



Stratham Boy Scout Troop 185

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Eagle Scout Guide and Timeline

Eagle Scout Requirements

1. **Hold Life Scout Rank and leadership position for at least 6 months**

Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout, in one of the following roles: Patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, Venture patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant Scoutmaster, chaplain aide, instructor, webmaster, or Leave No Trace trainer.

2. **Complete Required Merit Badges (21).**

Scouts must complete the 13 Eagle-required badges:

(a) First Aid , (b) Citizenship in the Community , (c) Citizenship in the Nation , (d) Citizenship in the World , (e) Communication , (f) Cooking , (g) Personal Fitness , (h) Emergency Preparedness  OR Lifesaving , (i) Environmental Science  OR Sustainability , (j) Personal Management , (k) Swimming  OR Hiking  OR Cycling , (l) Camping , and (m) Family Life .

In addition, scouts complete 8 merit badges from the non-Eagle required list:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Note: As of July 2022, Eagle Scouts must also complete the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge.

3. **Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal and Report**

a. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting. Use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Plan* in the Workbook to plan your project and remember that the purpose of this project is to demonstrate leadership.

b. Complete the *Eagle Scout Project Proposal* in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. Obtain the signatures of Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Beneficiary, and Daniel Webster Council Representative. **Note: A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start.**

c. Contact Historic District's Eagle Board to present project proposal for review. You may not begin your project or any fundraising efforts until your project is approved and you have received a fourth signature from your Eagle Board of Review. Note that the Board meets only once per month so plan accordingly. Scout is responsible for



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communicating the date to the adult leader(s) he is working with to ensure that this person(s) will be available to attend the meeting with the Scout.

d. Complete Eagle Scout Service Project Plan and Fundraising Application and obtain signature of Unit Leader (Scoutmaster).

e. Complete the final section of the Workbook, *Eagle Scout Service Project Report* and obtain beneficiary and Unit Leader/Scoutmaster signatures. **Note that this and all Eagle requirements must be turned in to the Council before the Scout turns 18 years of age.**

4. Eagle Scout Rank Application

Complete and submit this application to the Council Service Center in Manchester.

Obtain signatures from the Unit Leader/Scoutmaster and the Committee Chair. The application (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/resources/>) includes a statement of the Scout's ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in his religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations, during which he demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service. Scouts should list on the Eagle Scout Rank Application the names of individuals who know him personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on his behalf, including parents/guardians, religious, educational, and employer references.

The application is then sent to the District Advancement office, who verify that all the information is correct, using "Scout Net." Any missing information will be communicated the Troop's Scoutmaster.

Upon acceptance, the application will be then forwarded to the Historic District Eagle Board who will then contact the Scout about scheduling a final Board of Review.

Note: It is highly recommended that the Scout submit this application before his 18th birthday. Scouts need to allow ample time for the application to be processed so that the final Board of Review occurs no later than 90 days after his 18th birthday.

5. Eagle Scout Board of Review

After the application is approved, the District Eagle Board will contact the Scout to schedule a Board of Review. Scouts should bring the Eagle Scout Services Project Workbook with original signatures to the Board of Review.

6. Eagle Packet

Once the Eagle Board of Review approves the Eagle Scout application, they send their paperwork to the Council office, who then enter it electronically for review by the National Office. Within 2-3 weeks, a packet is sent to the Council, where it is signed and then sent to the Troop's Scoutmaster for the Eagle Scout. The packet includes the Eagle medal, Eagle Knot, Mother's Pin, Father's Tie Tack, Mentor's Pin, congratulatory letters, information on scholarships, and information on the National Eagle Scout Association. The Mentor's pin is for the Eagle scout to give to an adult leader of his choice.



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Planning the Eagle Court of Honor

- **Letters to local and national dignitaries**

As soon as the Eagle Board of Review approves the Scout's application, the Scoutmaster sends out letters to local and national dignitaries informing them of the Eagle Scout's accomplishment and inviting them to send a congratulations letter to him. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Sturtevant have a mail merge program and sends this letter to about 50 people.
- **Flags dedicated to the Eagle Scout**

Scoutmaster and Committee Chair request a US Flag for the Scout flown over the US Capital building. The Committee Chair orders the US flag online through the NH US Senator's office/website and submits the receipt to the SVFDA for reimbursement. The Scoutmaster contacts a NH State Representative who orders the NH state flag (free of charge.) The Scoutmaster (with parent) invites the NH State Representative or Senator to present the flag at the ceremony. The Committee Chair invites representatives from the SVFDA to present the US flag at the ceremony.
- **Setting the date, time, and location of the COH ceremony**

This is the responsibility of the family. The Scout should coordinate with the Troop adult leaders and any scouts he wants to participate in his ceremony.
- **The Ceremony**

The Scout and his family can choose the type of ceremony they want and are responsible for the logistics of the celebration, including invitations, food, brochures, decorations, etc. The Scout may also choose to have a pot luck event. Typical COHs might include an MC (overall adult leader who will lead the ceremony), Eagle Scout Charge (reaffirming scout's oath, etc.), Voices of the Eagle (several adult leaders read Eagle Scout Challenge defining for example "Honor"), The Path to Eagle (scouts from the Troop, representing each rank, read a passage and light a candle), Acknowledgement Speech (scout reads his own speech), Parent Speeches, etc. The Scout and family typically invite family and friends, everyone in the Troop, any DWC contacts they wish to include, and may also include the following local politicians: Stratham Select Board Joe Anderson, Michael Houghton, and Allison Knab; Rep. Pat Abrami, Sen Tom Sherman, Rep. Debra Altschiller.
- **Resources for Ceremony ideas**

There are many ideas online and scouts may choose how to conduct the ceremony. The Troop has "Props" for scouts to use (Light Box, Flags/Stands, Candle Log) at the Fire Station which the scout should arrange to pick up for borrowing prior to the ceremony.