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Troop 10 Path to Eagle Guide

Congratulations on reaching the rank of Life Scout! You have come a long way in Scouting and are close to your goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. There is more adventure and work ahead and the upcoming part of the trail will be challenging. This guide provides important information and tips to help you navigate the path to becoming an Eagle.

Overview of Path from Life to Eagle

Following is an explanation of the steps and requirements necessary to achieve the rank of Eagle. Requirements 1-5 may be completed in any order. Steps 1-8 must be completed before you reach age 18. All forms are available on the [troop website](#). Be sure you are using the current version of all forms.

1. Be active in the troop for at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout. See the troop Active Participation policy for what constitutes active status for rank advancement.
2. Earn at least 21 merit badges as listed in the 13th edition of the Scout Handbook plus any subsequent additions or changes.

The Advancement Coordinator has your completed merit badges, including dates earned, and can provide a report to verify against your merit badge cards.

3. While a Life Scout, serve actively for a period of six months in one or more of the specified positions of responsibility. The scoutmaster signs off this requirement.
4. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or public park, or your community.

See Eagle Scout Service Project section below for additional details and the approval process. Your project is finished when the Project Plan is completed and the Final Project Report in the Project Workbook is completed and signed by the Scoutmaster or his designee.

5. Complete your [Eagle Scout Application](#), including character references, and [Statement of Eagle Scout Award Applicant](#) (this is a Washington Crossing Council requirement). Be sure to use the latest edition of the application. Don't forget your references.

Key Steps of the Application:

- A. **Dates of Accomplishments** - Contact Mr. Mininger, Troop Advancement Coordinator, for a print out of your official Scouting record. Use this record to complete the various dates of accomplishment on the application. Do not guess on dates. The dates must be accurate or Council may reject or delay the application. Work with the Advancement Coordinator or the scoutmaster if your record needs to be updated.
- B. **Character References** - Per the application, provide to the scoutmaster, a parent, a teacher, a religious leader*, an employer (only if applicable), and two others, an [Eagle Scout Character Reference](#) to submit on your behalf. You will need to record the addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the people filling out the character profile forms on your BSA Eagle Scout rank application. Provide each reference with a character profile form and a stamped envelope addressed (a.k.a. SASE) to Troop 10 Advancement Coordinator, James Mininger, 534 Centre Street, Penn del, PA 19047. These forms are confidential and not to be seen by you. They must be submitted by the troop - not the Eagle candidate - with your Eagle paperwork for the Eagle Board of Review.
* If you do not attend a religious institution, then a parent may complete this recommendation.
- C. **Review/Signatures** - Electronically complete (not hand-written) and print the application using a color printer. The application must be signed by you first, then the scoutmaster (during the scoutmaster Conference - Reqt #7 below), and then the troop committee chair. The scoutmaster and committee chair expect that you have reviewed your final application with Mr. Mininger PRIOR to you signing it and requesting a Scoutmaster Conference and their respective signatures.
6. The most important requirement, demonstrate Scout Spirit by showing how you have lived the Scout Oath and Law by doing your duty to God, country, others, and yourself,. This critical requirement is the difference between getting an Eagle award and becoming a life-long Eagle.
7. Take part in a Scoutmaster Conference. Be prepared to discuss your scouting experience, what scouting has meant to you, and your future plans (complete one page Council form to be included in the application packet). The conference is not an exam or test. It is an opportunity for you to demonstrate the qualities and character expected of a mature scout who has successfully completed the requirements to reach this pinnacle of Scouting.
8. Provide to Mr. Mininger your **completed and signed Eagle Scout Application, Statements of Eagle Scout Applicant (one page Council document), Eagle Project Workbook (including all three sections)**, and any sealed Eagle Scout Character References that may have been delivered to you. Mr. Mininger will deliver the package to Council. However, the final application is your responsibility and you should keep a copy of everything for your records. The application must be completed and submitted before your 18th birthday. This date is not flexible.
9. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review (EBOR).
Council may take two months or longer to schedule your BOR and it may occur after your 18th birthday. Your EBOR will be chaired by a representative from Tamanend District and attended by Troop 10 Committee members. You should wear full Class A Uniform, including your merit badge sash with all your earned merit badges, and appropriate pants and shoes. Bring your Boy Scout Handbook. Be prepared to discuss your scouting accomplishments, what you learned during your Eagle project, how Scouting has impacted you, and your future plans.

Important Contact Information

Mr. Mininger is the primary contact for questions about the Eagle application process. Your Troop 10 Path to Eagle Advisor (Advisor) is the primary contact for Eagle project and advancement-related questions.

