

Advancement Information

Latest Eagle Information

Recent Arrowhead District Eagle(s)

January Eagles – 2026



Corbin W. T222



Christian Leo A T1993



Braden T222



Raylon E T591



Jordan M T421

[2024 Eagles](#)

[2023 Eagles](#)

Welcome Monica Riney as Arrowhead District's New Advancement Chair!!



Thank you to outgoing Advancement Chair – Esmeralda Hornyak



[Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

[Guide to Advancement](#)

[Merit Badges](#)

There have been several [Merit Badge updates for 2026](#). Please check requirements before having your Scoutmaster open the Merit Badge.

As of February 27, 2026 [Citizenship in Society Merit Badge has been discontinued](#). Please visit the link for more information.

[Merit Badge Counselor](#)

Thank you for wanting to become a Merit Badge Counselor!

Note that Merit Badge Counselor is a district position, not a troop position, so new MBC's will need to register with the **Arrowhead District**. You may choose to only work with one troop but are encouraged to work with other troops as needed. Also, you are encouraged to staff the annual Arrowhead University in one of your subject areas.

The instructions below are for adults who are already a registered adult in a Troop, Pack, or Crew. *If you are not a registered adult, contact the arrowhead.advancement@gmail.com for assistance.*

[First Time Merit Badge Counselor Registration](#)

1. **Merit Badge Counselor Training**

You must first take the required MBC training at: my.scouting.org

- Safeguarding Youth Training – Annual
- SCO 472 – Aims and Methods of Scouting BSA
- SCO 474 – Introduction to Merit Badges
- SCO 486 – What is a Merit Badge Counselor
- SCO 471 – Advancement

Please complete training before doing the next two steps

2. **Adult Application**

Fill out an Adult Application for Arrowhead District – MBC is a district position, not a troop position. But since you are already a member of a unit, you can create a free duplicate membership online. Click this link to start an online application for Arrowhead District:

If you are not already logged in, it will ask if you already have a My.Scouting.org account. Answer Yes and log in. It should give a warning that you have a registration with the troop so choose Continue since you also want to register for Orion. Do NOT click Transfer! You'll see a screen confirming a Multiple Registration with Arrowhead. Answer the six Background Questions and Submit.

3. **Merit Badge Counselor Information Form**

This form is where you indicate what badges you want to teach, your qualifications, and your preferred Troop or Crew. Fill out the form here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0a45e9d9f6ca4350aff9dafdcc5b639f>. Attach a PDF of your Safeguarding Youth Training. Some MB's such as water activities, climbing, or shooting sports require qualifications. Attach your certification as required (see below for what to attach).

When you complete Step 3, the Arrowhead MBC Coordinator will be notified who will check your training record, adult application, and SYT and then process your request. If you have any questions, send an email to arrowhead.advancement@gmail.com

Existing Merit Badge Counselors – Add/Delete Merit Badges

Fill out the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Form](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0a45e9d9f6ca4350aff9dafdcc5b639f) using the online form here: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0a45e9d9f6ca4350aff9dafdcc5b639f>. Indicate you want to change the badges you teach (add) or the badges you want to delete. Attach a PDF of your Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). Some MB's (such as water activities, climbing, or shooting sports) require qualifications. Attach your certifications.

Merit Badges that require Additional Training & Documentation.

See [Guide to Advancement](#) Section 7.0.1.0 for specific required training.

Archery, Canoeing, Climbing, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Motor Boating, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Scuba Diving, Shotgun Shooting, Small Boat Sailing swimming, Water Sports, and Whitewater

Eagle Project Proposal

1. Life Scout works with the Scoutmaster and beneficiary to develop a proposal using the current [Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook](#).
2. Scout works with beneficiary, Scoutmaster, and Committee Chair to have the proposal completed and approved.
3. Once the proposal form is complete and signed, the Scout sends an email to advancement@gmail.com (copying your Scoutmaster, Unit Advancement Chair and at least one other adult) requesting a project review, including the following
 - Scout Name

- Scout's Birthday
 - Life Board of Review Date
 - PDF of Eagle proposal with all arts filled in (attach pages if boxes do not adjust automatically)
 - Clear scan of signature page with beneficiary Scoutmaster, and Committee Chair ink signatures. Digital signatures are not
 - Any information related to a need to expedite the processes (such as a specific date the project must be done Scout turning 18, etc.
4. Arrowhead Advancement Chair will contact Scout to schedule proposal review.
 5. Arrowhead Advancement Chair reviews project proposal with Scout
 - If NOT APPROVED: Scout reworks proposal with Scoutmaster's help and resubmits to Arrowhead Advancement Chair.
 6. If fundraising application is required, the Scout submits the form include with the project workbook, signed by all parties, to the Arrowhead Advancement Chair. (PLEASE NOTE: Longhorn Council has prohibited the use of any crowd sourcing, such as GoFundMe accounts. Similar fundraising methods where donations cannot be tracked or a youth is expected to handle tax liability are prohibited.)

