

Troop 51, Phillipsburg, New Jersey
Eagle Scout Candidate Expectations

The Eagle Scout Rank is significance lifetime achievement as recognized by the BSA and our society at large. This is due in large part to the rigorous requirements that must be met to earn the rank of Eagle Scout and the fundamental nature of those requirements as they pertain to individual motivation and responsibility. Ultimately, the true value of the rank is only as good as the individuals who receive it. To make sure that the Eagle is earned in the spirit in which it is intended, the candidate and his parents must agree to the following:

Scout's Role

The Eagle candidate will do the following

- Strive to be a role model for other Scouts by truly living the Boy Scout Oath and Law
- Demonstrate Scout spirit through active participation in the Troop including, but not limited to:
 - Regular attendance at meetings, campouts, and other Troop events
 - Helping younger Scouts so they recognize the candidate's Scout spirit
 - Readily volunteering when there is work to be done
- Take full responsibility for the planning, management and execution of his project, only allowing his parents to play an advisory role and to do tasks which are not possible for the Scout (ie: driving).
- Maintain effective communications with his Eagle Scout advisor throughout the project
- Recognize that earning Eagle is a process that requires a significant amount of time. Both in planning and carrying out the project.

Parent's Role

Parents must recognize that the Eagle Scout rank can only truly be attained by the Scout through his own motivation and when he is ready to accept the responsibility. If he is not at that point, then he should wait until he is. If becoming an Eagle scout is not genuinely **his** goal, then he should not pursue it, no matter how important it is to his parents.

As parents, of the Eagle candidate, you agree to:

- All of the above regarding the Scout's role
- Recognize that the process of achieving the rank of Eagle Scout should be one of the most challenging things the candidate will do at this point in his life. Help him be challenged, don't *diminish* it.
- Advise him or make suggestion only when asked, don't manage him or his time.
- Not do his work which includes making contacts, arrangements, initial or follow-up phone calls, keeping records, etc.
- Perform only a high level editing role for his written requirements.
- Actively monitor his safety, recognizing that he is supposed to take on more of a challenge but not more risk.

Both the Scout and his parents agree to establish a date for the Court of Honor to be held within six months of the Troop receiving the approved Eagle Application from our council office.

Eagle Candidate Name

Parent Signature

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Date: _____