

## Troop 736 Trail to Eagle

- 1) After you have completed Requirements 1 through 5 on the Eagle Scout Rank Application, inform the Advancement Chair that you are getting close to your Eagle board of review. The Advancement Chair will obtain a list of merit badges earned and dates from the Council to compare with your records.
- 2) Now is the time to be sending out your Letters of Recommendations. Ask one of the leaders to be a recommendation letter coordinator (the Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair would be glad to). Ask for an address to which the recommendation letters should be sent. Provide the coordinator with a list of persons to expect forms from. Envelopes should be addressed as follows:

(Scout's Name) Eagle Board of Review  
In care of (Coordinators Name)  
(Coordinator's address)  
(Coordinator's City, State, and Zip Code)

- 3) The coordinator will deliver the forms, unopened, to your Eagle board of review. The letters will be destroyed following the board of review unless the individual writing the letter specifically directs otherwise in the letter.
- 4) When most of your letters of recommendation are received, you will need to decide whom you want to sit on your board of review. The board of review is composed of at least three but not more than six members. One of those will be a council or district representative. It is not required that these persons be members of the advancement committee or troop committee; however they must have an understanding of the importance of the Eagle board of review. The Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters cannot sit on your board of review. You need to call and settle on a date that works for everyone (including Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair). Sunday evenings at Aldersgate UMC seem to work the best. The Advancement Chair will reserve the church and contact the district representative for you.
- 5) Schedule and have a Scoutmasters Conference.
- 6) Fill out a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations during which you demonstrated leadership skills (Requirement 6). Include honors and awards received during this service. First, your statement. This is very straight forward, and an excellent opportunity for you to tell members of your board of review what you do outside Scouting. The statement will reveal who you have become in several ways. Don't be shy about bragging! List it all! List all the various awards and honors you've achieved along the way. These may be a medal, plaque, or certificate, but could also be a different type of honor. For example, a letter from a principal or volunteer organization recognizing your contributions.
- 7) Take your Eagle application to the scout office and have it signed by the secretary that you have accomplished all your appropriate merit badges (BSA Local Council Certification).
- 8) The Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman need to sign off on the application.
- 9) On the day of your board of review, bring your application, any Eagle Project photos or displays, all scout handbooks, and dress in complete Class A Uniform. Your parents are welcome to come but cannot sit in on the board of review. It has become a tradition for the parent to bring snacks for the members of the board as a thank you. After the board of review, the Advancement Chair will take your completed application to the Council Office and your should get your certificate in about 2 weeks.
- 10) The Eagle Court of Honor is up to you. Your parents may plan a special ceremony, you may do it at one of the Court of Honors, or at one of the meetings. You will receive the Eagle neckerchief and slide, Eagle metal, Eagle patch, and parent's pens from the Troop. When you have decided, be sure and inform the Advancement Chair or Scoutmaster.