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LIFE TO EAGLE PACKET

12 STEPS TO EAGLE

“THE LAST STEP”



NAME: _____

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DISTRICT: _____

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Dear Life Scout,

In attaining the rank of Life Scout, you have had the opportunity to learn and master many skills. You've hiked and camped in good and not-so-good weather. You've learned to take care of yourself and others in the out-of-doors, as well as in your home community.

Before you now is the opportunity to master yet another set of skills. These skills are encompassed in the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout.

One of the requirements is your demonstration of leadership skills. You do so by planning and carrying out an Eagle Scout leadership service project. The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927, will help you meet this requirement. You will use this workbook to plan, receive the necessary approvals, carry out, and then report on the completion of your project.

After completing your project and all the other requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout, complete the following steps:

- 1) Review the enclosed Eagle Scout Rank Application, #58-728, 2004 BSA. Note that you will need to list (6) references that know you personally and can attest to your adherence to the Scouting "principles of the Scout Oath Law in your daily life" over time known. You will also need to prepare a statement about yourself.
- 2) Fill out an Eagle Scout Rank Application. Ask your unit leader and/or unit advancement committee person to assist you.
- 3) Secure the signatures of your unit leader and unit committee chairman. Their signatures indicate approval and recommendation by your unit.
- 4) Submit your Eagle Scout Rank Application, the statement about yourself, the three letters of reference and your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook to Council Administrative Office in E. Providence, RI or to one of two Narragansett Council's Scout Shops. See addresses on page 1.

The contents of your application will be verified. After verification your Eagle Packet will be delivered to your District Advancement Chairman, who will set up a date with your Scoutmaster for your Board of Review. The Board of Review date should take place within 30 days from when you turned in your completed Eagle Packet to Council.

Eagle Scouts are recognized as a group of men who are outstanding in all that Scouting represents. I encourage you to become a member of this elite group.

Enclosed
Eagle Application package

Yours in Scouting and Good Luck,
Dennis L. Rekrut
Narragansett Council Advancement Chairman

The 12 Steps from Life to Eagle

Eagle Candidate please use the following 12 Steps to Eagle to assist you in completing all the requirements required to become an Eagle Scout.

- 1) As a Life Scout complete all requirements of tenure; Scout spirit; merit badges; position of responsibility, plan, develop, and provide leadership to others in a service project; and the Scoutmaster conference.
- 2) Using the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927, the candidate must select his Eagle service project and have the project concept approved by his unit leader, his unit committee, and the benefactor of the project, and reviewed and approved by the District Advancement Chairman. The project cannot start until Approval is given from the District Advancement Chairman. This workbook must be used in meeting this requirement.
- 3) It is imperative that all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank be completed prior to the candidate's **18th birthday**.
- 4) The Eagle Application must be completed and signed by the unit leader and unit committee chairman. If a unit leader or unit committee fails to sign or otherwise approve an application, the Eagle Candidate may still be granted a board of review. The failure of a unit leader or unit committee to sign an application may be considered by the board of review in determining the qualification of the Eagle candidate.
- 5) When the completed application is received at the Council Administrative Office in East Providence, RI, its contents will be verified. From the six references listed, we suggest you obtain **(3) letters of reference** from your **SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS LEADER, and ONE OTHER**. There is a form letter enclosed to give to each person who will write a reference letter explaining the requirements.
- 6) The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927, properly filled out, **must** be submitted with the application.
- 7) After the contents of the application have been verified and appropriately signed, the application, Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, Statement of Life's ambitions, and references will be hand delivered to the District Advancement Chairman so he can contact your Scoutmaster to set up an Eagle Board of Review date.
- 8) The Eagle Board of Review is composed of at least (3) but not more than (6) members. Unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, relatives, or guardians may not serve as members of the Scout's board of review. A council or district representative must be a member of the Eagle Board of Review.

- 9) The Candidate's unit leader introduces the scout to the members of the board of review. **The Candidate must be in full uniform.** The unit leader may remain in the room, but may not participate in the board of review. There is no set of questions that an Eagle candidate should be asked. However, the board should be assured of the candidate's participation in the program. This is the highest award that a scout may achieve and consequently, a thorough discussion of the scout's successes and experiences in Scouting should be considered. After the review, the unit leader and the Candidate leave the room while the board members discuss the acceptability of the candidate as an Eagle Scout. **The decision must be unanimous.** If the Candidate meets the requirements, he is congratulated. If not, he is told of his failure to qualify at this time. A discussion should be held with him as to how he may meet the requirements within a given period. Should the applicant disagree with the decision, the appeal process should be explained to him. A follow up letter should be sent to the scout by the Chair of the Eagle Board of Review confirming the agreement reached on the action necessary for his advancement to Eagle Scout.
- 10) Immediately after the board of review the Eagle Application to be signed by Board Chairman and the District or Council Representative and all board members sign the BSA Advancement Report, No 4403A.
- 11) When the Application arrives at the Council Administrative Office in East Providence, the Scout executive signs it to certify that the proper procedure has been followed and the board of review has recommended the candidate for the Eagle Scout Rank. Only the Eagle Scout Rank Application is forwarded to the National Eagle Scout Service Center.
- 12) National screens the Eagle Scout Rank Application to ascertain information such as proper signature, positions of responsibility, tenure between ranks, and age of the candidate. If the application is in order, the scout is then certified as an Eagle Scout and is given an Eagle National Number. The Eagle Certificate is mailed to Council Administrative Office and once received mails the Eagle Certificate to the Scoutmaster of record. The Eagle award must not be sold or given to any unit until after council receives the certificate. The Eagle court of honor should not be scheduled until the local council receives the Eagle Scout rank credentials.

