



# Life to Eagle





# Life to Eagle - Requirements

- 1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least six months as a Life Scout.*
- 2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life.*
- 3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than you already have for the rank of Life Scout).*
- 4. While a Life Scout serve actively for a period of six months in a position of responsibility in your unit.*





# Life to Eagle - Requirements

5. *While a Life Scout, plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school or your community.*
6. *Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.*
7. *Successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review.*





# Life to Eagle – Merit Badges

*Of the 21 Merit Badges  
needed for the rank of  
Eagle Scout, which are  
required?*





# Life to Eagle – Merit Badges

- *First Aid*
- *Citizenship in the Community*
- *Citizenship in the Nation*
- *Citizenship in the World*
- *Communications*
- *Personal Fitness*
- *Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving*





# Life to Eagle – Merit Badges

- *Environmental Science*
- *Personal Management*
- *Camping*
- *Family Life*
- *Swimming or Hiking or Cycling*
- *Cooking*



# Life to Eagle – Service Project

*From the Boy Scout Handbook:*

*“While a Life Scout, plan, develop and provide leadership to others in an “Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project”.*

*Primary purpose of the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project....*

**LEADERSHIP!!!**





# Life to Eagle – When to Start

*The new Life Scout should **start as soon as possible.***

*Download the “**Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook**” No. 512-927.  
It will help you plan and record your progress.*





# Life to Eagle – Where to Find Projects

## ***Project must be helpful to:***

*Community Non-Profit Agencies*

*Religious Institutions*

*Schools*



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# Life to Eagle – Where to Find Projects

## ***Local Project Sites Include:***

*Churches, Day Care Centers, Nursing Homes, Schools, Humane Associations, City/State Parks, Bike Trails*

***Project must be significant and fill a need.  
It cannot be for the Boy Scouts of America.***





# Life to Eagle – Purpose of Project

*In the Eagle Service Project, the Eagle candidate must:*

***Plan***

***Develop***

***Give/Demonstrate Leadership***





# Life to Eagle – Scope of Project

*How is the Eagle Service Project different from routine patrol and troop service projects performed earlier in the Scout's career?*

*In Troop service projects, the Scout has been primarily a “helpful participant” on routine sorts of jobs of a simple nature, i.e. food drives, picking up trash, raking leaves, etc.*

*These projects have not required a great deal of leadership and planning.*





# Life to Eagle – Originality

*Project does not have to be original. You may pick a project that has been done before, but you must accept responsibility for planning, directing and following through to its successful completion.*



# Life to Eagle – Limitations

*Routine labor (a job or service normally rendered) should not be considered.*

*Work involving council property or other BSA activity is not permitted.*

*The project also may not be performed for a business or an individual, be of a commercial nature or be a fundraiser.*

*(Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials or supplies needed to carry out your project.)*



# Life to Eagle – Number of Hours

*How much effort (i.e. how many hours) are enough for an Eagle project?*

*There is no minimum requirement, but...*

*... Average is about 45 hours*

*The number of hours must be adequate to demonstrate planning, developing and leadership.*

*Projects anticipated to have 10-15 hours are probably not extensive enough to give the scout planning, developing and leadership opportunities.*





# Life to Eagle – Making Contacts

*You have an idea – now what?*

*Initial contact people:*

- (1) Troop Scoutmaster*
- (2) Troop Advancement Chair*
- (3) The Benefactor of the project*







# Life to Eagle – Making Contacts

## *Meeting with the Benefactor of the Project*

- *Dress appropriately (Scout uniform)*
- *Introduce yourself*
- *State your purpose/intention*
- *Take notes*
  - *Be certain of what is expected*
  - *Will you need permission from any local, state or other agency?*
    - *Building Permit?*
  - *Identify materials or tools you will need*





# Life to Eagle – Making Contacts

- *Identify the location of the project*
- *Project a timeline for completion*
- *Find out if the project will require funding*
- *Take “before” photos*





# Life to Eagle – Writing the Proposal

- *Use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook*
- *Be sure to have all required names, addresses and phone numbers*
- *State the purpose/intention of your project*
  - *Describe your project*
  - *Who will benefit*
  - *Why this project is important*



# Life to Eagle – The Project Details

*Answer the basic questions of Who, What, Why, Where, When and How. Include as much information as possible.*

