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## The Requirements for Eagle Scout Rank

1. Be active in your unit for six months after your Life Board of Review.
2. Live by the Principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
3. Earn a total of 21 merit badges, 12 of them specified.
4. Serve six months in one or more specified leadership positions since your Life Board of Review.
5. Plan, develop, and carry out a leadership service project.
6. Prepare a statement of your life purpose and ambitions, and list your accomplishments to date. Take part in a Scoutmaster's conference.



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## The Trail to **EAGLE**



## You Are On the Eagle Trail Now

You started this journey the day you joined Scouting! You are closer now, and even more likely to make it to the end of the trail. You just need to make a little additional effort to join a *very* distinctive group of men.

The Goose Creek District publishes its own pamphlet to assist Scouts complete the requirements for Eagle Scout Rank. You can download it from the web site shown on the back page of this brochure. Look under *District Resources > Life to Eagle* for “Guidelines and Helpful Hints for Eagle Scout Candidates.” The current edition is the First Revision, dated June 2004.



## Merit Badges

Each rank above First Class requires merit badges, some of them required for Eagle. By the time you make Life Scout, you already have earned at least over half the merit badges you need for Eagle. Be aware that some required badges have terms of completion ranging from 84 to 91 days. If you wait to start these late in your 17th year, you may not have time to complete them before your birthday.

## Leadership Service Project

Perhaps the biggest challenge for you to achieve to date will be the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. For you, this is an opportunity to demonstrate LEADERSHIP. You can begin your project as soon as you complete your Life Scout Rank board of review. You must plan the project, organize the people and material needed, and direct it towards satisfactory completion.

You may select a project that is interesting to you and provides a challenge for you to demonstrate your leadership abilities. If you need help in selecting a subject, talk with your school, church, and Scout leaders. There are places on the Internet with lots of ideas; start with the District web site shown on the back page.

There are certain restrictions about what is a suitable project. The Guidelines pamphlet previously mentioned covers these in detail. The last word on appropriateness of a project rests with your Eagle Board of Review.

Before you begin work on the project, you need signed approvals from four specific persons. The last signature is from a member of the District Advancement Committee. The list of members is in the Guidelines pamphlet and online at the District web site.



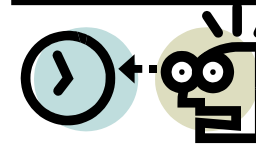
## Eagle Board of Review

Your first step towards the Board of Review is to complete the required paperwork. Follow the instructions in the District Guidelines pamphlet (section four). The paperwork must be reviewed and approved by the member of the District Advancement Committee who approved your project.

The Board of Review is selected by your unit's committee. One member will be from the District Advancement Committee. You are expected to be on time, in uniform. Take time in advance to review the procedures and questions contained in the Guidelines pamphlet.



## WATCH OUT FOR THE DEADLINE



You **MUST** complete ALL six requirements for Eagle Scout Rank

**BEFORE** your 18th birthday! However, the paperwork and your Eagle Board of Review may be completed after your birthday. But even those have deadlines, too. **YOU** are responsible for meeting these deadlines.