

THE LIFE TO EAGLE GUIDE

UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Every Unit needs to have **Both** an Advancement person and an Eagle Project Coach. This can be the same person. The Eagle Project Coach must understand the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook completely. It's the Eagle Scout Coach's responsibility to help a Life Scout plan and carry out an Eagle Scout Service Project. The Eagle Scout Service Project workbook is available on-line at www.samoset.org under Resources.

The Unit Advancement Person, Scoutmaster, and Eagle Project Coach need to conduct a "Life to Eagle Conference" with the new Life Scout and his parent(s) as soon as possible after his Life Board of Review. In this conference, you should go over this packet with both the Life Scout and his parent(s), so that both the young man and his parent(s) understand what he will have to do in order to earn the Eagle Scout Rank.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Unit	Name	Phone	Email
Scoutmaster			
Unit Advancement			
Eagle Project Coach			
Unit Committee Chair			
Samoset Eagle Advocate			
Council	Support Staff	715-355-1450	support@samoset.org

SAMOSET EAGLE ADVOCATES

You may schedule a project review with any of the individuals listed below. Some areas have specific times already allocated, others will set one up with you.

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CHOOSING & DEVELOPING AN EAGLE PROJECT:

1. Choose your project by discussing possibilities with your parent(s), Scoutmaster, and/or the Unit Eagle Project Coach who understands the concept of an Eagle project. Identify a place that you enjoy, such as a park, your church, your school forest, a recreation area, and contact those in charge. The project needs to be done for a group, not a person, nor can it be a project that you can do yourself! It cannot be a fundraiser. It cannot benefit Scouting directly. Explain what you would like to do or inquire about possible projects.
2. Once you have decided on a project, discuss it with a representative from the chosen organization and determine who will be your project advisor. This person will be able to expand or limit your idea of a possible Eagle project and will sign your paperwork. Although the National Council indicates **“Only as many hours as necessary to demonstrate his leadership in the project”**, it would not make sense for the highest award in Scouting, to require anything less than that required for Star or Life. Keep in mind that the emphasis of the project is to show leadership and service, which dictates the project take a significant amount of hours to complete.
3. **Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application.** “Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook” is the project Fundraising Application. Remember an Eagle project **cannot** be a fundraiser, but sometimes it is necessary to raise funds in order to carry out an Eagle project. **Please make sure you understand all the rules of fundraising!** Once you have the approval signatures from your beneficiary and your Unit Leader, send your application to the Council Service Center for Council approval. Once the Council approves the fundraiser, the form will be mailed back directly to the **Eagle Candidate**. You will need to have a copy of the **approved Eagle Scout Service Project Fundraising Application** with you when you have your “*Project Proposal*” approved by your Samoset Eagle Advocate. It must state in the **Preliminary Cost Estimate** that if the funds raised for your project do not cover the costs that the necessary money will be somehow provided, it has to be guaranteed that the project will have the necessary money so the project can be completed before it can be approved. A fundraiser of \$500 or less **Will Not** require an approved fundraising form.

EAGLE SCOUT REFERENCE LETTERS:

- An Eagle Scout candidate must demonstrate that he or she lives by the principles of the Scout Oath, and Law in their daily life. In this regard, the candidate will seek letters of reference on his or her behalf.
- The references should not include a parent or close relative. The references may not include the Scoutmaster or unit committee chair.
- Please note that the contents of the letter will NOT be shown to or discussed with the candidate, nor with anyone not a member of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

EAGLE SCOUT BOARD OF REVIEW:

- The Scout Service Center will check your paperwork and references. If they are accurate and complete, they will be certified and mailed to the Samoset Eagle Advocate.
- **As an Eagle candidate, it is your responsibility to follow up on your Eagle paperwork.** Give the Support Services Staff a couple days to process your applications. Please follow up to make sure reference letters and all other needed materials have been received. Call 715-355-1450.
- Upon receipt of your paperwork, the Samoset Eagle Advocate will contact your troop to schedule your Eagle Scout Board of Review.
- The Eagle Board of Review will consist of at least 2 adults and the Samoset Eagle Advocate. None of these people may be related to you nor may your Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster participate. **Your Eagle Scout Board of Review will consist of a minimum of 3 members and no more than 6 members.**
- If all members of the Eagle Board of Review vote to approve you as an Eagle Scout, the Samoset Eagle Advocate and a member of the Board of Review will sign your Eagle Application Form, and it will be returned to the Scout Service Center, along with the Confidential Recommendation Forms. All other paperwork will be given to you at this time. Your original Eagle Application will be returned with your Eagle awards once your certificate is received from the National Office.