- *Identify materials and tools you will need*
- *Identify any local, state or other permissions you need*
- *Any earth-moving?*
- *Describe how you will lead your crew and provide for safety*
- *Include construction plans (if appropriate)*
- *Include maps (if appropriate)*
- *Identify the location of the project*
- *Project a timeline for completion*
- *Describe how you will fund your project*
- *Include “before” photos*



# Life to Eagle – Proposal Approvals

## *Obtain approvals before the project is started*

- *Eagle service project proposal must be approved by:*
  - *The Benefactor of the project*
  - *Your unit leader (Scoutmaster)*
  - *Your committee chair*
- *District Advancement Chair (Peggy Gluck)*
  - *Put your proposal in a report cover or binder with clear plastic sleeves*



# Life to Eagle – Leadership

## Leadership .... What Does It Mean?

*Taking charge by:*

- *Securing/arranging for the project*
- *Doing the pre-planning for completion of all tasks involved*
- *Recruiting volunteers (scouts, adults, others)*
- *Assigning those volunteers to the tasks of the project*
- *Supervising the tasks so that they are completed in a quality way*
- *Staying in touch with the representative of the group to be served*
- *Keeping careful track of hours involved (you and volunteers)*
- *Taking before and after photos*
- *Preparing final report in a quality way*



# Life to Eagle – Carrying Out the Project

## Work Days

*Plan and carry out your work days*

- *Organize your crew and adult workers*
- *Have your materials and tools on site*
  - *Adults only on power tools*
- *Prepare for emergencies or injuries*
- *Keep your crew hydrated and fed*
- *Lead by example!*
- *Keep a journal*
  - *Dates crew members, hours worked, accomplishments, photos*



# Life to Eagle – Carrying Out the Project

## Project Completion

*Be sure that the community representative you worked with is satisfied with the outcome of the project.*

*Note any changes that were made from the original proposal (additions, deletions, changes).*





# Life to Eagle – Project Documentation

*Include the following ....*

- *The original approved proposal pages and signatures*
- *Final drawings and/or maps*
- *Documentation of work*
  - *Paragraph or journal entry format*
    - *Tell what happened, any unusual circumstances, any problems, leadership challenges, etc.*
- *Complete listing of materials including cost*
- *Complete listing of crew members*
  - *Names, days and hours worked*



# Life to Eagle – Project Documentation

- *Total time of project*
  - *Planning and project work time of Scout and crew*
- *Photos*
  - *Scan-in or mount*
- *Describe any changes from the original proposal*
  - *Write captions to describe scenes*
- *Obtain signatures for final project approval*
- *Place your final report in a report cover or binder with clear plastic sleeves*





# Life to Eagle – Final Submissions

## *Completion and Submission of:*

- *Eagle Scout Rank Application*
- *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Final Report*
- *Statement of Ambitions, Life Purpose and Positions held*
  - *Requirement 6 on the Eagle Scout Rank Application*
- *Minimum of three Letters of Recommendation*
  - *Letters must be sent directly by writer to District Advancement Chair (Peggy Gluck). Life Scout should include self-addressed envelope with her address on front. Also include example letter so letter author has an idea of what he/she should be writing.*

**All items must be completed and submitted to the District Advancement Chair before the Scout's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!**





# Life to Eagle – Board of Review

## *Scheduling the Eagle Scout Board of Review*

*The Eagle Scout Board of Review must be held no later than three months after the Scout's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday*

## *Preparing for the Eagle Scout Board of Review*

*The Eagle Scout candidate will appear for his Board of Review in complete uniform and should include merit badge sash.*



# Life to Eagle – Board of Review

## Conducting the Eagle Scout Board of Review

*The Eagle Scout Board of Review is not a test.*

*The Eagle Scout candidate's Scouting, academic, extracurricular, civic and religious experiences are reviewed.*

- *Scouting Program*
  - *Leadership, involvement, merit badges, etc.*
- *School Involvement*
  - *Leadership, academic, clubs, athletics, band, etc.*
- *Community and Church Involvement*
  - *Leadership, volunteering, group activities*
- *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project*





# Life to Eagle – Board of Review

## *Conducting the Eagle Scout Board of Review*

*The Eagle Scout Board of Review takes about one hour*

*The Board members must agree unanimously to recommend the candidate for the rank of Eagle Scout*

