

Getting Started on Your Eagle Project

Congratulations on getting to this point! Before you can be assigned an Eagle Coach, you must first choose an Eagle Project. This document is intended to give you information on selecting a project. The remaining Eagle Project steps are covered by the Eagle Project checklist which will be given to you once you are assigned an Eagle coach.

Keep in mind that the primary the goal of the Eagle Project is to demonstrate leadership while conducting a service project that is helpful to the recipient.

Here are some of the key things to consider when choosing a project:

- The beneficiary of the project can be any religious institution, any school, or your community. However, Boy Scouts of America or an individual may *not* be the beneficiary of your project.
- Your project must present an opportunity for planning, development, and leadership. The detailed planning for the project must be developed by you and not given to you by the beneficiary or another person.
- A project that consists solely of routine labor is not acceptable.
- While there is no minimum number of hours needed for a project, the scope of the project should be that it can reasonably be executed by a group of at least 4-6 people over a day or two of time.
- An internet search can reveal hundreds of project ideas and local beneficiaries. Another way to identify beneficiaries or projects, is to think about organizations you, your parents, or friends are involved with and ask those organizations if they have any possible projects.
- If you are still having trouble selecting a project, speak with your Company Scoutmaster (CSM).

Some projects that have been done by Troop 82 scouts include:

- Community gardens for low-income housing apartment complex
- GaGa Pit for a school in East Dallas
- Garden and compost bin for church in South Dallas
- Warehouse racking system for charity benefitting homeless children
- Four picnic tables for school in South Dallas
- Three compost bins and two benches for community center
- Outdoor storage shed for local church
- Sports equipment storage area for local school

- Portable stage for local school

Once you have selected a project, please write a brief summary (no more than one page) of the project that includes 1) information on the beneficiary, 2) a short description of the project, and 3) how your project will benefit the beneficiary. Send the summary to the Troop 82 Eagle Chair (eagle@hptroop82.org) with a copy to your CSM. The Eagle Chair will respond in a reasonable amount of time and provide you with the name of your Eagle Coach and his contact information.