

## **Things you need to know about the Troop 333 Eagle Scout Process:**

### **❖ Key Points**

- Who is responsible for this process?.....THE EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE
- The process will not be rushed or fast tracked by scout or parent.
  - If you are within 6 months of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, you will have to hustle.
  - If you are within 3 months of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, you will have to find another troop.

### **❖ Typical Time Line ( typically 6-18 months)**

- Discuss your plans for eagle with your scoutmaster. Are you ready? Does he think so? Your attitude towards scouting and your participation is key at this point.
- Discuss your pursuit of eagle with the troop eagle committee well ahead of time. We will guide you through the process.
- Make sure you advancement, leadership, service, and other information in the Troop333 database is current and accurate.
- Hold and successfully perform the duties of at least one, preferably more leadership positions.
- Finish your merit badges.
- Plan, execute, and document the Eagle Project.
- Request a Scoutmaster's Conference.
- Prepare Eagle Application and notebook.
- Obtain Letters of Reference
- Review your Eagle package with the Scoutmaster, Eagle, and Troop committee.
- Obtain the final signatures. The SM will be the last to sign.
- Review your package with the District Eagle Chairman (Mr. Duffy)
- Schedule the Board of Review (check availability of the Eagle Board & SM)
- Remind your SM constantly about the upcoming board.
- Enjoy your Board of review.

### **❖ Eagle Project**

- Propose you eagle project to the scoutmaster, eagle committee, troop committee, and the District Eagle Chairman.
- Projects typically have to be "permanent and lasting". Scouts cannot share projects.
- Obtain approval prior to beginning project. Do not promise an organization you will do a project prior to approval. Many projects are turned down.
- Plan and execute your project using the Eagle Project workbook.
- Obtain the necessary completion signatures for the project.

### **❖ The Eagle Application & Notebook**

- Request an Eagle Application Assistance report from the Unit Advancement Chairman.
- The Eagle Application should be filled out in a neat and legible manner.
- A letter of reference needs to be requested by the scout from each of the references. These needs to be sent directly to the District Eagle Chairman. You are not permitted to see the reference letter.
- It would be viewed as unusual if the scout did not have a glowing letter for recommendation from the current scoutmaster. The scout should request this after the scoutmaster conference.
- The Eagle Notebook is a collection of the necessary documents needed for the Board of Review.

- Eagle Application
- Statement of Ambitions
- Advancement: All MB bluecards, rankcards
- Leadership positions
- Eagle Project Workbook
- Misc pertinent material: special awards leadership outside of scouting
- Signatures needed on the submitted Eagle Application
  - The Eagle Scout Candidate
  - The Troop Committee Chairman
  - The Unit Leader: The current scoutmaster is the only person who is allowed to sign the Eagle Application as the unit leader. No exceptions.
- ❖ **Scoutmaster's Conference (1-2 hours)**
  - Be prepared to talk about your scouting experiences, strengths, weaknesses.
  - How do you think you show #2 Scout Spirit, (ie living by the oath & law, in your everyday life.)?
  - What goals do you have? This year? For college? Do you know what you would like to do with your life?
  - We will review the Eagle application and notebook.
- ❖ **The Board of Review**
  - After you eagle application is signed by the Troop Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster, you are in a position to schedule a Board of Review.
  - The troop will schedule a slot based on the queue of scouts ahead of you, and your state of preparedness.
  - Given a prospective list of dates from your scoutmaster, schedule a meeting with the District Eagle Chairman (Mr. Duffy) to determine the date of your Board of Review.
  - Inform your Scoutmaster of the date, and make sure he is reminded periodically.
  - Wear full Class A Official Uniform, including merit badge sash.
  - Your scoutmaster will introduce you to the committee with his recommendation, and then you are one your own.
  - Think of it as an interview between yourself and the board members .
  - Know your current events and the people and parts of government.
  - Know what "a scout is reverent" means to you.
  - Know your scout-lore : 1<sup>st</sup> aid; knots, camping , compass, flag, etc
  - Know how and why you show Leadership
  - Know what you what to do with your life.
  - After the review, the committee will excuse you and your scoutmaster. They will vote.
  - You will know that evening whether you passed, but it is not over yet.
  - What happens next:
    - The application is signed by the District Eagle Chairman, and usually one committee member.
    - The application is sent to the council office, and if everything is in order, the Scout Executive signs the application.
    - The application is then sent to BSA national office in Irving, Texas for approval.
    - If everything is in order....

**Congratulations, you're an Eagle Scout!**