The Rugged Road to Eagle
Troop 122 Eagle Scout Process

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Purpose

- **This Troop 122 presentation is for Eagle Scout candidates and their parents**
- **We want to inform them of the requirements to reach the Eagle Scout rank**
  - National, District and Troop requirements
- **We want Scouts to understand everything that will be required of them, to prevent future misunderstandings**
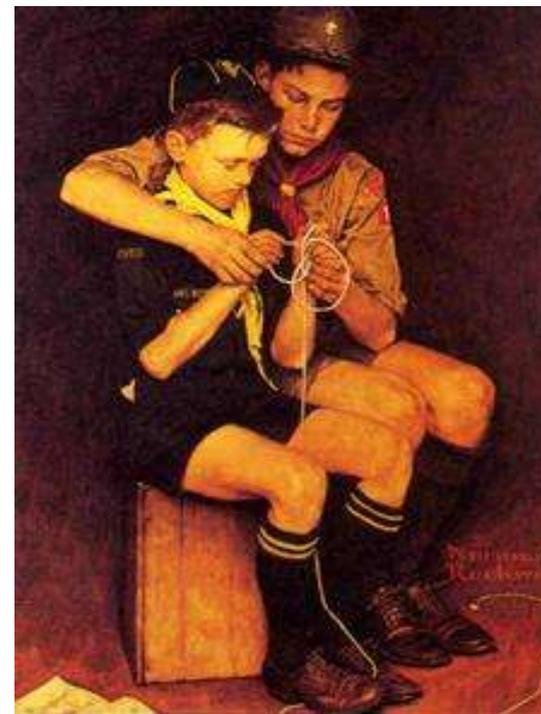
Overview

- **Who is eligible to be an Eagle Scout?**
- **The Path to Eagle**
- **Eagle Project Components**
- **Final Thoughts**

Eagle Eligibility

Age Requirements

- **All Eagle requirements must be completed before the Scout's 18th birthday!**

- **These include:**
  - All required merit badges
  - Eagle project
  - Eagle project final write-up and acceptance

- **The Troop Committee and District will not view a candidate's failure to plan properly as an emergency on their part!**

- **The single greatest reason for Scout's not reaching Eagle is they run out of time…**

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Merit Badges

- **An Eagle Scout must complete 21 merit badges, of which 12 are *required*:**
    - The 12 required merit badges are: Camping; Citizenship in the Community; Citizenship in the Nation; Citizenship in the World; Communications; Emergency Preparedness **or** Lifesaving; Environmental Science; First Aid; Cycling **or** Hiking **or** Swimming; Personal Management; Personal Fitness; Family Life.

Positions of Responsibility

- **Life Scout's are required to have six months in an elected or appointed leadership position**
  - Examples: SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster
  - Each month as a Life Scout, the Scout should focus on being in a leadership position and serving the interests and growth of the troop!
- **The Troop Committee is required to review the Scout's performance in this position – they must actually do the job to get the credit!**

Rank Requirements

- **Scout must be a Life Scout in good standing**
  - Registered / Participating actively
- **Scouts occasionally run into difficulties because of problems with their advancement**
  - Example – A Scout might have difficulty if he received Star rank without having completed the required number of Eagle required merit badges *at that time*
- **All rank advancements are scrutinized carefully by National Council**

Scout Spirit

- **The Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee are required to evaluate whether the Scout exhibits Scout Spirit**

- **Scouts are expected to live up to the Scout Oath and Law**
  - As well as OA and Mic-O-Say obligations

- **Scouts are sometimes rejected because they did not meet the requirements for Scout Spirit**
  - Scouts may be given opportunity to correct this area, again, provided sufficient time remains

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Participation

- **Troop 122 requires that its Eagle candidates participate in the life of the Troop**
    - Examples – Meetings, Camp-outs, Mentoring younger Scouts
    - Scouts should ask themselves,
        - *"Have I shown leadership and mentoring to those younger Scouts in the troop?"*
        - *"Have I utilized the opportunities provided, to teach others to be self-reliant?"*

