



LIFE TO EAGLE

Troop 252

Foothills District

Atlanta Area Council





EAGLE SCOUT STATISTICS

- ✘ Eagle Scout is the most significant honor a boy can earn, in or out of Scouting. It marks him for life! An Eagle is a leader who will always be ahead of the group
- ✘ **Eagle Scouts are valued in our society**, because they have proven that they can achieve a long-term goal despite many obstacles. This will help on college admission and on job applications
- ✘ Roughly one boy in every 172 scouts earns Eagle (**3%**)
- ✘ **Only 56%** of Life Scouts complete their Eagle rank
- ✘ **1.4 million** boys have reached Eagle in 100 years
- ✘ Every footprint on the moon was made by an Eagle Scout



EAGLE SCOUT STATISTICS

- ✘ Over 15% of all US astronauts are Eagle Scouts
- ✘ 10% of the cadets at both West Point and the Air Force Academy are Eagle Scouts
- ✘ Eagle Scouts who enlist in the US Air Force start out one rank higher than others who enlist (and with about \$100 more pay each month)
- ✘ Eagles and former Boy Scouts are disproportionately represented in the military, service academy graduates, the major professions, business and politics
- ✘ Many scouts who did not earn their Eagle consider not finishing one of the biggest mistakes of their life



TRAIL FROM LIFE TO EAGLE

- ✘ The trail to Eagle Scout requires tremendous commitment to stay on a long and sometime rough path
- ✘ You can advance at whatever rate you want, but remember that **all** Eagle requirements, except the Board of Review, must be finished **before your 18th birthday**
- ✘ If you want to wear your Eagle Badge, you need to complete this before you are 18



PAPER TRAIL

- ✘ You can make your last few steps to Eagle go smoother if you do a little homework along the way. This is the **Paper Trail**. Collect, write, and keep the following records up to date
 - + Date you earned each merit badge (12 Eagle badges and 9 other badges). Troop 252 uses software that can print out an Eagle Application Assistance report showing all of this.
 - + Dates you held all leadership positions since earning Life
 - + Eagle Service Project Workbook
 - + Eagle Project Report
 - + Eagle Scout Application
 - + Letter of Recommendation form to give each letter writer



REQUIREMENTS

1. Be active as a Life Scout for at least 6 months
2. Show Scout Spirit
3. Earn 21 merit badges, 11 from the Required List
4. While a Life Scout, serve actively for 6 months in a position of responsibility
5. 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
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster Conference
7. Complete an Eagle Board of Review



EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

- ✘ You are the boss!
- ✘ Provide significant value to any religious institution, any school, or your community
- ✘ Cannot be done for a for-profit business
- ✘ Cannot consist of routine labor normally done
- ✘ Should take about 50-100 hours to plan and at least that much to execute
- ✘ Gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your leadership skills



EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT

- ✘ Read project materials on Troop Website
- ✘ Schedule a meeting with Troop Eagle Advisor
- ✘ Write-up the Project
- ✘ Get the Project Approved by the District Advancement Committee
- ✘ Lead the Work on the Project
- ✘ Write-up the Results



SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE

- ✘ Final step before submitting paperwork to District Advancement Committee



EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION

- ✘ Get the “Eagle Application Assistance” report from Troopmaster software
- ✘ Fill out sample Eagle Rank Application
- ✘ Review Application with Eagle Advisor
- ✘ Once all information is accurate, fill out actual Eagle Rank Application
- ✘ Sign in **BLUE** ink



REFERENCES

- ✘ You will need a letter of reference from 5-6 people
 - + Parents
 - + Religious
 - + Educational
 - + Employer (if applicable)
 - + Other who knows you well
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- ✘ Letters cannot be from adults associated with the Eagle candidate's unit
- ✘ Non-scouting recommendations are encouraged



SUBMIT PACKAGE

- ✘ Once you have all your paperwork assembled, it must be submitted to the Council Service Center for approval
- ✘ The Eagle Advisor will be notified when the paperwork has been approved. He or she will schedule your Eagle Board of Review with the District Advancement Committee



BOARD OF REVIEW

- ✘ Invite three or four troop committee members or adults familiar with your scouting experience
 - + Cannot be Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters
- ✘ Unlike earlier Boards of Review
 - + The Eagle Scout board of review is usually relaxed and laid back if the Eagle candidate is prepared
- ✘ Focus on what it means to be an Eagle Scout
 - + Can you handle the responsibility?
- ✘ Discuss leadership with your Eagle Project
 - + How did you demonstrate Leadership?
 - + What were lessons learned?



SUBMIT PAPERWORK TO NATIONAL

- ✘ After the Board of Review, the Eagle Advisor will submit your final signed paperwork the Council office who submits it to National
- ✘ National will return the package to the Council office who then notifies your Scoutmaster of their acceptance
- ✘ Scoutmaster and/or Eagle Advisor will pickup your final Eagle packet from the Council Service Center (approx 4 weeks later)
- ✘ You schedule your Eagle Court of Honor



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

- ✘ The Eagle Court of Honor is special, and it is separate from our regular Courts of Honor
- ✘ The Eagle and his family are responsible for all aspects of the ceremony
 - + Planning
 - + Date/Time/Place
 - + Costs
 - + Participants
 - + Invitations/Programs



THE GOAL!



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