

Gateway District Eagle Projects

The Eagle project is a way to show the Eagle Board the leadership skills of a candidate. It is not intended to provide free labor to a recipient. This Service Project shall be initiated by the scout and approved by his Scoutmaster, Unit Committee, and a representative of the organization who is benefiting from the project. It is then submitted to the District Eagle Board for a final approval **before** it can be started. This final approval will be done by the board on the third Thursday of each month; therefore the project with appropriate signatures must be to the Eagle Chair no later than the second Thursday of the month. Whether the project is approved or not the scout will receive a letter stating the status of approval and possibly some recommendations from the board. This letter will be sent within a reasonable time after the Board meets, usually within a day or two depending on the number of projects approved that night. This preapproval of the project does not mean that the Board of Review will approve the way the project was carried out.

“As a demonstration of leadership, the scout must plan the work, organize the personnel needed, and direct the project to its completion.”

Even before the project is approved everything associated with the project shall be documented. This includes research on the project, phone calls made, letters sent, meetings with Scoutmaster or other people who may be involved, anything you do put on paper. Keep track of the dates, and the length of these calls or meetings, (you will be surprised how much time is put in before the actual project day arrives). This prep work is an important factor in determining your leadership skills.

This project is limited only by your imagination and the requirement that it:

- May not be performed for a business
- May not involve council property or other BSA activities
- May not be of a commercial nature
- May not be a fundraiser
- Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials needed to carry out the project
- Donors to Eagle Projects must be made aware of what entity is benefitting from the project, and that it clearly **is not the Boy Scouts of America**.
- Any funds raised for an Eagle Project that are not used for the purchase of project materials must be returned to the donor

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