- **Candidates who have been inactive for an extended period will be expected to demonstrate their commitment to the Troop**

- **Candidates will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis**

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Troop 122 Eagle Process

Scoutmaster Conference

- **Have a brief talk with the Scoutmaster, and tell him of your interest in becoming an Eagle**
- **The Scout must receive formal approval from the Scoutmaster to proceed on the path to Eagle**
- **The Scout will then meet with the Eagle Advisor to discuss, review, and set goals for the project.**
  - Advisors rely on Scoutmaster recommendation for starting the project mentoring process

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Advancement Review

- **The Scout should consult with the Advancement Chairman and request a review of their records.**

- **The Advancement Coordinator and the Scout will create a plan for resolving any missing requirements or discrepancies**
  - A Scout is responsible for their own advancement!

Present the Eagle Project Proposal

- **The Scout must present the project to the Troop Committee and to the District Eagle Roundtable representative**
- **This typically occurs in two meetings**
- **Both groups must approve the Scout's request to proceed on the path to Eagle**
  - The project may be rejected, or sent back for more work
  - The Scout may be rejected for reasons of Scout Spirit, or the Scout may be required to demonstrate Spirit or Participation

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Do the Eagle Project

- **And then a miracle happens…**
- **Why do we require a project?**
  - Is it Community Service?   - No, that is a by-product
  - Is it a chance to demonstrate Leadership? - Yes, and is the key goal!
- **Remember!**
  - Who's project is this?
  - What is the role of your parents?
  - Adults, you are there as workers who can suggest, but NEVER rob the Scout of Leadership!

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Eagle Project Write-up Completion

- **The candidate again works with the Eagle Advisor to complete the final write-up present the completed Eagle Project back to the District**

- **The completed project must be approved by the Benefactor, the Troop Advisor and by District**

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Eagle Application

- **An application for the rank of Eagle is signed by the Scoutmaster, after final conference, and the Troop Committee Chairperson, and reviewed by the Troop Eagle Advisor, prior to final submission**

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Letters of Reference

- **The candidate gives the Troop Eagle Advisor letters of references from Scoutmaster, Religious, Parents, Educator.**
  - The candidate is not allowed to handle the letters of reference
- **The completed application and project are forwarded to the Council Service Center for certification**

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Eagle Board of Review

- **Takes place 4-6 weeks after the Eagle project is approved, and the signed application and letters of recommendation have been received / reviewed by District and Council**

- **The Board of Review is composed of at least 4 members, one of which must be a member of the District advancement committee.**

- **The decision of the Board of Review must be unanimous**

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National Review

- **The application and advancement report form are returned to the Council Service Center**
- **Council then completes the processing and forwards the application to the national Eagle Scout Service Center**
- **The National Eagle Scout Service Center screens the application for accuracy.**
- **The National Eagle Scout Service Center must approve the candidate's application before the Eagle rank can be awarded**
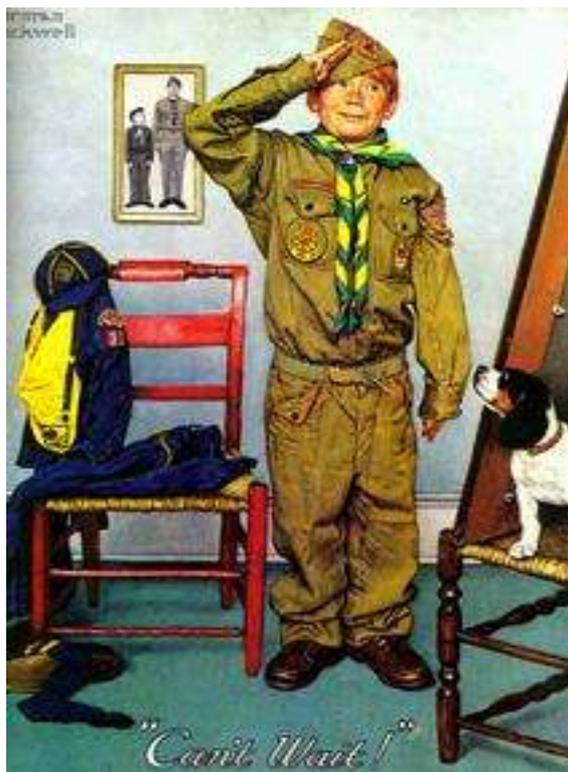
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"I will lead my fellow Scouts and volunteer adults in the following…"