This process is executed entirely by volunteers. Please allow sufficient time to process and schedule project reviews. Project proposal review will be scheduled at least once a month. It is our goal to respond to all youth requests within 7 days of submission. Youth who are time-limited due to age will be processed before youth who are not.

References:

[Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

[Guide to Advancement](#)

Eagle Scout Application

Any deviation or demand outside of this process causes delays. Youth are expected to handle their own process. Parents or leaders who engage in the process will only cause delays. There is zero tolerance for behaving in a non-scoutlike manner.

1. Scout, Scoutmaster, and Committee Chair work to complete [Eagle Application](#) (use [link](#) to access the most current version of the application)
2. Scout submits the completed, signed application and supporting documentation for review to arrowhead.advancement@gmail.com
 - Eagle Scout Rank Application (including statement of ambitions and life purpose)
 - Individual Troop History
 - Proposal Signature Page (Proposal Page H)
 - Project Report Page B
 - Project Report Page C
 - Signature page from Scout Handbook
 - Any letter from the Longhorn Council Committee on changes made to the advancement rules or processes, such as an extension beyond 18.
3. The District Advancement Chair will review all documents for completion
 - The district will review for additional requirements, such as extension letters
 - The district will note and explain any disputes of advancement processes
4. Scout will be asked to submit all the required paperwork to the Longhorn Council Service Center, per one of the options outlined on the [Longhorn Council website](#)

5. Longhorn Council certifies the Eagle application and returns to the Scout with an authorization to schedule a Board of Review. Currently Longhorn Council reviews all Eagle applications only on Wednesday of each week. Paperwork submitted on Wednesday will only be reviewed if there is time after all previous submissions.

Eagle Scout Board of Review

1. The scout requests a Board of Review from the District. An agreed-upon date will be assigned. Board of Reviews are held once a month at the Downtown Arlington Library.
2. The Eagle Candidate will be asked to request recommendation letters from the 4 people listed on the application (per the *Guide to Advancement 2025*, letters are the property of the Longhorn Council and are confidential; letters may not be viewed by or returned to the Scout).
 - Doing this step before being authorized to do so can lead to embarrassment or issues due to potential delays. Do not proactively ask for recommendations before authorization.
 - Any letters received from individuals in program positions (Scoutmaster, Advisor, Assistant Scoutmaster, Skipper, etc.) will be ignored. Program positions taught and signed off on requirements are not considered during the recommendation process.
 - Any letters submitted by the scout via electronic means are automatically assumed to violate confidentiality and are destroyed.
 - Explicit directions on how to handle candidate letters are emailed to the scout during this step.
 - The scout may also delegate this step to the Arrowhead Advancement Chair.
3. The Board of Review is held under the leadership of the Advancement Committee member using a standard format. The District Advancement Chair assigns the Eagle Board of Review leadership to a trained Advancement Committee member to execute the Board of Review. The Advancement Committee will assign additional members to the panel to ensure adherence to the Guide to Advancement. Troops are encouraged to provide 2 active committee members or parents to serve on Eagle Boards of Review.

After Eagle Board of Review

1. Assuming the Board is successfully completed, three applications (including the original ink document) are signed and distributed as follows: Original to Eagle Candidate for submission to LHC, additional second copy given to Eagle Candidate, third copy given to Advancement Chair for digitization and record-keeping.
2. Eagle Candidate delivers signed original application to Longhorn Council.
3. Longhorn Council Scout Executive approves the application and delivers it to the National Council.
4. National Boy Scouts of America processes the application (expect 2-3 months).
5. National Boy Scouts of America notifies Longhorn Council.
6. Longhorn Council notifies the Scoutmaster.
7. Eagle Scout or Unit picks up certificate and award box from Longhorn Council.
8. Request letters of recognition from public officials:
 - <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/youthprograms/eagle-scout.htm>
 - <https://www.cruz.senate.gov/services/congratulatory-letters>
 - <https://www.cornyn.senate.gov/services/letters-of-recognition/>
 - [Presidential Letter of Congratulations](#)
 - [Mayor Ross City of Arlington](#)

- [Mayor for City of Mansfield](#)
 - [Mayor for City of Kennedale](#)
 - [How to request congratulatory letters](#)
9. Eagle Scout holds Court of Honor.

Lifesaving or Meritorious Action Award – this needs to be submitted to your Advancement Chair with all boxes filled in and email to: Arrowhead.Advancement@gmail.com

https://youtu.be/JikzZUg_LCA0?si=AT4PevY0cSaLrcm6

Merit Badge College



Arrowhead University – Merit Badge College

Registration Opens 1/1/27

Mar. 6, 2027 @ St. Barnabas!

Sign up Link Arrowhead University: Longhorn Council – Merit Badge College-Arrowhead

Now Accepting Merit Badge Counselors for Arrowhead University!

We hope you will support our effort to provide a quality experience for our scouts. If you are able and willing to lead a class, please fill out the following survey:<https://bit.ly/ArrowheadUMBC2025>. If you know of someone who you would like to have assist you during your classes or who might want to volunteer, please provide us with their contact information. Also, we will be requiring proof of YPT Certification.