Troop 10 Scoutmaster	Steve Daniel	Cell: 732- 35-5645	scoutmaster@troop10yardley.org
Troop 10 Advancement Coordinator (PRIMARY CONTACT FOR EAGLE APPLICATION QUESTIONS)	Bill Yost	609-847-2935	troop10advancementchair@gmail.com
Troop 10 Committee Chair	Peggy Pelosi	Home: 215-321-1582 Cell: 215-595-8940 884 Henry Drive Yardley, PA 19067	peggypelosi007@gmail.com
Troop 10 Charter Chairman	John Celentano	Cell: 215-801-4752 136 N. Main St. Yardley, PA 19067	john.celentano.home@gmail.com
Troop 10 Path to Eagle Advisor	Bob Carrington	Home: 215-321 0767 Cell: 215-378-3652 1409 Woodview Rd, Yardley, PA 19067	4carringtons@gmail.com
Tamanend District Eagle Project Coordinator	Tom DeShields	Cell: 215-378-3708 621 Rutland Rd Morrisville, PA 19067	tom.deshields@aol.com
Council Service Center (for submitting Project Fundraising applications)	Eagle Processor	c/o Washington Crossing Council, B.S.A. One Scout Way, Doylestown, PA 18901	eagleprojects@scouting.org
Troop 10 Website			www.troop10yardley.org

Eagle Scout Service Project

First, read and understand this entire document. This Guide explains the Troop 10 and Council (District Roundtable) approval process while the Eagle project workbook explains the goals and requirements for leading your project. Be sure to follow the troop approval process to avoid delays. This is your first step toward timely success.

Eagle Service Project Workbook - Then download and read the [Eagle Service Project Workbook](#) (Troop 10 link). Click here for the [official BSA Workbook link](#). The workbook is a PDF format. Save an electronic copy and fill in the various sections rather than handwriting them. This will provide a more professional presentation and help make it easy to edit the proposal as your project idea develops.

Path to Eagle Advisor - Next, contact the scoutmaster to be assigned an advisor. See options in Contact Information table on page 3. The advisor is a resource to you. He provides guidance and encouragement during your path to Eagle, including the service project and your personal leadership development.

Choosing a Project (Project Initiation Phase)

There are many potential benefiting organizations to work with. This can be your church/synagogue, school, township or borough, or a charitable organization in the community. Some organizations will have a list of project ideas already. In other cases, you can approach an organization with an idea of your own creation. Contact your advisor or the scoutmaster if you need help finding an organization or project idea. If needed, print a copy of the [Information for Project Beneficiaries](#) and provide it to the benefiting organization to help them understand what an Eagle service project is about. After you have a project idea, contact the scoutmaster and your advisor for an initial determination if it meets the requirements. The scoutmaster may recommend that you review the idea with the District Eagle Scout Project Coordinator, as well.

Project Proposal (Project Design, Preliminary Planning, and Approval Phases)

Once you have selected a project, complete the Contacts and Project Proposal sections of the Eagle Project Workbook. You may not start work on the project until the proposal has been approved, including Tamanend District approval. The goal at this point is not to document every detail of your project, but to show:

1. It provides sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle service project requirement. You must show that planning, development, and leadership will take place, and how the three factors will benefit a religious institution, a school, or your community.
2. It appears to be feasible. You must show the project is realistic for you to complete, including your understanding of the project requirements and your ability to fulfill them.
3. Safety issues will be addressed. You must show you have an understanding of what must be done to guard against injury, and what will be done if someone is injured. Safety guidelines regarding tool use are in the project workbook and the [BSA Guide to Advancement](#) in the Eagle project section. These guidelines, including qualified adult supervision, must be followed during your project.
4. Action steps for more detailed planning are included. Make a list of key next steps, such as cost confirmation, recruitment, procurement of materials and supplies, and scheduling of fundraisers and project execution, to show your plan has enough detail to be successfully. Understanding and articulating these steps helps demonstrate your ability to succeed.
5. You are on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.

Your project proposal will need to be reviewed, approved, and signed by:

1. Path to Eagle Advisor (Advisor) and the Scoutmaster - Develop your project proposal with your advisor. When complete, contact the scoutmaster by email (copy your advisor) at least fourteen (14) days prior to the troop committee meeting to review your final proposal, fundraising application, and any attachments (cost estimates, pictures, labor plan, fundraising application, etc). The meeting should include your advisor. Do not arrange the meeting until your proposal is in final draft form with all attachments.

