

# Life to Eagle Process Overview

## Important Scout and Parent Information

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Scouts and Parents-

Congratulations on achieving Life Scout! The next step to Eagle Scout is one that is great both in significance and effort. Many scouts decide the step is too big or takes too much work. We encourage you on toward great achievement in the attainment of the Rank of Eagle Scout. The road will not be easy, but the lessons learned will be well worth the time and effort.

Many scouts in T82 delay working on their Eagle Project until the last minute before the Board of Review. Likewise, parents place a deadline of a particular Board of Review causing panic for both scout and parent, resulting in tremendous hardship on Scout leaders, Eagle candidates and candidate parents who are *demanding* immediate response with evaluations and signatures. This situation is not what is intended for Eagle Scouts.

We encourage you to use the checklists we provide and plan to complete the Eagle Project over two semesters. Each scout needs to realize that adult leaders may not be immediately available and to also follow-up appropriately if they do not receive a timely response. T82 Eagle Candidates must be both resilient and persistent while self-advocating when working with scout leaders. It is the responsibility of the scout to pursue and obtain all required signatures in a professional and timely manner.

The Eagle Scout Project Checklist has specific steps and requirements, which MUST be adhered to. In an effort to simplify the process, Troop 82 leaders (who have been through the process) have developed two checklists for Eagle Candidates, one for the entire Life to Eagle process and one specific to the Eagle Scout Project. These checklists are provided to scouts on the T82 website and within the T82 Eagle Dropbox folder. Follow these checklists, and the process will be much easier.

Unfortunately, many scouts begin the Eagle Project process much too late to allow for adequate execution, measurement and mentoring. Therefore, a timeline has been developed so key dates may be met. *Please note that if one of the deadlines is not met, the scout should expect to be presented his Eagle Rank at next semester's Court of Honor.*

**Plan and execute FAR in advance of the Court of Honor date, AND do not plan being a presented Eagle at a particular Court of Honor until the Board of Review (BOR) has been completed and six weeks have passed to allow for processing of your application through both the Circle Ten and BSA National offices. This means you generally must complete your BOR by the midpoint of the semester before you hope to Eagle.**

Important points to remember-

- Scouts *earn* their Eagle Rank upon approval of both Circle Ten the National Council after the BOR, NOT at the Court of Honor. This process takes four to six weeks. The Court of Honor is merely the presentation of the Eagle regalia to those who have become Eagle Scouts in a recognition ceremony.
- Eagle BORs may be held **ANY** time during the year when a scout has completed his requirements after the scout has completed his Scoutmaster Conference and obtained the signature of the Troop Committee Chair.
- *Each semester the Eagle Calendar is posted to the Troop 82 website. You must comply with the dates in order to sit for your Eagle BOR.*
- Eagle BORs require time to set up based on the schedule of the scout, Board members and Council Representative availability. Boards late in the process are problematic.
- Packing Eagle Project work and advancement requirements into the weeks or months at the end of the semester impacts not only the quality of the project results, but also the school and extracurricular life of the scout.

## **Life to Eagle Process – Introductory Comments**

The following checklists were developed to by T82 to help the scout most effectively manage the process:

- (1) Troop 82 Life to Eagle Process Checklist – found on the T82 website
- (2) Troop 82 Eagle Scout Project Checklist – posted in the T82 Eagle Dropbox folder

These checklists are intended to help guide you to the achievement of the Eagle Scout Rank. Based on our experience, you will have a much better chance of achieving the Eagle Rank if you follow the process and refer to them vigilantly. The projects that struggle are those where the scout does not use this process precisely. Use it!

Once an Eagle candidate completes his Eagle BOR and is approved by both Circle Ten and BSA National Organization, he is an Eagle Scout retroactive to the date of the BOR.

The Court of Honor is the night we celebrate and honor the accomplishment of all Scouts. Eagle Scouts will need to select another Eagle Scout to bestow the Eagle neckerchief, which may done by an Eagle who is a family member, a close family friend, Eagle mentor or friend of the Scout.

On the Court of Honor night, the Troop hosts a banquet for our new Eagle Scouts and their families in Elliott Hall (Fellowship Hall of the Church). Be sure to give extended family a heads up on the date. Families are asked to put together a memory board to display during the dinner. We have a professional photographer on site to take family pictures the day before the event and a photographer shoot the banquet and ceremony. Eagle families have the first several rows in the church reserved. The Eagle Candidate, parents, and other family member Eagles will go up to the stage for the actual ceremony.