

# The Life to Eagle Process

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# *Objectives*

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- ◆ Understand the basic requirements
- ◆ Review the Eagle project
- ◆ Life to Eagle activity flowchart
- ◆ Eagle Board of Review
- ◆ Key points for Life Scouts



## *Basic Requirements (by 18<sup>th</sup> birthday)*

- ◆ Be an active Life Scout ( $\geq 6$ ) months
- ◆ Demonstrate Scout Spirit thru Oath and Law
- ◆ Earn  $\geq 21$  Merit badges
- ◆ Positions of responsibility
  - Serve actively for a period of ( $\geq 6$ ) months
  - Several can be added to equal ( $\geq 6$ ) months.
  - Positions start **after** Life Board of Review
  - Boy Scout troop positions
- ◆ Eagle project
  - Plan, develop, and exhibit leadership in a service project for a religious institution, school, or community (non-profit orgs.)
- ◆ Complete a Scoutmaster Conference

Camping  
Citizenship in the Community  
Citizenship in the Nation  
Citizenship in the World  
Communications  
Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving  
Environmental Science  
First Aid  
Cycling OR Hiking OR Swimming  
Personal Management  
Personal Fitness  
Family Life  
(9) additional merit badges

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



# The Eagle Project

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- ◆ The **Scout** is responsible for planning, directing and following through to the projects successful completion
- ◆ The project must be for a religious institution, school, or community (non-profit organizations)
- ◆ Eagle project FAQ
  - Does the project have to be original? No
  - Is there a minimum or maximum size? No
  - Is there a minimum or maximum amount of time spent on project? No  
(Must be enough to DEMONSTRATE leadership to others)
  - Can the project be something you dream up? Yes
  - Can the project be something that has never been done before ? Yes
  - Can you repeat a project which has been done before ? Yes
  - Is the sky the limit for a project ? Yes
  - Can the project be routine labor (i.e. mowing grass)? No
  - Can the project involve Council property? No
  - Can the project be for a business? No
  - Can the project be for an individual? Generally No...
  - Can the project be commercial in nature? No
  - Can the project be a fundraiser for an organization? No  
(A fundraiser can be used to obtain materials and supplies for a project)
- ◆ Must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, No. 18-927A