Key Participants

- *Beneficiary* **– The person or group who will benefit from the project. If a group is the beneficiary, they must designate a representative to approve the project.   MUST BE non-profit, non-Scout organization.**

- *Eagle Project Advisor* **– the mentor to the Scout during the project. This should not be either a relative or the Scoutmaster. It should be an adult designee of the Troop**

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Project Plan

- **Overall description of the complete project**
- **High level list of all tasks. This should include dependencies, skills and required resources (materials, tools and personnel)**
- **If any construction will occur, the project plan should include drawings (plan and elevation)**
- **Budget – what money will be required and where it will come from**
  - Funds / materials must be donated
  - Fundraisers themselves are NOT a project or part of a project

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Project Workbook

- **The candidate will be required to create and maintain a project workbook**

- **The workbook will include all elements of the project plan, which will be kept up-to-date**

- **The workbook will include a section for keeping all project correspondence (e-mail, letters, etc.)**

- **The project workbook should be reviewed with the project advisor on a regular basis and will be the vehicle used for review and approval**

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# Project Day - Scout Supervision

- **The Scout is expected to supervise all work performed on the project. The Scout is expected to be the leader, not another worker**

- **The Scout is expected to make work assignments for all participants, and to verify that the assignments are correctly completed**

- **Adults may make *suggestions*, but the Scout IS in control of the work-site, save for issues of urgent safety**

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Final Thoughts
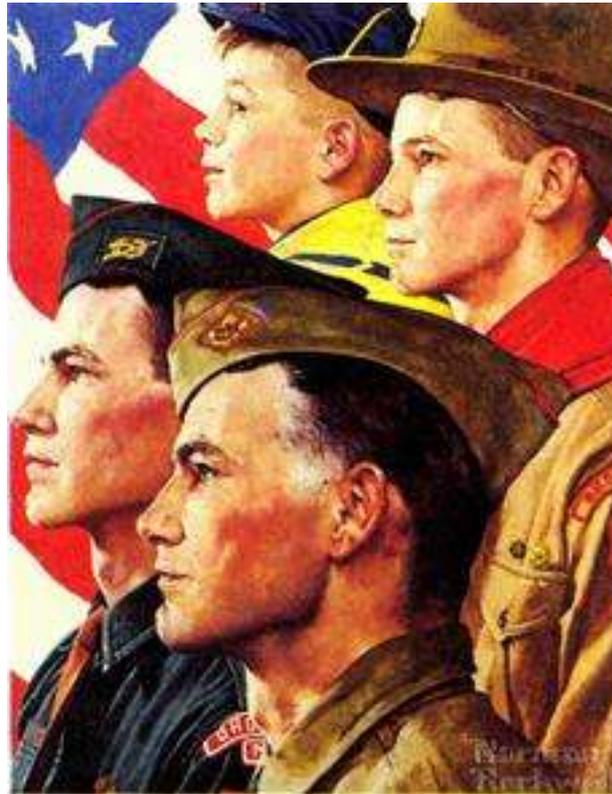
Thoughts to Reflect

- **Achieving the rank of Eagle is NOT just completing items on a checklist.   It is a reflection of a Scouts character, examining:**
  - Leadership
  - Perseverance
  - Problem Solving
  - Self Reliance and Confidence
  - Teamwork
  - Service to Others
- **Is a 13 year old Life Scout able to, or had the opportunity to demonstrate these traits?**

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Thoughts for All

- **When you do for someone else who is capable of doing it on their own, you rob them of an opportunity to grow and yourself of an opportunity to lead**

- **"Scouting is a game for boys under the leadership of boys under the direction of a man." – Sir Baden Powell**

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