



SCOUTS BSA
TROOP 373

THE FINAL PUSH TO EAGLE

STARTING THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING
THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK



SEVEN STEPS TO COMPLETION

1. Be active in your troop for at least six months as a Life Scout
2. Demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. List names of individuals who would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges
4. Serve actively in your troop for six months in a leadership position
5. Plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project
6. Scoutmaster conference. Prepare a statement of your ambitions and life purpose.
7. Successfully complete your board of review



YOUR TEAM



PARENTS/GUARDIAN

Your parents/guardian can help drive you to meetings, set aside family time to help complete merit badges or Eagle paperwork, and support you when things aren't going according to plan



SCOUTMASTER

Nobody is more excited for you to reach the Eagle Scout rank than your scoutmaster! Communicate with your scoutmaster often as you reach milestones or encounter issues along your journey.



EAGLE MENTOR

The troop has a great set of eagle mentors who are either Eagle Scouts themselves or have children who have been through the process. They will monitor your progress, meet with you often, give you advice, and ensure you have the help you need to succeed.



TROOP ADVANCEMENT CHAIR

Your troop advancement chair is responsible for making sure all your merit badges, leadership positions, and accomplishments are completed and recorded. They also coordinate with you and District Representatives your Board of Review and Eagle Package submittal.

YOUR TEAM - CONTINUED



YOUR TROOP

Leverage other scouts in your troop to help earn your last few merit badges, work your project, prod you along with completing your paperwork, going on campouts, or just being a sounding board for any issues you may have along your journey.



DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Riverside District has several volunteers who serve on a committee to review and approve Eagle Scout projects and represent the district at Eagle Scout Boards of Review. It's important to make connections with District Representatives.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

BE ACTIVE IN YOUR TROOP



Attend meetings and assist troop leadership with implementing the scouting program

Attend camping activities and aid with logistics and any issues that may come up

Provide input to the PLC and proactively look for ways to improve the troop

Show scout spirit by living the scout oath and law at troop functions and in everyday life

List individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a written recommendation on your behalf

References can include parents/guardians, religious, educational, employer (if employed), and two other references

Reference letters are mailed directly to the troop advancement chair and will be brought to your Eagle board of review

You will not see these recommendation letters



SCOUT SPIRIT AND PERSONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

PROCESS OVERVIEW

EARN 21 MERIT BADGES



14 merit badges required: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in Society, Citizenship in the World, Communication, Cooking, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness *OR* Lifesaving, Environmental Science *OR* Sustainability, Personal Management, Swimming *OR* Hiking *OR* Cycling, Camping, and Family Life

The remaining seven badges can be any other merit badge

The troop has merit badge counselors for 95% of the Eagle required merit badges

Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, or outdoor ethics guide

Assistant patrol leader and bugler do not count

It is important for you to take initiative with your position and proactively improve the troop



SIX MONTHS IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION

PROCESS OVERVIEW

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE AND LIFE PURPOSE STATEMENT



The goal is to make sure all requirements have been successfully completed

This is your chance to discuss your successes and failures during your time in scouting and offer suggestions for improving the journey for future scouts

Your scoutmaster can answer any questions regarding last minute details you may need to complete before your Eagle Board of Review

You will review your life purpose statement where your Scoutmaster will make sure you have included all your accomplishments

Board members will consist of at least three adults, one of which will be from the District

You can choose the time, place, and board members

You will supply the board with your Eagle Scout project workbook, your handbook, and your life purpose statement

Full Class A uniform is required

After you are introduced by your Scoutmaster, you will lead the board in the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, Scout Law, and a prayer (if you choose)

The date of your Eagle Scout Board of Review is considered the date of your Eagle Scout rank unless the board finds gaps in your completed requirements



BOARD OF REVIEW

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



PLANNING

Read the Eagle Project Workbook

Talk with your Scoutmaster and Eagle Mentor

Choose your project

Complete the Proposal section of the Eagle Project Workbook

Present to the Troop Committee

Complete the Project Plan section of the Eagle Project Workbook

Project Funding



IMPLEMENTATION

Complete your project

Complete final paperwork and get final approval signature

FINAL PAPERWORK



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

At the completion of your Eagle Scout Project, you will need to complete the third and final section of the workbook

Your project beneficiary will need to sign the final page indicating that you completed your project

You will need to provide at least one copy of your complete project workbook to the Eagle Scout Board but will not need to submit the full workbook with your Eagle Scout Application

Only the two signature pages will be sent to Council with your Eagle Scout Application

EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION

TO THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICANT. This application is to be submitted after you have completed all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank. Print in ink or type all information. List the month, day, and year for all dates. When using computer date blocks, list the date: July 8, 2013, as 07 (for July) 08 (for day) 13 (for year). When you have completed this application, sign it and submit it to your unit leader.

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COUNCIL NO. TYPE OF UNIT
REGION: C, N, S, W
POSTHUMOUS:

FULL LEGAL NAME (Use abbreviations if necessary; must fit within 30 characters, including spaces and punctuation.)

Street address or P.O. box
City, state, zip
Telephone (including area code) Email
Troop, team, crew, ship, or Line Scout Unit No.
Unit city, state, zip

Date became a Boy Scout
Date became a Varsity Scout
Date became a Venturer/Sea Scout
Date of First Class Scout board of review
Date of Star Scout board of review
Were you a Cub Scout?
Were you a Webelos Scout?
Did you earn the Arrow of Light Award?
Had you completed fifth grade upon joining?

