

Scenic District: Trail to Eagle Scout Checklist after First Class

The Scenic District Committee members have designed this checklist to help clarify the trail to Eagle Scout process and the responsibilities of the Scoutmaster and Troop Board of Review members. After completing the requirements for First Class, the following items should be reviewed with the Boy Scout by the Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair.

Each level of scout advancement requires the following items. These items should be reviewed by the Scoutmaster at each Scoutmaster conference and by members of the Troop Committee at each troop Board of Review. The Troop Committee Members should also review the progress of each scout at least quarterly.

Merit Badge Accomplishments

- _____ Scouts are using the latest edition of Merit Badge requirements booklets
- _____ Merit Badge cards are completed by Qualified Merit Badge Counselors after the Scoutmaster initially approves and signs the card before the Scout contacts a counselor.
- _____ Ensure the proper number of Required Merit Badges and Elective Merit Badges for each rank advancement
- _____ The Scout Office receives timely written notice of Merit Badge accomplishments through advancement reports
- _____ A Troop Committee Member maintains a complete record of all completed merit badges
- _____ The Scout keeps his copy of the merit badge card separate from the unit copy

Leadership Positions

- _____ Each scout is given an opportunity to develop his leadership skills
- _____ The troop maintains a written record the Length of Leadership Service for each scout
- _____ Remember that not all leadership positions qualify for Eagle Scout advancement
- _____ Demonstration of leadership must be in the Scouting program and on a regular basis (informed of unit activities through Scoutmaster conference or personal contact, etc.

Service Requirements

- _____ The troop maintains a written record of service hours and projects for each scout
- _____ Scouts should begin the Life to Eagle Packet upon earning the Life Rank
- _____ Be sure that Eagle Service Project is submitted for approval in a timely manner
- _____ Complete Eagle Service Project in a timely manner (after District approval)

Demonstration of Scout Spirit

- _____ Each scout should be able to describe how he lives the Scout Oath and Scout Law
- _____ Each scout should participate in Troop activities
- _____ Older scouts should assist with the development of younger scouts

The Scoutmaster and the local Board of Review members have the responsibility to postpone individual scout rank advancements, if necessary, in order to allow the scout to properly complete each of the scout rank advancement requirements.

The Scout's unit registration must be current and he must be in communication with the unit leader on a quarterly basis. If the Scout does not initiate communication, the unit leader is to contact the Scout and ask if the youth wishes to remain in Scouting. After six months of nonparticipation, the unit leader may cease contact with the youth and drop the Scout from the unit at recharter time.