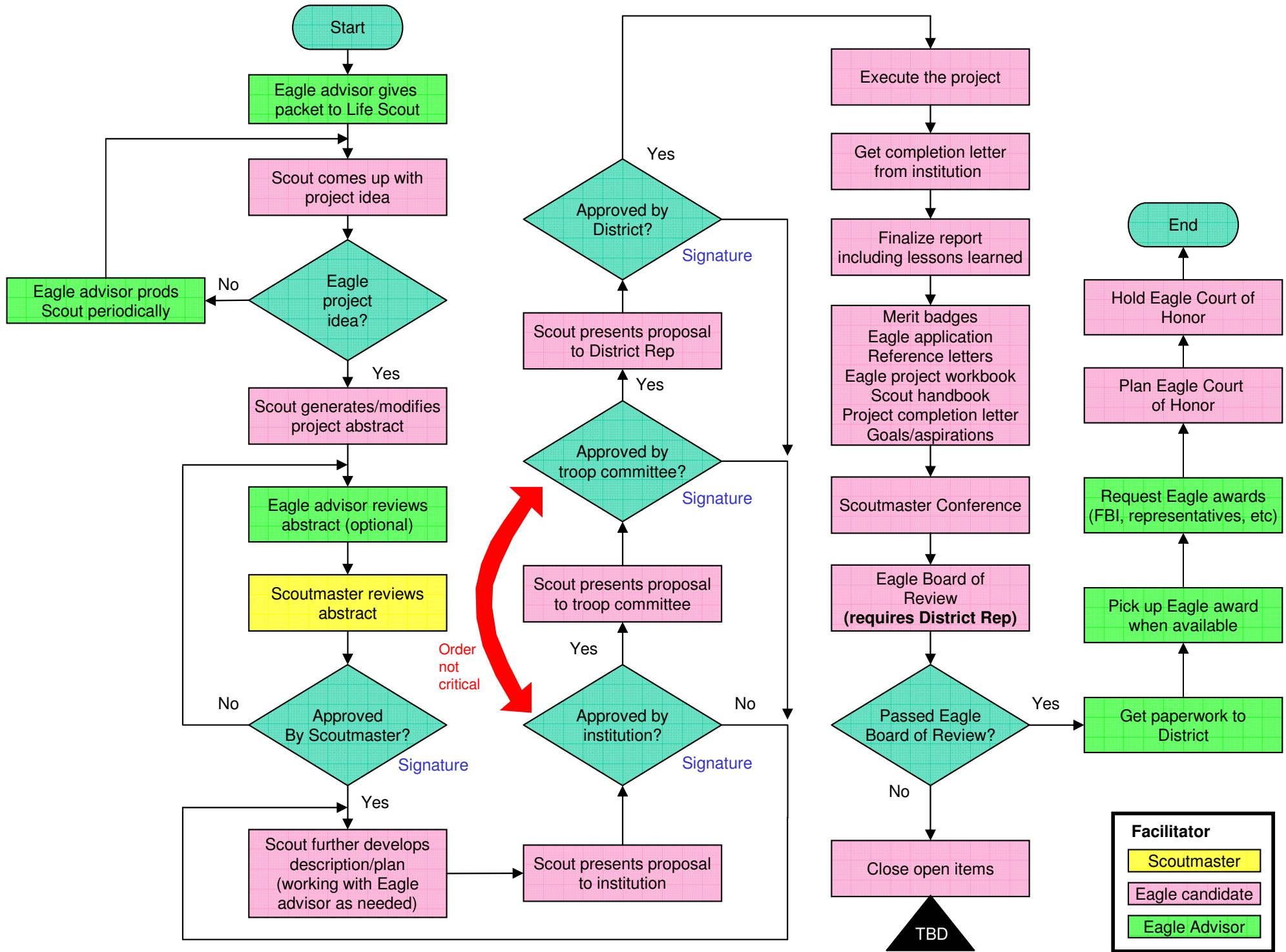


## *Eagle Project Examples*

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- ◆ Build a concrete pad for and install picnic table for your school
- ◆ Build / rebuild a fence around the park near your home
- ◆ Refinish playground equipment at a school
- ◆ Add a wheelchair ramp at your church
- ◆ Design and complete a landscaping project at your church
- ◆ Refurbish and set up computers for an economically disadvantaged children's center
- ◆ Paint the room and build furniture for your school music program
- ◆ Build storage bins for a neighborhood preschool
- ◆ Design and complete a memorial at a Veteran's cemetery
- ◆ Rebuild bleachers at your local ballpark
- ◆ Prepare plans for and build a footbridge on a trail at the Heard Museum
- ◆ Etc. etc. etc.





# *The Eagle Board of Review*

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- ◆ Who sits on the board
  - (3) to (6) committee members
  - District Advancement Chair or Designate
  - Any one whom understands Scouting
- ◆ Who cannot sit on the board?
  - Family members (or any relative)
  - Assistant Scoutmasters
- ◆ The Eagle Board of Review should last no longer than an hour
- ◆ The review members have to be unanimous to recommend the Eagle candidate to National for approval
- ◆ The candidate is not an Eagle Scout until National approves the application (there have been rejections)
- ◆ The board must sign Advancement Report No. 34403A



# *After The Board of Review*

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- ◆ Board chairperson and District Eagle board representative insure the Eagle application is signed
- ◆ The unit turns in the Eagle Advancement report to Circle Ten Council
- ◆ The Scout keeps his Project Workbook, life ambitions write up, and supporting material from the board
- ◆ Processing
  - Circle 10 will verify the information, sign application, and forward it to National
  - Normally, it takes (6) to (8) weeks to receive word from National if Eagle Rank is approved or not
  - Currently submission to National is done electronically, and responses can be within (10) working days
- ◆ Express processing
  - Special circumstances apply
  - Primarily for troops in remote locations



# Key Points to Remind the Life Scouts

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- ◆ Remember: every Scout is different - work with each in manner that is best
- ◆ Make sure the Scout doesn't wait until 30 days before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to start the Eagle required merit badges (e.g. Personal Management merit badge takes 13 weeks to complete)
- ◆ Eagle project
  - Eagle projects don't happen overnight - several weeks or months may be required to do it right
  - Advise the Scout pick an Eagle project they will be proud of in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years, ...
  - Make sure District approves the project **BEFORE** beginning (otherwise it doesn't count)
  - During the project keep diligent records (including photos) - turn in service hours worked by their Troop
  - **THANK** the material donors, helpers, and advisors
- ◆ Have Scouts pay attention to the details (take notes)
  - Your Scoutmaster, Life to Eagle Advisor, District Chairman, etc.
  - Fill out the Eagle application carefully
- ◆ **WARNING** - Scout should not plan his Eagle Court of Honor until final approval is received from National



## *Helpful Websites*

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- ◆ North Trail District - <http://www.northtrail.org>
- ◆ Circle 10 Council - <http://www.circle10.org>
- ◆ National
  - Boy Scouts of America - <http://usscouts.org>
  - Eagle Scouts - <http://www.eaglescouts.org>



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- 2004 Boy Scout Requirements (33215D)
- Circle Ten Council, Boy Scouts Of America
- Eagle Rank Advancement Policies and Procedures (June 2005)
- Eagle Application Worksheet
- Eagle Scout Application, (58-728) 2000
- Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, (18-927A) 2002

## ◆ Eagle Project Workbook

- Available from Circle Ten Council or from or your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairman
- Also at <http://www.bsa.scouting.org> "Awards" then " Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook"