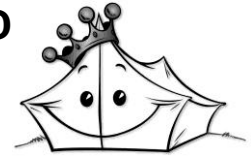
OFFICIAL RECOGNITION:

- The Support Services Staff at the Scout Service Center will check and process your application and you will receive your official Eagle certificate and appropriate badges within 6-8 weeks.
- The date of your Eagle will be that of your Eagle Board of Review.
- There are many excellent ideas for planning your Eagle ceremony on the internet. There are books for sale in the Scout Shop (715-355-9680) that have fine suggestions for an Eagle Court of Honor, along with many Eagle Court of Honor supplies.

Please return immediately; action on this candidate's application awaits your reply.

CONFIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR EAGLE AWARD

(Not to be seen by Eagle Candidate)



To: The Eagle Board of Review

I have known the Life Scout _____, of Troop _____ for _____ years and submit the following information for your consideration, based upon my personal knowledge of him/her.

Please be objective and impartial in this confidential report. It will serve as an important guide to the Board of Review in consideration of the Scout's application for the Eagle Scout Award. Please use the following letters to react to these statements: E=Excellent, G=Good, P=Poor, and U=Unknown. Please record your responses in the box to the right of the statement.

Does their best at what they attempts	
Regularly attend Religious observances	
General scholastic record in school	
Helps other people whenever possible	
Is mentally alert	
Their honor can be trusted	
Is friend to all; respects different ideas and customs	
Is gentle with others, including animal life	
Cheerfully does tasks that come his or her way	
Participates in activities beyond Scouting	
Shared duties at home, church, school, and community	
Loves and respects their country and is loyal to it	
Respects the religious convictions of others	
Regularity of school attendance	
Keeps themselves physically strong	
Practices clean speech and actions	
Is loyal to his family, leaders, friends and school	
Is polite to others regardless of age or position	
Obeys rules of his home, church, school and community	
Leads others	
Carefully uses their own and other people's property	
Is a positive example of Scouting in his groups	
Is prepared to take care of an emergency situation; can handle it confidently and effectively	
Protects and conserves natural resources; carefully uses time, property and money	
Has the courage to stand up for the right, even under the dares of threats of his peer group	

PLEASE TURN TO THE OTHER SIDE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

I understand that the Eagle Scout Rank is the highest award that a Scout may earn.

Please check one of the following:

I do recommend this award

I do not recommend this award

Explanation of your decision and any additional comments: Please indicate why you do or do not recommend him/her for this award. A short narrative of the Scout's character, leadership, performance of known tasks, etc. will be very helpful to us. You may attach a typed statement if you wish or use the space provided below.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this very important matter.

Your Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____

Relationship to the candidate: _____ Date: _____

UNIT'S EVALUATION OF CANDIDATE'S PROJECT LEADERSHIP

Samoset Council Advancement Committee recommends you use this form as a tool to show your leadership.

The Requirement: *"While a Life Scout, plan, develop and give LEADERSHIP to others in a leadership service project helpful to . . ."* The thrust of the Eagle Scout Project is twofold:

1. To provide a service to others, which is an extension of the *"Daily Good Turn"*.
2. A final examination of his leadership skills.

Notes to the Eagle Scout Candidate: There are two factors to be evaluated in every Eagle project:

1. Completion of the agreed-upon work.
2. Providing leadership to others. Both must be met for successful completion of the project. In this facet of the project, your leadership will be evaluated by a member of your unit's committee (in some cases, an adult leader), while working on the project. While you must have others assisting you with the project, **YOU MUST** provide the leadership for the project!

You may consult adults (including parents) and others knowledgeable of the skills related to your project, but **YOU, NOT THEY**, provide the leadership. Knowing the importance of the Eagle project, parents are often tempted to provide the needed direction. If this happens, speak with your parent on the side; caution him or her that your project cannot be approved unless **YOU** provide the leadership! Thank your parent for caring so very much.

Notes to Leadership Evaluator: It is the responsibility of the Advancement Chair to arrange to have a member of the **Unit Committee** to carry out this function; only if no member of the committee is available should the unit leader or assistant be asked to handle this function. It may **not** be a parent of the Eagle Candidate. Your job is to ascertain if he is or is not providing the direction or leadership for the work. If you note early that he is not, take him aside quietly and share your concern with him. Unless **HE** provides the leadership, the project can **NOT** be approved, regardless of how well it is completed. In this case, a new project must be proposed, approved and carried out!

Scout's Name _____ **His Phone Number** _____

I feel that the Eagle Candidate [] **DID** [] **Did NOT** provide the leadership/direction to those who assisted with his/her Eagle Scout Leadership/Service Project.

Explanation or comments: _____

_____ / ____ / ____

(Signature)

(Lettered Name)

(Position in Unit)

(Date Signed)

Note to the Evaluator: Please give this completed form to the Eagle Candidate to attach to the Eagle Project Evaluation/Summary Report!