

Marin Council Eagle Advisors

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Dear Life Scout;

Congratulations on achieving the rank of Life Scout! Earning Life rank is an achievement of which you should be proud. Now it is time to start thinking about earning the highest rank in Boy Scouts: Eagle Scout Rank.

If you have not already done so, please review the requirements for Eagle Scout rank in your handbook. Most of the requirements should look familiar including troop activities, leadership positions and 21 merit badges. But there are requirements unique to the Eagle Rank: # 5: Eagle Scout Service Project and # 7: an Eagle Board of Review.

To complete requirement 5, you must complete an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook. The latest version of this and the Eagle rank application can be downloaded from the BSA website:

(<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/guidetoadvancement/eaglescoutrank.aspx>) . Please review the directions in this workbook carefully. The National Eagle Scout Association can also provide tips and ideas for Eagle Scout Service Projects. The NESA website is: <http://www.nesa.org>.

Marin Council has four Eagle Advisors to help you through the Eagle Scout Rank process. It is required that you work with one of the advisors in order to earn your Eagle Scout rank. Although they are listed geographically for your convenience, you may choose to work with any of them. You are strongly urged to contact an advisor before you begin working on your Eagle Scout Service Project. The Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal *must be approved and documented by the specific signatures on page 10 of the workbook BEFORE the work begins*. By contacting an Eagle advisor early in the process, you will ensure your project is acceptable for the Eagle Scout Rank. If you do not get these approvals before you work on your project, your project may not count towards your Eagle Scout Rank. Many troops have their own Eagle Advisors as well. You are welcome to work with the troop leaders, but that is not required and is not a substitute for working with a Council Advisor. Your Council Advisor will also aid you in completing your Eagle Scout Rank Application and will conduct your Eagle Board of Review.

You will also need to complete the Eagle Scout Rank Application. This is very much like completing a job application including listing references. Picking the right references is important. Your advisor can help you choose the right references when the time comes.

Earning your Eagle Scout Rank is a lifetime achievement and well worth the effort. It may seem daunting at first, but if you do your best and follow the path, earning Eagle Scout Rank will come your way before you know it. Please contact an advisor; she or he will help you work out a plan and give you pointers to help make the path an achievable one.

Sincerely,
Marin Council Advancement Committee