Planning Your Next Den Meeting Just Got Easier

If you're a den leader, you're going to love the latest update to Scoutbook! The Boy Scouts of America's online tool for tracking Scouting advancement just rolled out a new update that's going to make it easier than ever for den leaders to prepare for and lead meetings, track advancement and attendance, and more.

New Headwaters Eagle Scouts – April-July 2019

Please join the Headwaters District Advancement team in congratulating the following Scouts on their achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout with the completion of their Boards of Review in the months of April, May, June and July 2019:

Eagle Boards of Review

April

- William D. – Troop 1 Hopkinton
- McKay C. – Troop 51 Marlborough
- Owen O. – Troop 232 Ashland

May

- Derek L. – Troop 1 Northborough
- Samuel C. – Troop 382 Westborough

June

- Daniel D. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- John R. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- Luke B. – Troop 44 Mendon
- Andrew M. – Troop 44 Mendon
- Gregory E. – Troop 51 Marlborough
- Ethan K. – Troop 77 Hudson
- Jack B. – Troop 92 Southborough
- Bradley D. – Troop 100 Bellingham
- Joshua K. – Troop 101 Northborough
- Isaiah B. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Bailey C. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Joseph C. – Troop 126 Franklin
- Max C. – Troop 232 Ashland

July

- Patrick B. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- Ethan K. – Troop 4 Hopkinton
- Jacob D. – Troop 112 Franklin
- Jordan K. – Troop 232 Ashland
- Monzer K. – Troop 232 Ashland
- Carl D. – Troop 382 Westborough

It is an honor and privilege to congratulate these exceptional Scouts for their achievement. As less than 5% of Scouts become Eagles, these are truly the best of the best, the most dedicated, and the most determined to succeed!

Congratulations!

Once an Eagle Scout, Always an Eagle Scout!

What’s the intent of advancement requirements?

Several requirements along the trail to the Eagle Scout rank seem very straight-forward: demonstrate tying knots, participate in a flag ceremony, sleep in a tent you helped pitch, etc. However, there’s depth to each and every task a Scout must perform.

Suggested Eagle Scout News

Release

From: SCOUTING AMERICA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mayflower Council
83 Cedar Street
Milford, MA 01757

Contact: (Full name, title)
(Office and home phone numbers)

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD TO BE PRESENTED

(Full name, age), of (address), has earned the highest advancement award offered by Scouting America, the Eagle Scout Award. This achievement is reached by only four percent of all Scouts BSA.

(Last name) will be recognized in ceremonies on (day, date, and time) at the (location).

A member of (chartered organization, Troop #), (last name) is an exceptional scout, having served as (leadership position) and receiving (Scouting honors), according to Scoutmaster (full name).

Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully plan, design, and lead a service project benefiting the community, a religious institution, or a school in order to earn their Eagle; (last name) chose to (describe project).

(Last name) joins other outstanding American citizens who have become Eagle Scouts, among them former President Gerald R. Ford, Jr., cinematographer Steven Spielberg, Supreme Court

Justice Stephen Breyer, and over 40 U.S. astronauts.

(Last name) is a member of (religious institution) and is active in (school activities, i.e.: debate team, drama club, band, sports) at (name) High School, where (he/her) is a member of the class of (year).

(He/She) is the (son/daughter) of (parents) of (city).

(date)
(photo attached)

Eagle Letters of Recommendation Procedures

On your *Eagle Scout Rank Application*, you are asked to list a number of individuals that are willing to provide a recommendation for you as an Eagle Scout candidate. You should ask each of these individuals to write a brief letter on your behalf describing your worthiness to become an Eagle Scout.

You need to request letters from:

- Your parents;
- A teacher, guidance counselor, or staff member at your school;
- A religious reference from someone at your place of worship (if none, you must have your parents address in their letter how you meet your "Duty to God" and demonstrate "Reverence", as you promise to do when you recite the Scout Oath and Law);
- An employer , if you have or had one; and
- Two (2) other people, who know you well.

When you ask someone to write you a letter, you should give that person a copy of the document entitled *Eagle Scout Reference Letter Request* and a pre-addressed, stamped envelope. The document should be used by your reference as guidance regarding the type of information being requested and the envelope is to be used for submitting the reference letter.

The pre-addressed, stamped envelope should be addressed as follows:

- In the upper left hand corner of the envelope (return address), provide the name and address of the person writing the letter.
- The envelope should be addressed to the advancement administrator of your Unit or other contact person designated by your Unit.
- In the lower left of the envelope, provide the words: "Eagle Recommendation For (insert YOUR NAME here)".

