

Dear Life Scout:

Congratulations on achieving great success along Scouting's advancement trail. You, your parents, and Scout leaders can be proud of your accomplishments. One, last achievement awaits you – Eagle.

This Life to Eagle packet is designed to help you achieve your goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. Read it and this letter carefully. If you are a Scout with special needs or disabilities please don't hesitate to ask for the Alternate Eagle Packet. The packet has complete instructions, but don't hesitate to ask questions. These documents will help you map out your plans. If you foresee any problems contact your District Advancement Committee as soon as possible, a list of their names and phone numbers is attached. Everyone is eager to help you achieve your goal.

There are four parts of the Eagle Scout application process:

- 1. Complete all the eligibility requirements:**
 - a. Be a Life Scout for at least six months.
 - b. Be under 18 years old.

- 2. Complete the advancement requirements:**
 - a. While a Life Scout, serve in a leadership position in your unit for at least six months.
 - b. Earn at least 21 merit badges
 - c. Of the 21 there must be at least 12 from the "required" list. Any four must have been earned prior to Star rank, three additional prior to Life rank, and at least five more.

- 3. Complete an Eagle Scout Service Project:**
 - a. Before actual work begins, financing your project, etc., the project must be approved by your Scout Leader, unit committee, the benefactor of the project and the District Advancement Committee.
 - b. The project must be completed before your 18th birthday.
 - c. Carefully read the Life to Eagle packet to understand all the details of planning the project. A certain number of hours worked during the project is not required, but the project must be of sufficient scope to clearly demonstrate your effective leadership of others. Your plan must clearly satisfy the complete needs of the project. Also work of routine labor, or a job or service normally rendered will not be considered.
 - d. Project approval is generally made at the monthly Roundtable meeting in your district. Please see the attached information.
 - e. If there is a legitimate reason you are unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting or need to meet sooner, it is your responsibility to contact your District Advancement Committee.

- f. To save time for you and our volunteers, project proposals (two copies) should be submitted to your District Advancement Committee two weeks before the meeting.* The original will be returned after approval.
- g. Your Eagle Scout Project Workbook must be used in meeting this requirement. All information must be typed or written in ink. See page one of the workbook.
- h. Your District Advancement Committee will review your project with you in attendance. Approval is based upon your project serving as a stage for you to demonstrate the skills of leadership, planning and organization you have learned in Scouting. If your project does not allow for the demonstration of those skills by you, then your project is not an Eagle Scout Project. Visual aids such as pictures, blue prints, designs and drawings are not required but can be very helpful. However, you do have to present enough information so the committee fully understands your project and is confident you have sufficient plans to complete it successfully. Modifications to your plans may be required, making another meeting with the Advancement Committee necessary.

4. Pass the Board of Review

- a. Carefully and completely fill out the Eagle application.
- b. All information must be legible printed in ink or typed.
- c. Answer every question, provide complete addresses and don't forget to sign.
- d. Submit your completed application two weeks prior to the board of review to your District Advancement Committee.*
- e. Present yourself, in uniform, at the board of review.
- f. Bring all documentation of your project.
- g. References will be checked by the Scout Service Center, it is unnecessary to have reference letters.
- h. Be sure to keep a copy of all your work.**

Looks tough doesn't it? Becoming an Eagle is supposed to be tough, but you're up to the challenge. As your plan to achieve Eagle begins to take shape don't hesitate to call on the many people in Scouting who want to help you succeed: your Scout Leaders, the District Advancement Committee, and the council staff. Call on us if you have a question or need a hand. However, it's still all up to you. The hallmark of an Eagle Scout is leadership and it is your leadership which counts. Good luck!

* Native Trails District Only – Projects and applications may be dropped off at the Scout Service Center – two (2) weeks prior.

CONTACT AND MEETING INFORMATION FOR EAGLE CANDIDATE

If you have any questions or need special help, don't hesitate to call your District Advancement Chairman. Project approval meetings and Boards of Review are as follows:

Lincoln Heritage District

Advancement Chair **Mark Fleck @ 812.634.1079 home**
Email: mskafleck@msn.com
St. James Lutheran Church, Holland, IN
First Thursday of the month at **6:30 p.m.** (Evansville time)

Algonkian District

Advancement Chair **David Ford @ 812.882.5835 work**
Or 812.324.2421 home
Email: dpford@fordsawmills.com
Central Church of Christ, Vincennes, IN
First Thursday of the month at **6:00 p.m.** (Evansville time)

Native Trails District

Advancement Chair **Paul Wagner @ 812.455-3660 cell**
or 812.853.2968 home
Email: paulwagner@wowway.com
Eykamp Scout Center, Evansville, IN
Second Thursday of the month at **6:30 p.m.**

Remember

Don't forget two (2) copies of your project proposal or Eagle application are to be submitted to your District Committee two (2) weeks prior to the meeting or review you wish to attend.