



# Rolling Hills District Eagle Project Preview

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- **Scout achieves rank of Life.**
- **Complete Eagle requirements as noted in the Boy Scout Handbook.**
- **When Scout is within about 2 months of SM conference, send request for references.**
- **Plan and carry out the Eagle Project.**
- **After SM conference, SM submits forms and project workbook to Council for validation (takes about 2 weeks).**
- **Packet is sent to the District Advancement Chair to schedule BOR**
- **After BOR approval, application is sent to National (takes up to 6 weeks).**
- **Scout, parents, and Troop plan Court of Honor**



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## ***Eagle Scout Rank Requirement #5***

***While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) The project plan must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your Scoutmaster and troop committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.***

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# ***Eagle Scout Project – Leadership!***

***In addition to providing service and fulfilling the part of the Scout Oath, “to help other people at all times,” one of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to demonstrate, or hone, or to learn and develop leadership skills. Related to this are important lessons in project management and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment.***

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# ***Eagle Scout Project Restrictions***

- **There are no required minimum hours for a project.**
- **Routine maintenance/labor is not appropriate for a project.**
- **Projects may not be of a commercial nature or for a business.**
- **Projects may not be a fundraiser as the primary effort.**
- **No more than one Eagle candidate may receive credit for a project.**
- **Project may not be performed for the BSA, its councils, districts, units, or their properties.**

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# *Eagle Scout Project Ideas*

- **Schools**
- **Churches**
- **City and County Parks**
- **State Parks**
- **Other charities**
- **Check [www.eaglescout.org](http://www.eaglescout.org) for ideas**

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# *Eagle Scout Projects Process*

- **General process to follow**
  - Discuss proposed project with Scoutmaster (Eagle coach), Troop Committee, and Beneficiary.
  - Call District representative for verbal project approval.
  - Complete the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal.
  - Receive written approval from District representative.
    - Project reviews are typically done by appointment only prior to District Committee Meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday) and Roundtable (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday), August through June.
    - Project Reviews are available by appointment , subject to availability during the summer months.

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# ***Eagle Scout Project Approval***

- **Why verbal approval from District Representative?**
  - Ensures project provides sufficient opportunity to meet requirements.
  - The project appears to be feasible.
  - Safety issues will be addressed.
  - Action steps for further detailed planning are included.
  - The young man is on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.
- Completed face-to-face or by phone (not email or texting), and takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.
- Who should the Eagle candidate contact?

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# ***Eagle Project Verbal Approval***

- **Rolling Hills District**

- ***Tim Isom, District Advancement Chair***

- ***507-663-0416***

You may arrange for a phone call or appointment at the stated meetings via email, ***rhadv@mnmars.org***

- If you get voice mail or someone other than the District Advancement Chair, please leave a message. Make sure to leave your name, troop number, and phone #.
- Remember to be professional!

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# ***Eagle Scout Projects – Planning***

- **Use Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, No. 512-927, available at**  
*<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/a-scouts-guide-to-earning-eagle>*
- **District project review uses a checklist to ensure all parts of project are addressed.\***
- **Workbook covers – Project Proposal, Project Final Plan, Fundraising Application, and the Project Report.**

*\* - Eagle Scout Process PowerPoint Presentation, Eagle Project Checklist, and FAQ's 'Eagle Scouts' tab @  
<http://rollinghills.nsbsa.org/>*

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## ***Eagle Scout Projects – Do's***

- **Do provide as much detail as possible. This is your first impression to the District representative!**
- **Do plan out materials and tools required.**
- **Do get costs of materials to be purchased or rented.**
- **Do plan out who will be contacted for donations.**
- **Do use an hour-by-hour time schedule (it's easier to follow).**
- **Do get Unit Leader, Unit Committee, and Beneficiary signatures before coming for District written approval.**
- **Do plan for the dates available for District review.**
- **Do check your plan against the Review Checklist.**

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## ***Eagle Scout Projects – Don'ts***

- **Don't begin work on project until District signature is given (includes actually requesting and getting donations).**
- **Don't expect quick turn around from District volunteers (usually takes a day or two to respond to phone messages and emails).**
- **Don't wait until two months before your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday**
- **Don't expect things to move fast during the summer when volunteers are on vacation, or at camp with their units.**

