

# OVERVIEW OF TROOP 20

## EAGLE PROCESS

The Eagle process begins when a scout earns his Life rank. At this point he should review all Eagle requirements and develop a timeline for accomplishing everything prior to his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Particular attention should be paid to:

- Those required Merit badges which have a specific period of performance (up to 3 months) associated with them, (Personal Management, Personal Fitness and Family Life).
- A Troop leadership position.
- The Eagle leadership service project.
  - This information will be reviewed with the troop advancement committee. This will be considered a “pre-eagle board of review” for preparation of the project. Items covered at this time may be advancement progress, activity in the troop, or troop participation and troop/scout leadership in the past or at the present time. An appointment should be set up with the Troop 20 Advancement Chairman so all information can be gathered before this review. **Last minute requests will not be accepted.**
- An adult Eagle Advisor will be assigned at this time. The advisor will be chosen and trained by the Troop 20 advancement committee and will advise the scout if a problem arises. **A parent of the candidate will not be considered for this position.**

The following must be completed before the Scout's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday:

1. Required 6 month tenure as a Life Scout
2. All 21 merit badges
3. Six months in the required leadership position(s)
4. The project (including the final write-up)
5. Letters of recommendation
6. Life statement
7. Approved application

The Advancement Chair must submit the Eagle application and all other paperwork to the council upon its completion. The Eagle Board of Review may be scheduled by the Troop Advancement Chairman after the application has been processed by the council. The Eagle Board of Review may be conducted after the candidate's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but is not encouraged. If the Eagle Board of Review will be completed after the candidates 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Troop Advancement Chairman must contact the District Advancement Chairman and arrange for a District Representative to be present for the Eagle Board of Review.

The Scout should discuss any questions he has about a requirement or a procedure with his Troop Advancement Chairman or Eagle Advisor. If they cannot provide the needed

information, the Troop 20 Advancement Chairman will contact the District Advancement Chairman. Troop 20 leaders will make every effort to guide the candidate through the Eagle process, but it is ultimately the **Scout's responsibility** to ensure all requirements are met.

It is **required** that the **Scout** and **Eagle Advisor** attend a **Life to Eagle seminar** within the past year prior to starting the Eagle process. This is to ensure that they have received the most up to date information.

### **TROOP LEADERSHIP POSITION**

The requirement states “while a Life Scout serve actively for 6 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility”:

- Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- OA Troop Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- Chaplain Aide or Instructor.

Please note that not all Troop leadership positions satisfy this requirement. In particular, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Scribe or Patrol Quartermaster are not acceptable.

The Scout may hold any combination of the authorized positions to satisfy this requirement. It is not necessary to hold one position for the entire 6 months. It is the Scout's responsibility to document his, leadership positions and associated service dates. It is suggested that the Scout not hold the leadership position while working on his Eagle project.

### **ACTIVE IN TROOP 20 WHILE WORKING ON EAGLE PROJECT**

The Scout must remain active in Troop 20 while working on their Eagle Project. We have defined active with the following requirements:

- Attend 75% of the Troop Meetings on Monday evening
- Participate in 4 activities. One of these can be a fundraiser

## **LIFE TO EAGLE TIMELINE SUMMARY**

This process could take up to one year or more to complete. Remember that meetings or appointments, the project itself, paperwork, getting signatures, the project write-up, getting personal recommendations, or getting information from the Troop, Council, or the National level takes time.

**Don't wait until the last minute to start the Eagle process. This project is the most important thing you will be doing as a youth in Scouting and will follow you the rest of your life.**

- Earn Life (Board of Review date is the official date)
- Contact Troop 20 Advancement Chairman for pre-board of review and go over scout history and answer any questions and procedures.
- Get Life to Eagle package off the Web Site and read all of it!
- Continue earning Merit Badges.
- Serve the appropriate leadership positions.
- Plan project proposal.
- Submit project proposal to District Advancement Chairman.
- Receive District approval of project plan.
- Set up a presentation appointment with the Troop 20 Advancement Chairman when the **Scout, Advisor, and Advancement Chairman feel that they are ready**. The presentation will take place at a Troop Committee meeting held the second Thursday of each month. **Last minute requests will not be accepted.**
- At the presentation, the candidate as well as the candidate's advisor will be present. The candidate will be asked, in detail, to explain his project and all the information needed about the project to the troop committee.
- Parents of the candidate will **not** be allowed to take part at this meeting. The Eagle Advisor will be the only one representing the Scout at this time.
- Plan project and get Troop level signatures, which are required before the start of the project..
- Complete the project.
- Prepare final project write-up and Troop level signatures upon completion of the project write-up.
- Complete Eagle application.
- Complete Eagle Scoutmaster Conference.
- Submit Eagle application, life statement and project summary to Chester County Council.
- Completed project workbook, letters of recommendation to the Troop Advancement Chairman and District Board of Review. Set date for Eagle Board of Review.
- Conduct Board of Review (includes final review and review of the final write-up).