

Blennerhasset District, Allohak Council

From: Blennerhasset District Advancement Committee

To: District Scoutmasters, Unit Commissioners, and Unit Committee Chairman

Subject: Changes to Eagle Scout Project Approval Process and Eagle Board of Reviews

Eagle Scout Projects

In an effort to standardize communications and ensure all Eagle Scout projects are held to an equal standard as set by the Boy Scouts of America and the Blennerhasset District is making the following changes effective July 31, 2009.

- Scouts are to complete the Allohak Council Eagle Award Service Project Worksheets as they prepare for preliminary approval or for final approval of their projects. These worksheets are located on the council web page.
- Project proposals must be turned in to the Scout Office and marked: "Blennerhasset District Eagle Project, Attention Advancement Chairman", by the 15th or 30th of each month to be reviewed within the following 5 days. The council registrar will notify the committee of the project to be reviewed.
- The Eagle Board will meet within 5 days of the 15th (16th-20th) and 30th (31st-5th) of each month to review proposed Eagle Scout projects.
- Projects will be reviewed by Eagle Board members in attendance and will be approved or declined after discussion and evaluation.
- If the project is approved, the Life Scout and/or his Scoutmaster will be informed by telephone the day following the review.
- If the project is declined, The Scout and his Scoutmaster will be informed via telephone as soon as possible following the review. A follow up letter will be sent to the Scout and his Scoutmaster outlining why the project was declined and what needs to be completed in order for the project to pass review. The new PDF format will not have a letter.
- Projects that are not approved are to be resubmitted to the Scout Office for review, following the same process outlined above, once the recommended changes have been made.
- All projects must be pre-approved by the Eagle Board.
- No one person acting alone can approve or decline a project.
- All projects will be held to the same standard, as outlined by National BSA.

Again, these changes are in an effort to calibrate the BSA standards across the District and to make expectations clear for the Scouts and their leaders.

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Eagle Scout Board of Reviews

In an effort to streamline communication of Eagle Board of Reviews, the District Advancement and Eagle Board will make the following changes effective July 31, 2009.

- Units are to contact the District Advancement Chairman no less than 7 days before a planned Board of Review.
- Members of the District Eagle Board will be notified by the District Advancement Chairman of the upcoming Board of Review.
- At least one member of the District Eagle Board will attend the Board of Review. More members may attend if available.
- Following the Board of Review the attending Eagle Board member(s) will communicate the outcome to the other members of the District Eagle Board not in attendance.

Reminders to Unit Leaders

- Eagle Scout Applications must be completed and accurately filled out.
- Reference letters are to be returned to the Unit Advancement Chairman.
- Reference letters are to match the names of references listed on the Eagle application.
- The unit is to have reviewed the reference letters prior to scheduling the Board of Review.
- Remind your Eagle Scout candidate to **be on time, dressed in full uniform, and prepared for his Board of Review.**

The District Eagle Board welcomes invitations to attend Eagle Scout Ceremonies and will make every attempt to attend based on availability.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call any of the undersigned.

Steve Miracle, District Advancement Chairman, 304-489-9608
Nick Mehl, District Executive
Randy Mitchell, District Chairman
District Board Members