

FINAL STEPS TO EAGLE

A planning guide for Troops and Parents

INTRODUCTION:

Upon attaining the rank of Life Scout a boy may begin to consider if and when he plans to attain the rank of Eagle.

The encouragement and support of his Troop and family are increasingly important at this time. We hope that this guide will help to make this a great experience.

I would encourage everyone to check out all of the available helps that can be found on the Internet. No one set of ideas will fit everyone's needs.

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FINAL STEPS PLANNING GUIDE

NORMAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

Scout makes Life Rank

Scout completes Merit badge requirements

Scout chooses Eagle Project

Scout plans & completes Eagle Project

Scout makes and submits Life to Eagle application

Letters of recommendation are sent to Council

The local Boy Scout Council makes approval

Eagle Scout Board of Review is held

Upon passing the board of review, the Eagle application is sent to National Council

The Eagle packet is received from National Council

Eagle Court of Honor and reception is scheduled and planned

The new Eagle Scout is honored

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Life to Eagle packet *MUST* be submitted to council before the Scout's eighteenth birthday.

Letters of recommendation must be received at Council before the Eagle application can be processed.

The Scout will need blue cards for all merit badges

SUGGESTED EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW ETIQUETTE

The following items are only suggestions and local custom should be followed. The Council Representative, who will be running the Eagle Board of Review, should be contacted if there is any question as to procedure.

The choice of a location should be convenient and provide for an uninterrupted Board of Review.

The Scout should meet with his Scoutmaster or other Troop Representative at least 15 minutes prior to the Board of Review for a final pep talk and uniform inspection.

The Scout should be in full uniform including merit badge sash and OA sash. If OA sash is worn the merit badge sash should be folded and worn over the belt.

Scout should provide a short biography of his Scouting experience and his Church, School and community involvement.

The Scout should be introduced to the board of review by his Scoutmaster or other Troop Representative. The Scout's biography should be read to the members of the Board of Review. Scout should then shake hands with the board members.

The Scout needs to be prepared to answer a variety of questions including all of the requirements he has passed on his way to Eagle.

Ice water and a snack may be provided if the Board of Review is held at a time when the members of the board may be coming directly from work.

Remember to remind the Scout to:

Bring along his Scout Book and brag book/scrapbook.

Stand Tall.

Sit straight with both feet flat on the floor.

Speak loud enough to be heard by all.

Look directly at those to whom you are speaking.

Do not fidget.

The Eagle Ceremony worksheet

Item

Person in charge

Schedule ceremony & reception

Secure facility for ceremony & reception

Notify Chartered Organization rep.

Prepare invitations

Send out invitations

Prepare congratulatory letter requests

Mail congratulatory letter requests

Prepare ceremony text

Prepare ceremony Folders

Prepare program handouts

Gift from Troop

Notify media (media release w/photo)

The Eagle Reception worksheet

Item

Person in charge

Establish menu (family)

Contact food prep. personnel

Prepare meal

Setup & decorate reception hall

Cleanup

The Eagle Ceremony Honoree obligations

- Choose and prepare a ceremony with the assigned adult.
- Contact clergy for invocation & benediction.
- Contact participants & provide a copy of their segment.
- Prepare thank you speech for Eagle Ceremony
- Have your uniform clean and up to date.
- Provide scout photo for ceremony program.
- Send out Thank You notes.

The Eagle Ceremony Family obligations

- Choose the menu if a meal is to be served.
- Provide cake for the reception.
- Establish a guest list and provide it to the person sending invitations.
- Help in the solicitation of congratulatory letters.

EAGLE FLAG CEREMONY

OPENING:

COLORGUARD ATTENTION

AUDIENCE PLEASE RISE AND REMOVE ANY UNAUTHORIZED HEAD GEAR

COLORGUARD ADVANCE THE COLORS

COLORGUARD POST THE COLORS

SCOUT SALUTE

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Start..."I Pledge Allegiance...")

READY TWO, SCOUTS REMAIN STANDING, AUDIENCE PLEASE BE SEATED

SCOUTS PLEASE JOIN IN THE SCOUT OATH (Repeat Oath)

READY, TWO

COLORGUARD DISMISSED, SCOUTS PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING:

COLORGUARD ATTENTION

COLORGUARD RETRIEVE THE COLORS

COLORGUARD RETIRE THE COLORS

Eagle Scout Challenge

The foremost responsibility of an Eagle Scout is to live with **honor**. To an Eagle Scout, honor is the foundation of all character. He knows that "A Scout is trustworthy" is the very first point of the Scout Law for a good reason. An Eagle Scout lives honorably, not only because honor is important to him but because of the vital significance of the example he sets for other Scouts. Living honorably reflects credit on his home, his church, his troop, and his community. May the **white** of the Eagle badge remind you to always live with honor.

The second obligation of an Eagle Scout is **loyalty**. A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. His loyalty to his troop and brother Scouts makes him pitch in and carry his share of the load. All of these help to build the loyalty that means devotion to community, to country, to one's own ideals, and to God. Let the **blue** of the Eagle badge always inspire your loyalty.

The third obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be **courageous**. Courage has always been a quality by which men measure themselves and others. To a Scout, bravery means not only the courage to face physical danger, but also the determination to stand up for the right. Trusting in God, with faith in his fellowman, he looks forward to each day, seeking his share of the world's work to do. Let the **red** of the Eagle badge remind you always of courage.

The fourth obligation of an Eagle Scout is to be **cheerful**. To remind the Eagle Scout to always wear a smile, the **red, white, and blue** ribbon is attached to the scroll of the Second Class Scout award, which has its ends turned up in a **smile**.

The final responsibility of an Eagle Scout is **service**. The Eagle Scout extends a helping hand to those who still toil up Scouting's trail, just as others helped him in his climb to the Eagle. The performance of the daily Good Turn takes on a new meaning when he enters a more adult life of continuing service to others. The Eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless. He aids and comforts the unfortunate and the oppressed. He upholds the rights of others while defending his own. He will always "Be Prepared" to put forth his best.

You deserve much credit for having achieved Scouting's highest award. But wear your award with humility, ever mindful that the Eagle Scout is looked up to as an example. May the Scout Oath and the Scout Law be your guide for tomorrow and onward.