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# *Highlights of the Workbook*

- **The Project Proposal – this is the part that gets signed off!**
- **The Fundraising Application – if needed, this must be approved through the district when ‘*written approval*’ is given.**
- **The Final Plan – this is where the detail comes in. (*Don’t skip this part!*) .**
- **The Project Report – done after the project is completed.**

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## ***How projects are reviewed***

- **A checklist is available at District website.**
- **The proposal passes the following tests:**
  1. It provides sufficient opportunity to meet Eagle Scout requirement #5.
  2. It appears to be feasible.
  3. Safety issues will be addressed.
  4. Action steps for further detailed planning are included.
  5. The scout is on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.

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# *Eagle Scout Coaches*

- It is strongly recommended that scouts use a Coach from the unit or district.
- Greatest value is in the advice provided after approval of the proposal as detailed planning continues.
- If a plan is not sufficiently developed, projects can fail.
- Coaches help evaluate a plan's strengths, weaknesses, and risks.
- Coaches shall NOT dictate changes, withdraw approval, or take any other directive action.

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# *Fundraising Application*

- **Guide to Advancement (9.0.2.10)** – Projects *may not be fundraisers*. Fundraising is permitted only for securing materials and facilitate the project.
- Unless it involves contributions *only* from the *beneficiary, or from the candidate, his parents or relatives, his unit or chartered organization, or from members of the unit*, it must be *approved* by the council *via the district*.
- Bring *completed* application to the District review.

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# The Eagle Project workbook



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## ***For Parent and Leaders***

- The Eagle project is the **Scout's** to lead. Parents are to encourage and guide, but let the **Scout** lead the project!
- The Scout should be making **all** phone calls to organize project (contact with Beneficiary, District Representative, etc...) – **not the parents!**
- Reference letters are a required part of the paperwork sent to Council.

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## ***Eagle Process – After the Project***

- Write up the Project changes and get signatures.
- Be sure to use the ***current*** version of the Eagle Rank Application, available at Northern Star Council website or Boy Scouts of America website.
- Send requests for reference letters while project planning is in progress. Teachers are hard to contact after school is out.
- Once paperwork is sent to Council, the Registrar validates all information provided.

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## *Eagle Process – After the Project*

- District Advancement Chair schedules the Board of Review, and will contact the Scout.
  - Eagle Board of Review for Rolling Hills normally meets on the first Tuesday of each Month (evening of the District meetings) and/or second Thursday of each Month (evening of Roundtable), August thru June, **by invitation ONLY**.
  - Eagle Board of Review for summer is **by invitation only** and is dependent on the availability of reviewers and facilities.
  - The District Advancement Chair cannot schedule Eagle Board of Review until the Eagle Candidate's Packet has been approved and sent by Northern Star Council to the District Advancement Chair.

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# ***Eagle Process - Resources***

- **Northern Star Council Resources –**  
<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/a-scouts-guide-to-earning-eagle>
- **Rolling Hills District Resources –**  
<http://rollinghills.nsbsa.org/EagleScouts.aspx>
- **EagleScout.org –**  
<http://www.eaglescout.org/>
- **NESA (National Eagle Scout Association)–**  
<http://www.nesa.org/trail.html>

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## ***Eagle Process - FAQ***

- **When should candidate contact District?**
- **Who should contact the District?**
- **When is project ready for District Review?**
- **When are District Reviews scheduled?**
- **Is it possible to project approval via email?**
- **After written approval, does a Scout need to contact the District for any reason?**
- **Are there funding issues to keep in mind?**

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# *Once an Eagle, always an Eagle*

- **College Scholarships**

- Northern Star Council:

<http://www.northernstarbsa.org/AdvancementAwards/Scholarships/>

- National Eagle Scout Association (NESA):

<http://www.nesa.org/applications.html>

- **Networking**

- Northern Star Council

- Annual ‘Gathering of Eagles Dinner’

- Facebook “Northern Star Council Eagle Scout Network”

- NESA: <http://www.nesa.org/>

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# Questions?

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