2. A representative of the benefiting organization (before presenting to the troop committee)

3. The Troop Committee (chair) -

Once you have the scoutmaster's approval, contact the troop committee chair at least one week prior to schedule an appointment at the next meeting to present your project for approval. The committee typically meets on the first Wednesday of each month (September-June) at the Yardley United Methodist Church starting at 7:30 PM. Email a copy of your proposal to the chair and bring the original and 5 copies of your project proposal (bring one set of the "before" pictures and diagrams). Attend this meeting in full Class A uniform and be prepared to formally present your project and answer questions about your plan. The chair will either sign your workbook or provide direction for further edits to the proposal. Plan ahead: The committee typically requires revisions and may ask you to return at a future meeting. Work with your advisor to prepare for committee review.

4. Tamanend District Eagle Project Coordinator -

Call (no texts) the District Eagle Project Coordinator to schedule time for review of your project proposal. Roundtable typically meets on the second Thursday of each month (September-June) at the Lutheran Church of God's Love at 791 Newtown-Yardley Road, Newtown. Additional edits may be required. Request the representative's contact information so you can follow up on any concerns or direction.

Fundraising Application (Project Funding Phase)

Fundraising is not a requirement of the project. The Tamanend District (Roundtable) requires a fundraising application for every Eagle project proposal that seeks funding or any discount other than provided by the beneficiary or your personal family income. No exceptions. If you plan to fundraise or ask for donations from any business, then read and complete the fundraising application (pages 17-18). If asking for material donations, specify which business(es) from which you will request donations. The fundraising application requires signatures from the project beneficiary, the scoutmaster, and Council (not Tamanend District Roundtable). Once you have the first two signatures, email the application (pdf format) to eagleprojects@scouting.org for Council approval. The application should be completed prior to District review of the proposed project plan or approval may be delayed. The fundraising application approval process may take two weeks or longer.

Final Plan (Project Planning Phase)

Now that your proposal is approved, complete the detailed planning to help ensure your project will be successful. Your advisor and scoutmaster are key resources to help you complete final planning. Complete the "Project Final Plan" section of the Project Workbook. Note this section does not require approval. However, it is important in demonstrating the planning and leadership you put into your project, and it will be reviewed and discussed during your Eagle Board of Review.

If a building permit is needed it should be signed by the beneficiary, who functions as the legal property representative, not you or your family member.

Project Execution (Project Execution or Construction Phase)

The planning is all done and you are ready to start your project! Check with the scoutmaster before scheduling your project, including fundraising activities, to avoid conflicts with other troop activities, including other Eagle fundraisers. Contact the scoutmaster and senior patrol leader to recruit volunteers through various troop announcements. Remember, the best way to get a good turnout at your Eagle project is to help other scouts with their projects.

Keep a detailed record of all work performed, names of adult and youth helpers, and how much time each of them spent on the project. Do the same for all fundraising and expenses. Keep good records: You will need to share this information and discuss any deviations from the plan. Take pictures of each stage of the work and bring them to your Eagle Board of Review. Keep track of all materials, supplies, tools, etc. used and note any differences from your original plan. Save all receipts and work with the troop treasurer to account for all funds raised, used, and donated. Note that any unused funds must be given to the benefiting organization and not to another charity, Scouting, or yourself.

Final Project Report (Project Close Phase)

Complete the Project Report section of the Workbook when the work is finished. Sign the report along with the project beneficiary and scoutmaster, in that order. The Project Report is critical and your project is not done until it is completed and signed by all listed parties. The Project Report is the opportunity for you to demonstrate what you accomplished and learned. It is the mechanism for you to show how you fulfilled the leadership requirement for Eagle. Complete it thoughtfully and thoroughly. Include any attachments for cost planning, labor planning, pictures of work being performed or presentations you made, and any other documents you used to plan and lead the project. Request the beneficiary to provide a simple letter to you acknowledging you completed the project. Plan on submitting your final project workbook and these attachments as part of your final Eagle application.

Best wishes to you as you apply years of Scouting experience and personal development to this important phase of your life. It is hard, and sometimes frustrating, work. But it will be a personal accomplishment that provides a lifetime of rewards. Keep in mind the best leaders are usually those with outstanding listening skills. Done well, what you gain from your service project will be the difference in you *becoming* an Eagle versus *getting* an Eagle. If you become stuck, seek guidance from someone who has gone before you and remember your Scout Oath: On my honor, I will do my best....