AGE REQUIREMENT ELIGIBILITY. Merit badges, badges of rank, and Eagle Palms may be earned by a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout. He may earn these awards until his 18th birthday. Any Venturer or Sea Scout who achieved the First Class rank as a Boy Scout in a troop or Varsity Scout in a team may continue working for the Star, Life, and Eagle Scout ranks and Eagle Palms while registered as a Venturer or Sea Scout up to his 18th birthday. Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts who have completed all requirements prior to their 18th birthday may be reviewed within three months after that date with no explanation. Refer to the Guide to Advancement, No. 33088, section 6.0.3.1, for boards of review to be held between three and six months, or more than six months after the 18th birthday.

A Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout with a disability may work toward rank advancement after he is 18 years of age if he meets the criteria for registration beyond the age of eligibility. See the Guide to Advancement, section 10.0.0.6, for details.

REQUIREMENT 1. Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.

REQUIREMENT 2. Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life. List the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

Name	Address	Telephone	Email
Parents/guardians			
Religious			
Educational			
Employer (if any)			
Two other references			

REQUIREMENT 3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned.

MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.
1 CAMPING			*8 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OR SUSTAINABILITY		15			
2 CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY			9 FIRST AID		16			
3 CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION			*10 CYCLING OR HIKING OR SWIMMING		17			
4 CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD			11 PERSONAL MANAGEMENT		18			
5 COMMUNICATION			12 PERSONAL FITNESS		19			
6 COOKING			13 FAMILY LIFE		20			
*7 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR LIFESAVING			14		21			

*Cross-out badges not earned. If a cross-out badge was earned, it may be reentered in 14 through 21.
Four of these required merit badges were earned for the Star Scout rank and three more were earned for the Life Scout rank.



EAGLE SCOUT APPLICATION

There is a two-page Eagle Scout Application that must be completed

The application must be completed in a certain way for easier approval from Council

You will send the completed Eagle Scout Application along with your life purpose statement, project signature pages, service hours reporting info page to Council

Be sure to have your Scoutmaster, troop advancement chair, and/or eagle mentor review your package before sending to Council

Once approved by Council, you can setup your Eagle Scout Board of Review

LAST STEP

PARTY!

You and your parents/guardian plan a celebration to reward your hard work and achievements



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Eagle's Nest

Troop 373/4373 Eagle Scout List

... is the highest rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts ha...
This page contains helpful recommendations on how to select and complete your Eagle Scout project, how to complete the official Eagle Scout applicatu...
advice for organizing your Eagle Scout Court of Honor. As always, if you have questions, your Scoutmaster is a great place to start.

Helpful Suggestions to Completing Eagle Requirements

Suggestion #1: Read the Requirements - It may seem like a simple suggestion, but most Life Scouts do not take the time to read and understand the actual requirements for the Eagle Rank. Take a few minutes to read each requirement and formulate questions for your scoutmaster.

Suggestion #2: Ask for Help - Sometimes it may be difficult for scouts to interact with adults. Scouts may get their parents involved with completing requirements, so they don't have to talk with their scoutmaster, other leaders, or community members. Failing to include other adults in your trail to Eagle will make your life much harder. Start by meeting with your scoutmaster. They may assign you an Eagle Mentor, a registered leader in the troop, to help motivate you to complete your Eagle Scout requirements. Eagle Mentors are parents of Eagle Scouts or are Eagle Scouts themselves.

Suggestion #3: Leadership Position - It is helpful (although not required) that you hold a strong leadership position within the troop as a Life Scout (i.e., Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, etc.) Your Eagle board will be looking for strong leadership qualities and these positions can help demonstrate leadership.

Suggestion #4: Eagle Scout Project - The project is often the most difficult requirement for a scout to complete. We encourage you to start thinking about a potential project as soon as you earn Life Rank. There are lots of projects available, many great leaders who can help guide you through your project, and helpful hints on completing your project below.

Suggestion #5: Merit Badges - If you have been participating in summer camps, winter camps, and troop meetings, chances are you have most of the merit badges you need for Eagle Scout rank already. If you don't, sit down with your scoutmaster and formulate a plan to complete all the required merit badges you need. They can provide you with a list of merit badge counselors or point you in the direction of local merit badge universities or online merit badges you can register for.

Suggestion #6: Requirements Review and Scoutmaster Conference - It is critical that you meet with your scoutmaster often as a Life Scout. Your scoutmaster is responsible for making sure your handbook and Scoutbook are signed and up-to-date and that you are ready to proceed with completing the official Eagle Scout Rank application. Your scoutmaster conference should be held after all requirements (except for your board of review) are completed.

Suggestion #7: Council Records Request - Council maintains a record of your advancement. This record contains all official dates of when you earned merit badges. Your official Eagle Scout Rank Application must show the official dates for all rank and merit badges. Following your scoutmaster conference, you should request this record from the Council Eagle Registrar. Be sure to request this record in time to coordinate any corrections you may spot (i.e. missing merit badges).

Suggestion #8: Personal Recommendation - After your scoutmaster conference is the perfect time for you to identify and contact parents or other community members who know you well to provide a personal reference on your behalf. The goal is for these people to know you as a person and understand how you implement the scout ideals in their community. You should not (and will not) see the need to contact your eagle mentor. You should not (and will not) see the need to contact your scoutmaster when you complete the Eagle Scout Rank Application.



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