

Thunder-Bird District February 2009 Boy Scout Roundtable

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Eagle Scout Advancement:

Overview

- Select Project (at least 6 months before 18th birthday), submit for approval
- Meet all requirements
- Complete Application, submit to AWAC Office

NOTE – SM and Leaders should work with Scout to make sure his project meets the criteria BEFORE it is submitted. When the Project is completed – the SM MUST approve it (or not) as an Eagle Project

Eagle Project

- Start early
 - Use 2008 AWAC Guidelines
 - See T-Bird 2009 letter / guidelines
 - What kind of project will work?
 - Eagle Caliber Service
 - Eagle Caliber Leadership
- (What won't work? – blood drives, standard collections,...)
- Project Description – first hurdle
 - Clear & Concise, must convince reader
 - Project Detail – detail,...detail,...detail
 - What are you going to do & how.... IN DETAIL
 - List activities / phases / stages / volunteers
 - List material (+quantity), cost and how it will be paid for
 - List tools (quantity & source)
 - Paragraph on Safety and Leadership
 - Get ALL 4 signatures before beginning (Mandatory)

Date: February 2009

To: T-Bird Scoutmasters / Leaders / Eagle Candidates

From: T. R. Kearney

T-Bird District Advancement Chairman

RE: Eagle Projects

Fellow Scouts and Scouters,

You can help the Scouts in your troop be **successful** in their requests for **Eagle Project approval** by observing the following:

- 1) **The Eagle Service Project booklet** outlines what is necessary for a project;
Read it, Follow it! SCOUT's NAME and SM's NAME with complete Address and Phone is required. (complete the first page!)
- 2) **PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Clear Communication of the Project Plans is Essential-** (poor write up here WILL result in rework)
 - **Make this section Clear and Concise (It must sell the project as Eagle Quality)**
 - **State what you are going to do !**
 - **Some Details may help clarify-** like a map or sketch...What will be done?????
What is Magnitude ?
- 3) **PROJECT DETAIL: Spell out what you will do and how - in DETAIL,** including...
 - **List of tools, materials and their costs and who will fund project...**
 - **how project will be planned and carried out...SOME DETAIL HERE**
 - **sketches, drawings, pictures.....**
 - **how many people, how often,..what is the plan??? ...how will you recruit? How will you advertise?**
- **SAFETY : Paragraph** containing a statement of hazards, how they will be avoided and the back-up. NO POWER Cutting TOOLS, two adults, ALWAYS.....
- **LEADERSHIP : Paragraph** explaining How your Scout will demonstrate leadership during planning and carrying out this project?
- 4) **NO Project may begin without ALL of the Approvals**

The following aids are available by contacting the undersigned: MS Word Eagle Project outline, Material List, LEADERSHIP example.

Remember, an Eagle Project is the opportunity for a Scout to practice the leadership and communication skills he has gained on the trail to becoming an Eagle Scout. Make sure the Scout presents himself as **EAGLE QUALITY**.

Please preview these Eagle applicants so that their projects can be approved the first time. Don't let a project be sent in for review unless it has been checked against these criteria.. (almost half the recent projects have been prepared electronically, and some sent to me via e-mail, reducing the comments and approvals time).

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Eagle Scout

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Project Hints:

- If you type on a computer, **use same Titles or Headings as in booklet**, so it is easy to see where they belong:
 - **PROJECT DESCRIPTION...**
 - **PROJECT DETAIL...**
 - SAFETY
 - LEADERSHIP
- Microsoft WORD is preferred software

- **Project Detail means “put the DETAILS here”**
 - What will you do and how?
 - Who will do it?
 - How many people must you recruit to perform your project?
 - How will you organize your work / workers to carry out the project??
 - Do you have a list of material ??? Do **you** know how much it will cost?? Who will pay for your project? Do they know how much it will **cost** ?? If you can't answer the first question, you can't answer any of the others !
 - What tools do you need/how many??? Where will you get them ??