The Unit's advancement administrator, or other designated contact person, will retain the letters
UNOPENED for delivery to the Eagle Scout rank board of review.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO ASK FOR THE LETTERS.

Mayflower Council – June 1, 2018

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EAGLE SCOUT RECOMMENDATION LETTER REQUEST

The Scout below must appear soon before a "Board of Review" to satisfy the requirements for the highest rank in Scouting – Eagle Scout. You, who know them best, can supply evidence of his/her adherence to the Principles of Scouting in their daily life. Please write a frank, confidential appraisal of the Scout's dependability, citizenship, leadership, and

consideration of others. Your comments will be kept strictly confidential and will be seen, not by the Scout, but only by the members of the Board of Review. After completing your letter, please place it in the provided pre-addressed envelope and mail it.

Scout's name: _____ Phone #_____

Using the four points listed below, please give your observations concerning the Scout. Feel free to add any other observations that you think are pertinent.

The **Scout Oath** or **Promise** and the **Scout Law** are the code of ethics by which a Scout strives to live.

Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law;

to help other people at all times;

to keep myself physically strong, mentally aware, and morally straight.

Scout Law

A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

- Describe how well he/she puts into practice in their everyday life, the principles embodied in the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law.
- Give information relating to his/her ability and willingness to accept and "follow through" on responsibilities.
- Describe his/her attitude relative to instruction and criticism.
- What recommendations would you make to the Scout for

improvement?

Thank you very much for taking the time to provide this letter of recommendation to us. The input of people like you is very helpful to the Board of Review as it considers the Scout's readiness to become an Eagle Scout.

Mayflower Council Advancement Committee

Complete and Submit An Eagle Scout Application

How to Complete and Submit Your Eagle Scout Rank Application Form

Completing the Trail:

It is recommended that the applicant use this instruction document as a personal checklist to ensure that the Eagle Scout Rank Application Form has been properly prepared prior to its submission to Mayflower Council. If an application is missing or contains any inaccurate information, it cannot be processed – Mayflower Council cannot make changes to a filed application. Following and reviewing these instructions carefully with your Unit leader and committee chair prior to their signing the application can avoid processing delays.

- Download and use the current Eagle Scout Rank Application form from this page. The application form is a fillable PDF.

Important Note: It is strongly recommended that you first

save the downloaded form to your computer and then reopen it using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not follow this procedure, you may have difficulty inputting data to the form and/or saving the form for future editing. If you choose to print out a paper copy of the Application and fill out the information by hand, you must fill in the information in black or blue ink (no pencil).

- **Name and Personal Information:** Print your full name, as you would like it to appear on your Eagle Certificate (no more than 30 characters, including punctuation and spaces). If filling out by hand, do this at the top of Page 2 as well. Provide your complete address and Unit designation information, including zip code.
- **Date became a Scouts BSA (Venturer)**: This is the date you became registered as a Scouts BSA (Venturer) by the Scouting America National Service Center. Obtain this date from Mayflower Council by sending your name, unit, and town in an email to: JoiningDate@mayflowerbsa.org.
- **Dates of First Class and Star Boards of Review:** Get these dates from your Unit Advancement Administrator. This individual has access to your official records through Internet Advancement. There must be at least four (4) months separation between the date of the First Class Scout Board of Review and the date of the Star Scout Board of Review and at least six (6) months separation between the date of the Star Scout Board of Review and the date of the Life Scout Board of Review.
- **Date of Birth:** All Eagle Scout rank requirements, other than the Eagle Scout Rank Board of Review, must be completed before your 18th birthday.
- **Requirement 1** – Active for Six Months: There must be at least six (6) months separation between the date of your

Life Scout Board of Review and the date you apply for the Eagle Scout rank.

