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The Eagle Scout Service Project

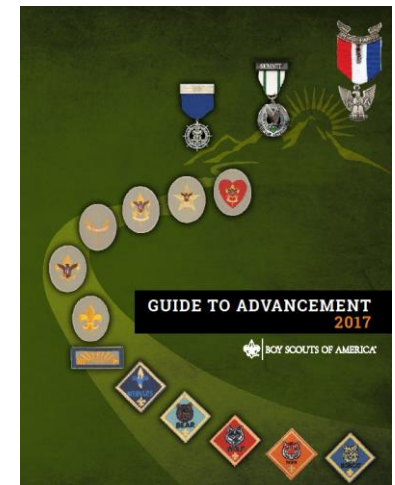
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- ✦ Proposing, conducting and reporting on projects should be a positive experience for the Scout.
- ✦ The focus and energy for the project is meaningful service while practicing leadership skills.
- ✦ Administrative issues are merely supportive of this meaningful service.
- ✦ Only one Eagle Scout candidate receives credit.



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What an Eagle Scout Candidate Should Expect

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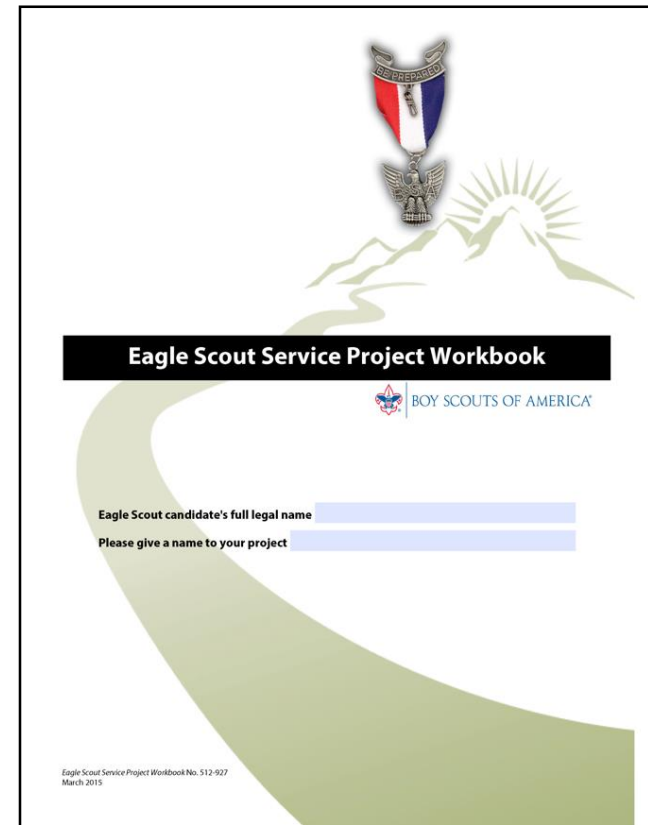
- ❖ Questioning shall be conducted in a *helpful, friendly, courteous* and *kind-hearted* manner.
- ❖ A parent or other observer may be present during reviews.
- ❖ Project expectations are stated in Eagle Scout Requirement 5.
- ❖ If requested, a written explanation must be given for any proposal rejection.



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What an Eagle Scout Candidate Should Expect

- ❖ Guidance should be readily available.
- ❖ If a candidate believes they have been mistreated or the proposal was wrongfully rejected, they will be provided a method of redress.



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Eagle Scout Requirement 5

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- ♣ While a Life Scout, plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or your community. (*The project must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.*)
- ♣ A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, the unit leader, the unit committee, and the council or district before a Scout starts.
- ♣ A Scout must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.



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Eagle Scout Requirement 5

♣ **“While a Life Scout...”**

Work on the project, including planning, begins after the Life Scout Board of Review. (9.0.2.2)

♣ **“Plan, Develop...”**

Planning and development are detailed once a project proposal is approved. (9.0.2.3)

♣ **A proposal is different from a plan.**



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Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ✦ **“Give Leadership to Others...”**
“Others” means at least two people besides the Scout.
(9.0.2.4)
- ✦ Each project must be evaluated case by case on its impact to the benefiting organization and on lessons that will advance the candidate’s growth. (9.0.2.4)
- ✦ Councils, districts and units shall not establish requirements for the number of people led, or their makeup, or for the time worked on a project. (9.0.2.4)



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Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ **“Helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community.” (9.0.2.5)**
 - “Your community” can mean the world community. A council may emphasize more local efforts but should not deny worthy projects of a wider scope.
 - Scenarios where an individual in need can affect a community may be considered.
- ♣ **“Benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America”. (9.0.2.6)**



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Eagle Scout Requirement 5

- ♣ **“Proposal must be approved...before you start”**
(9.0.2.7)
- ♣ Five Tests of an Acceptable Eagle Scout Service Project:
 1. Sufficient opportunity to meet the requirement.
 2. Appears to be feasible.
 3. Safety issues will be addressed.
 4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included.
 5. The Scout has a reasonable chance for a positive experience.



Eagle Scout Project Workbook

GTA 9.0.2.8

- ❖ The workbook cannot be modified.
- ❖ If properly used, the workbook very nearly assures success.
- ❖ Should not be used as a source for rejecting candidates based on “technicalities”.
- ❖ Write-ups and signatures are simply supportive.
- ❖ Keeps the Scout on the right track with a reasonable chance for success and a positive experience.
- ❖ The official document as produced by the Boy Scouts of America must be used. www.scouting.org/advancement.



Eagle Scout Service Project Coach

GTA 9.0.2.9

- ❖ Coaches must be registered with the BSA, in any position and be current in BSA Youth Protection training.
- ❖ A project coach is not required but highly recommended.
- ❖ Using a project coach is the Scout's decision.
- ❖ Coaches work in an advisory capacity.
- ❖ Coaches do not have the authority to dictate changes or withdraw approval.



Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising

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- ❖ Projects themselves may not be fundraisers.
- ❖ Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials and otherwise facilitating the project.
- ❖ Fundraising must be approved by the council unless funds are derived only from contributions by the beneficiary, the candidate, their relatives, the unit, its chartered organization, or from parents or members of the unit.
- ❖ Procedures and limitations for Eagle Scout service project fundraising can be found on the back of the fundraising application, inside the workbook.



Evaluating the Project After Completion

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- ❖ Completed projects must be evaluated on impact – the extent of benefit to the benefiting organization and on the leadership provided.
- ❖ There must be evidence of planning and development.
- ❖ There may be cases where the unit leader or beneficiary choose not to approve the project.
- ❖ Sometimes a project is not completed as planned.



Risk Management and the Project

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- ❖ All Eagle Scout service projects constitute official Scouting activity and are considered part of a unit's program.
- ❖ The health and safety of those working on Eagle projects must be incorporated into project execution. This is an adult responsibility.
- ❖ The *Sweet 16 of BSA Safety* and the *Guide to Safe Scouting* should be consulted during project planning.



For More Information

- ✦ *Guide to Advancement*
- ✦ www.Scouting.org/advancement
- ✦ *Eagle Scout Rank Application*
- ✦ *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook.*
- ✦ If you have questions, district and council advancement administrators first, then:
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