

Get an Eagle Project Approved and Completed

Barbarossa District, Transatlantic Council



Read up.

www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf

Guide to Advancements, Section 9.0.2.0 is all about Eagle Projects.

Download the current Project Workbook.

Speaking of the workbook, the current one is October 2015, and found at:

<http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx>

Stick to downloading from www.scouting.org, and you'll most likely get the latest edition.

You've read the *Guide to Advancement*, and the instructions on the workbook. What next?

Fill out the "Proposal" section of the workbook.

Pay attention to the Contact Information page, make sure ALL the requested info is provided, to include the BSA PID number which you'll find on the Scout's membership card. If the approval rep from District can't contact the beneficiary or unit leader or Scout with questions, it slows down the process.

Print the proposal.

Print only the pages that have the "meat and potatoes" of the project, meaning the contact page and pages filled out by the Scout. The Approval Rep doesn't need the 6 pages of instructions BSA provided in the workbook.

Signatures.

Make sure the Scout, Unit Leader, Committee person, and beneficiary have all signed their blocks.

Scan and send the 4 or so pages to the District Approval Representative.

The Representative doesn't need 26 blank/empty pages of the "Final Plan" and "Report" sections of the work book. The proposal does not need to go to the Council.

District review.

The Representative will review and if necessary make suggestions, or ask questions. When the Representative is satisfied that the proposed project meets the requirements set forth in the Advancement guide and workbook instructions, he will sign and send copy to the Scout and Unit Leader.

The Scout then works up a final plan.

This is a detailed plan including changes from the proposal, logistics, processes, and supplies down to the nut and bolt. It is then approved and signed by the candidate, beneficiary, and unit leader. Notice, no District Approval Representative.

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If the proposal includes fund raising...

Council must approve the fundraising portion. Appropriate fund raising applications should be submitted to council for approval. Send the workbook pages, as well as any approval documents required by your garrison as applicable.

A blurb from the workbook on fundraising:

Eagle service projects often require fundraising. Donations of any money, materials, or services must be preapproved by the BSA unless provided by your organization; by the Scout, his parents, or relatives; or by his troop or its chartered organization. The Scout must make it clear to donors or fundraising event participants that the money is being raised on the project beneficiary's behalf, and that the beneficiary will retain any leftover funds. If receipts are needed, your organization must provide them. If your organization is not allowed to retain leftover funds, you should designate a charity to receive them or turn them over to your Scout's unit.

Execute the plan.

Some advice for candidates:

1. Keep a running roster of who worked when. All the time spent by Mom driving you to various meetings, area recons, hardware stores, fact finding missions, etc. count as time contributed to the project. Don't short change man hours. Your time counts, too. Remember to differentiate between BSA members, other youth, BSA Adults and other adults. (It will be in the report.)
2. Take a million pictures. Someday you'll look back and say, "I wish I took more pictures." I'm pretty sure you won't say, "I took far too many pictures." Pictures will also convey the story and magnitude of your project to an Eagle Scout Board of Review...Important.

Complete the Report.

The last section of the workbook. Fill in the blanks. Once the candidate, beneficiary, and unit leader have signed, project is done. Unit leaders of Scout Troops are Scoutmasters. Not Committee Chairs, not Eagle Mentors, not the senior ASM present that night. The Scoutmaster. He has the final say, and the final signature. An Eagle Board of Review may have questions if the beneficiary and unit leader signing the final report are different from the ones signing the proposal and especially the final plan. Raises the question that perhaps the originals wouldn't approve the project as complete and someone went shopping for a new beneficiary and or unit leader.

Scoutmaster Business.

Sign off the Scout's workbook, handbook, and insure the date completed and hours are entered on the Eagle application.

Eagle Project; Done!

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