

CHOOSING & DEVELOPING AN EAGLE PROJECT:

1. Choose your project by discussing possibilities with your parent(s), Scoutmaster, Advancement Person, 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, a national forest or 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 Boy 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 that 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 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 district. 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. As of 10/28/2014, a fundraiser of \$500 or less **Will Not** require an approved fundraising form.
4. Remember to be as detailed as possible when you are filling out your paperwork, this will help you to be able to explain and defend your project to the Advancement Chairperson and to the Eagle Board of Review.
5. The District Advancement Chair Person should be available on the Friday the first full week of the month or by appointment to meet with you and approve your project.