange to have at least 2 adults present for each Work Day
- ◆ Keep a list of all funds raised and receipts for all your expenses

WORK DAY

- ◆ Be sure you have emailed or called a number of scouts to secure their commitment.
- ◆ Get to your work site early to get things set up.
- ◆ Have plenty of additional supplies (work gloves, safety glasses, insect repellent, etc.)
- ◆ Have food and drinks available for your volunteers.
- ◆ Have your scout/adult log ready.
- ◆ Be aware of safety precautions. Have a first aid kit available.

BE PREPARED!

FINAL REPORT

- ◆ Meet with your Eagle Advisor to discuss your project and take notes of suggestions.
- ◆ Be mindful of your proposal and how the project actually took place. Did you have to make revisions?
- ◆ With your logs of funds received, receipts of expenses and your log of people who worked your project, complete your Final Plan.
- ◆ Complete Eagle Scout Service Project Report
- ◆ Obtain 3 completion signatures

EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION PROCESS

- ◆ Complete all requirements
- ◆ Complete Eagle Scout Rank Application
- ◆ Write your Life Statement
- ◆ Ask 5 people to be references, and provide their contact info in Application
- ◆ Request a Scoutmaster Conference
- ◆ Review Application, life statement and entire Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and Final Plan to Scoutmaster
- ◆ Obtain Troop Committee Chair's signature on Application
- ◆ Submit original Application, copy of life statement, and original Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to Chief Eagle Advisor

EAGLE SCOUT RANK

APPLICATION PROCESS - continued

- ◆ Chief Eagle Advisor request references, and registers the Eagle Scout Service Project
- ◆ Council verifies candidate's records, reviews and approves Application, life statement, reference letters and Eagle Service Project
- ◆ Chief Eagle Advisor schedules Board of Review
- ◆ Conduct Board of Review
- ◆ Council receives and sends information to National for approval (2-4 weeks)
- ◆ Once approved, conduct Court of Honor

BOARD OF REVIEW

- ◆ Board of Review is scheduled after ALL requirements are complete and Council verifies records.
- ◆ Board of Review consists of 3-6 individuals, including a District representative. Troop 54 Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters are not permitted to participate and do not attend the Board of Review.
- ◆ Eagle Rank date is deemed the date that the Scout passes her Board of Review.
- ◆ Scout should be in full Scout uniform and bring her scout handbook.
- ◆ Scout should be prepared to discuss her scout career and her service project.
- ◆ Take this seriously. You can be denied.

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- ◆ Within few weeks of passing the Board of Review, the new Eagle Scout and her parents will receive an e-mail from the Court of Honor Coordinators, including:
 - ◆ Upcoming Eagle Court of Honor date options
 - ◆ Family Planning meeting information: Eagle Scout and parents should attend
 - ◆ Attachment containing basic guidelines and expectations
- ◆ Basic rules when scheduling a CoH:
 - ◆ CoH date cannot be reserved until the Eagle BOR has been completed
 - ◆ “First come, first serve”
 - ◆ Logistically, it is not possible for an Eagle Scout to prepare for a CoH that will take place sooner than 3 weeks after her BOR.

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- ◆ The Court of Honor is planned by and carried out by the Troop, Scout and her family - Coordinators are here to facilitate the process.
- ◆ Family Planning Meeting: The Coordinator will meet with the Eagle Families to discuss the logistics of the ceremony, provide printed invitations, and answer any questions.
- ◆ Troop 54 covers the cost of reserving the facilities and photographer; all other expenses are the responsibility of the scout's family.
- ◆ At the time of the family meeting, CoH coordinators need to know:
 - ◆ Who will be speaking on the behalf of the Eagle Scout during the ceremony
 - ◆ 2 leaders that the Eagle Scout would like to participate in her ceremony (CoH Coordinator will contact)
 - ◆ 2 Eagle Scouts (any age) for Eagle Honor Guard (Eagle Scout/parent will contact and coordinate)

COURT OF HONOR

- ◆ Other decisions/actions:
 - ◆ Mailing invitations for the troop members, family and friends
 - ◆ Arrangements for music, photographer, food, cake, etc.
 - ◆ Set up and clean up in SJD is families' responsibility
 - ◆ Photographs
- ◆ The Eagle Scout will be expected to:
 - ◆ Prepare and deliver a brief speech during the ceremony, focusing on their scouting experience and their Eagle Project.
 - ◆ Prepare a tri-board presentation, including pictures and other memorabilia from their scouting career (suggestions include Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Order of the Arrow, Venturing and Eagle project memories). Creativity is encouraged.

COURT OF HONOR

- ◆ Please plan ahead; rushing at the last minute only creates unnecessary stress.
 - ◆ This is particularly important for Graduating Seniors.
- ◆ We (especially your Eagle Advisor) are here to help - any questions or requests that you might have, please send us an e-mail.