

Many Waters' *Life to Eagle* Process

(A brief look at what a Life Scout needs, to become Eagle)

When a Life Scout wishes to become an Eagle Scout, he must work on 4 things:

- Be Active in his Unit: Know what the Troop considers to be an "active" Scout and work at it (the National Eagle Office will not accept paperwork with even 1 day less than 6 months as a Life Scout).
- Be a Leader in the Unit: Know and be responsible for what is expected to fulfill the "leadership" requirement.
- The Eagle Project
- Merit Badges: 21 are needed (12 that are required for Eagle). Merit Badge work may continue before, during, and after the Eagle Project.

The Troop Advancement Chair or Scoutmaster should present the "Life to Eagle" packet to the Scout at his "Life" Court of Honor. This packet is available on the Northern Star Council website, at: www.northernstarbsa.org click on Advancement, then Life to Eagle.

What to do FIRST

Read all of the "*Life to Eagle*" packet; it outlines everything... (parents should read this info as well!) Keep in mind that this process is best completed one step at a time [how does one eat an elephant...]

What to do SECOND

Download and read the complete *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook* from the *Advancement/Life to Eagle* page on the Northern Star Council (NSC) website. Parents are also asked to read the Workbook.

NOTE: Workbooks with dates older than 2011 should be recycled – the current Workbook is only available online.

When the Scout is ready to begin thinking about and planning for his Eagle Project:

- He should work with an **Eagle Coach** who is *not* his Scoutmaster or parent. The Eagle Coach will provide help when needed, and keep the final date in mind...
- He should also attend an **Eagle Expo**. These info sessions are held in spring and fall each year, somewhere in the NE metro area. Look on the Many Waters <www.manywaters.nsbbsa.org> or NSC Website for upcoming dates.

Completing the **Eagle Packet**

- Complete 21 **Merit Badges**. Every few months, ask for an update from the Troop's Advancement Chair.
- Get an **Eagle Project** approved and completed
- After the *Eagle Project* is completed and approved by the Scoutmaster, and with the Scoutmaster's help and guidance, complete the **Eagle Application**. Download a copy to use as a draft. Get a current report of Merit Badges, Rank Advancement dates, and other achievements from the Advancement Chair. When the draft is complete and approved by the Scoutmaster, print neatly in blue or black ink, or type to complete the final copy.
 - For Req. #2: Give the Scoutmaster 5-7 names for References (see the Eagle Application). *If the Scout is near 18, he should be doing this around the same time that he is working on the final report for his Eagle Project.* If a Scout does not know a member of a religious organization well enough to ask for a recommendation, he may write his own "A Scout is Reverent" Paper.
 - For Req. #6: Write a "Life Achievements and Goals" Paper.
 - For *Special Needs* Scouts, see online and/or the "Advancement Guide" booklet, [BSA # 33088], available at Scout Shops.

The Scoutmaster Conference

The Scoutmaster will schedule this final rank advancement conference when the **Eagle Packet** is complete. This is the last thing that needs to be done before the Scout reaches the age of 18.

What Happens Next?

With the Scoutmaster Conference successfully completed, the Scoutmaster sends or delivers the complete Packet to the Council Registrar. After the Registrar checks everything, the Packet is sent to the District Advancement Chair.

Finally...

District Advancement calls a Troop Leader to set up the Eagle Board of Review. Scouts should wear their Field Uniform (Class A), bring their completed Handbook and any other items they wish to share from "Scout to Eagle" experiences! Know the Oath, the Law, the Motto, the Slogan, and hopefully, the Outdoor Code.

Conratulations! Its now time for...

The Eagle Court of Honor!