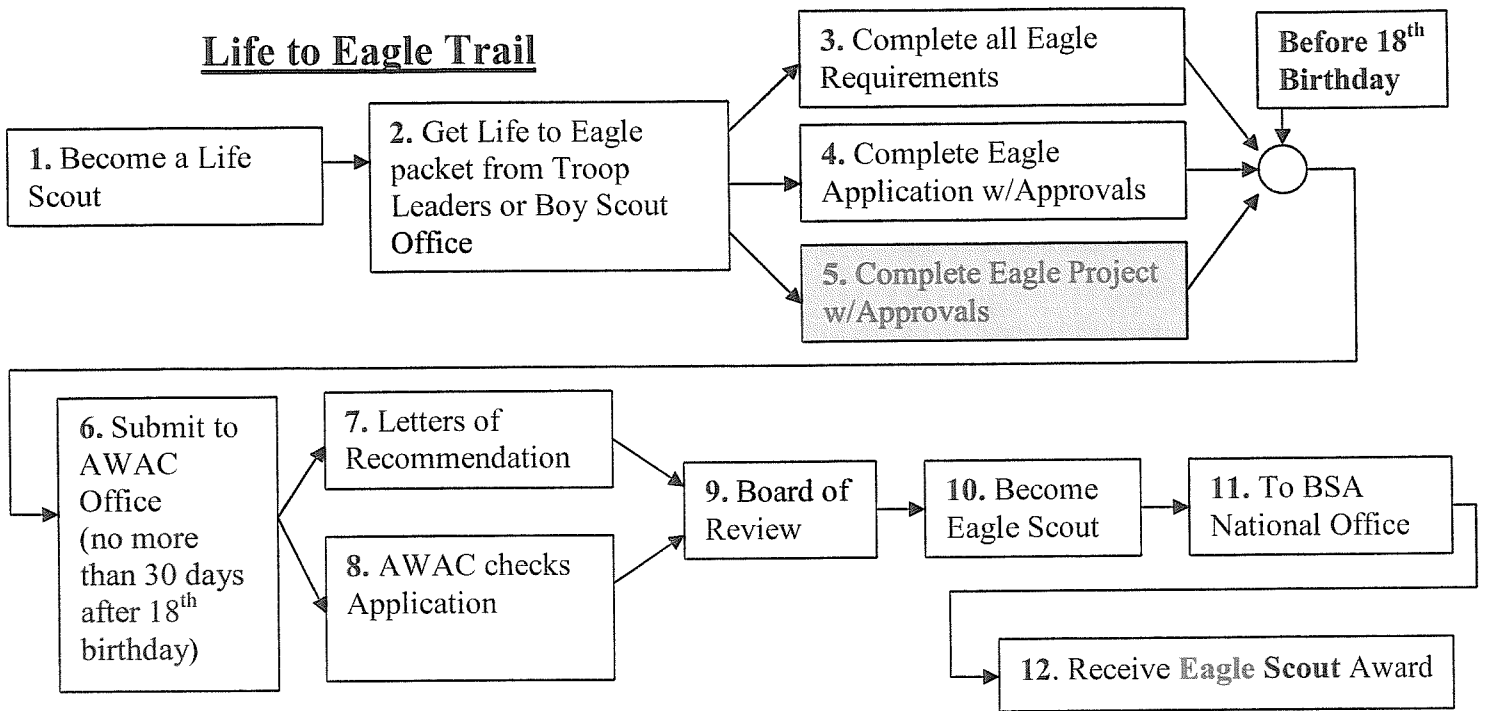
 - Put LEADERSHIP and SAFETY as Headings in the “Project Detail” of your proposal
 - **Safety**
 1. What are hazards that might be encountered during your project ? (saying there are no hazards will result in dis-approval of the project)
 2. What are you doing to prevent these from happening ? include safety instruction and supervision
 3. What will you do if something happens? First aid kit, cell phone,....
 - **Leadership**
 - This a Leadership & Service Project – I want you to think about (and then communicate in writing to the readers) --How will you display leadership during the planning and carrying-out of this project (...communicating, planning, recruiting, ensuring safety, carrying project thru to the satisfaction of the group for whom the service is being performed,...)?

The following is a guide to see how to progress towards the Eagle Rank. If there are special circumstances surrounding a project – the Scout/Leader should notify the District’s Eagle Project reviewer as soon as possible. **Thunderbird District reviewer is T.R. Kearney**
If unable to reach him, contact the **AWAC Advancement Chairman, Tom Jansen.**