- **Requirement 2** – References: Follow the guidance provided in the document entitled: Eagle Scout Letters of Reference Procedures. Provide each reference's complete name, full mailing address (including zip code) and telephone number (including area code). Do not alter or delete any of the Reference categories listed under Requirement 2.
- **Requirement 3** – Merit Badges: List only 14 Eagle-required badges and seven (7) others. Dates are very important here. The list must include four (4) Eagle-required merit badges, together with two (2) other merit badges, with dates that precede the date you achieved the Star Scout rank and three (3) additional Eagle-required merit badges, together with two (2) additional other merit badges with dates that precede the date you achieved the Life Scout rank. Request that your Unit's advancement administrator confirm all dates via Internet Advancement prior to filing the Eagle Scout Rank Application form with Mayflower Council. On merit badge numbers 8, 9, and 11, cross out the badges not being claimed as "Eagle required". If a crossed out badge was earned, it can be re-entered as one of numbers 15 through 21. For example, if you have earned Emergency Preparedness but not Lifesaving, you should cross out the word "Lifesaving" in box 8. If you have earned both these merit badges and wish to claim Emergency Preparedness as your Eagle-required merit badge, you should cross out the word "Lifesaving" in box 8 and insert it into one of the boxes 15 through 21. For each merit badge, enter the number of the Unit you were in when that merit badge was earned.
- **Requirement 4** – Position of Responsibility: Re-enter the date of the Life Scout Board of Review and then identify only those positions of responsibility held after that date and before your 18th birthday. Do not put "Present"

as a date. If you held the position until the day before your 18th birthday, use that date as the termination date of the position. The only leadership positions creditable under Requirement 4 are those listed on the application form.

- **Requirement 5** – Service Project: Provide the name of your Eagle Scout Service Project and the grand total of hours spent on it. The total hours should match what is recorded on "Project Report Page B" in the "Eagle Scout Service Project Report" section of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. Provide the date the service project was completed (i.e., the date the final signature was secured on your Eagle Scout Service Project Report).
- **Requirement 6** – Unit Leader Conference: Provide the date of your Unit leader conference. This date must be before your 18th birthday.
- **Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose / Listing of Leadership Outside Scouting:** Prepare your statement of ambitions and life purpose. This statement should address the question: what do you want to do with your life at this point in your life? Provide a list of positions held outside of Scouting and the activities you've been involved in. This will provide the Board of Review with some insight into what else you have been doing. This can be uploaded with your Eagle Scout Application in the same form.
- **Certification By Applicant:** Sign and date the application form and provide your telephone number.
- **Unit Leader Signature:** Obtain the signature of your Unit leader and provide that leader's telephone number and date of signature. If a parent of the candidate is the Unit leader or committee chair, the application form must still be signed by them, certifying that all the information provided therein is correct.
- **Unit Committee Chair Signature:** Obtain the signature of the Unit committee chair and provide that leader's

telephone number and date of signature.

The completed Eagle Scout Rank Application form does not have to be received by Mayflower Council prior to your 18th birthday, but you must have completed all the requirements 1 through 6. You are certifying this by your signature and the signatures by your Unit leadership. Delay in submitting your Application to Mayflower Council could impact your ability to have your Eagle Scout Rank Board of Review within the time allowed by Scouting America.

Final Steps: Submit an Eagle Scout Application to Mayflower Council.

- **Scan the Completed Form:** Scan both sides of the completed Eagle Scout Rank Application Form and Contact Page (B). Save it as a PDF file.
- **Electronically Submit the Completed Form:** Please submit all required documents using the To Submit Eagle Scout Application link
- **Provide Eagle Project Data**: "To Submit Project Data" and enter the requested information concerning the Eagle Scout Service Project. NOTE: This information is optional but it is used by National to show the amount of work Scouting is giving back to the community.
- **Letters of Recommendation**: Refer to Eagle Scout Reference Letter Procedures . The Unit's advancement administrator, or other designated contact person, will retain the letters UNOPENED for delivery to the Eagle Scout Rank Board of Review. The scout should not be in possession of the reference letters.
- **What to Expect After the Eagle Board of Review**
  The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook is returned to the Scout at the end of the Board of Review. The Eagle Certificate will be mailed directly to the Scout, once it arrives from the National Council office.

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100th Anniversary of Camp Resolute

Come join current and past staff, campers, and leaders as we celebrate this milestone. Tour the camp, share your memories, re-engage with friends from the past! The afternoon will begin with activity stations open for your enjoyment, a re-dedication of memorial park, then a barbecue, formal parade and retreat, special presentations, and a closing campfire that we hope you will participate in. We will have displays of memorabilia to share as well.

This event is open to all past Resolute and Day Camp staff, campers, leaders, and their families!

Come for the whole time or come when you can.

There will be memorabilia items to purchase, commemorative coin, belt buckle, and lapel pin. All attendees will receive a 100th Anniversary patch.

Registration Deadline: July 13, 2019

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Independence Day

The Marlborough and Canton Service Centers will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.