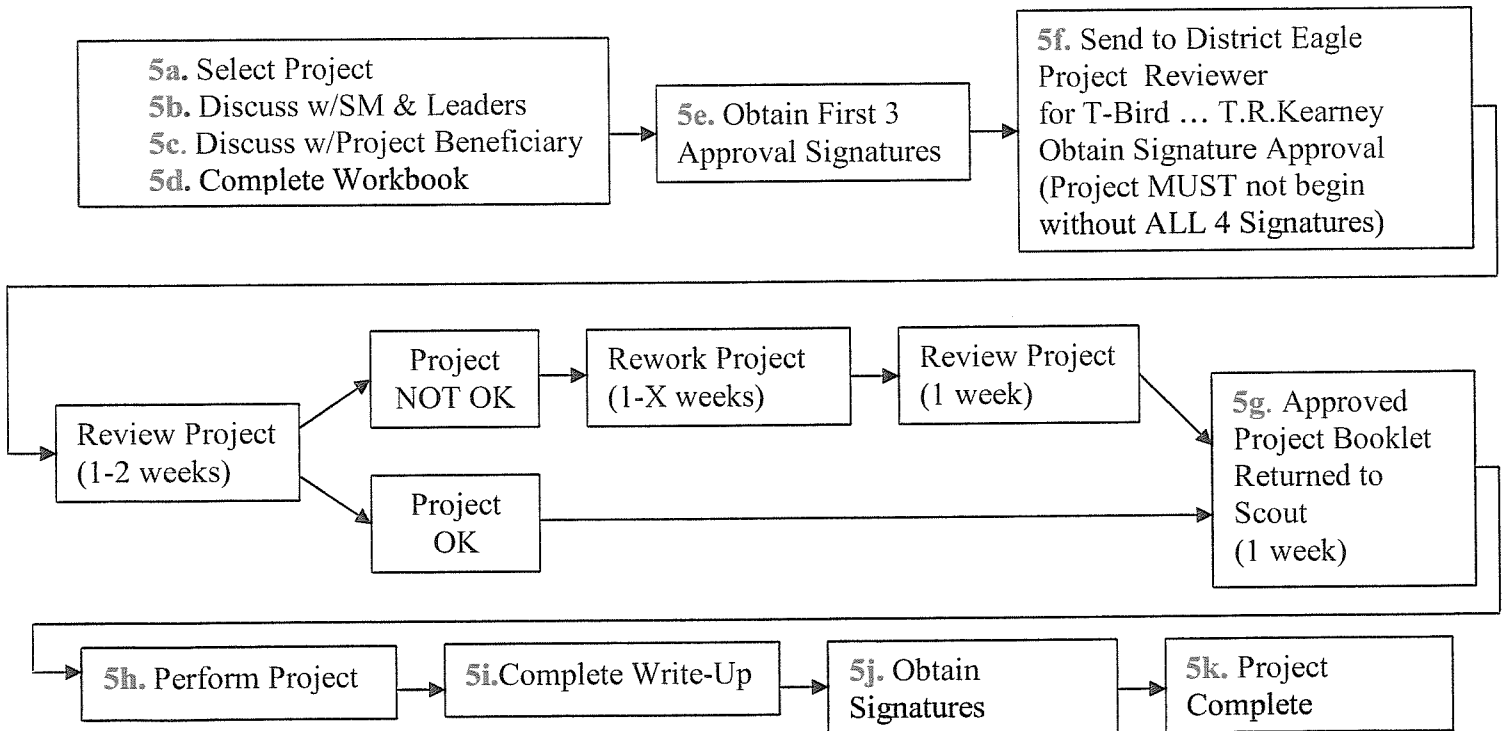
Life to Eagle Check- List

	Description	Action	Duration
1	Become a Life Scout	Scout	
2	Get Life to Eagle Packet	Scout	1 week
	- from Troop		
	- or from AWAC Office		
3	Complete Eagle Requirements	Scout	26 weeks min.
4	Complete Eagle Application	Scout	1-4 weeks
5	Complete Eagle Project		~20 weeks min.
5a	- Select a Project	Scout	1-4 weeks
5b	- Discuss w/Troop-SM	Scout	1 week
5c	- Discuss w/Beneficiary	Scout	1 week
5d	- Complete Project Booklet	Scout	2 weeks
	- Follow Guidelines !		
5e	- Obtain first 3 Signatures	Scout	1 week
5f	- Submit to District for Approval	Scout	
	- If Approved, go to 5h	T-Bird	1 week
	- If not, Perform necessary Rework	Scout +	1- X weeks
	- Resubmit for Approval	Scout	
5g	- Receive District Signature/Approval	T-Bird	1-2 weeks
5h	- Perform Project	Scout	1-4 weeks
5i	- Complete Project Report	Scout	2 weeks
5j	- Obtain Approval - 2 signatures	Scout+SM	1 week
5k	- Project is Complete		
6	Submit Items 4 & 5k to AWAC Office	Scout	(NLT 30 days after 18 th b-day)
7	Receive Letters of Recommendation	AWAC+	2-3 weeks
8	Application is Reviewed at AWAC	AWAC	2 weeks
9	Set-Up and Conduct Board of Review	Scout	2-3 weeks
10	Complete ALL requirements, Become Eagle Scout	Scout	
11	Submit Application to BSA Natl. Office	AWAC	
12	Receive Eagle Award	BSA	6-8 weeks

Life to Eagle Trail



Eagle Project Trail



Suggested Project Time Schedule:

- Select Project & Discuss w/Troop Leaders and Project Beneficiary.....allow 4 weeks
- Write up Project (Use the attached Guidelines when preparing)....allow 4 weeks min.
- Submit for Approvalallow 2 weeks + Rework time (4 weeks total)
- Perform Project...allow 1 – 4 weeks
- Write-up Project...allow 2-4 weeks....**TOTAL = 5 Month Minimum**