

PROJECT

EAGLE SCOUT

“...One of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to learn leadership skills, or to improve or demonstrate leadership skills you already have.”

-Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

Like any other project, it always helps to break the tasks down to smaller pieces. The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook already does this for the scout and their family. Within the workbook, there are 4 main sections: Instructions, Project Proposal, Project Plan, and the Project Report. All along the way, the scout will have help from their BSA District and Council representatives who are familiar with the process and want the scout to be successful.

Make sure to download the most current **Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook**. It is not necessary for the scout to have completed all the Eagle Rank required 21 merit badges before beginning the Eagle Scout Service Project.

Instructions

As with any project, **read the instructions first**. This provides necessary information to help guide you, as a parent, and your scout through the process.

Project Proposal

Deciding on a project may take some research. Contact others for ideas like local schools, civic leaders, community groups, the District Eagle Board Scout Leaders, or online resources.

The most important criteria is to find an activity that interests the scout. After deciding on a project idea, the scout should meet with the project beneficiary to determine the scope of the project and specifics instructions. Next, the scout will need to contact his scouting district to set up an appointment for a Project Approval Board. This consists of 2-3 members who will review the proposal, provide feedback, and ultimately give approval for the project. Afterwards, the scout will then be assigned a Service Project Coach and may begin the Project Plan in the Workbook.

Project Plan

After completing the Plan section, contact the Service Project Coach to review it. Then, contact the Beneficiary to have them review the plan as well to make sure project expectations are clear and correct. Do the project while taking before and after pictures.

Project Report

Complete the remaining Workbook pages. Contact the Project Coach to have a final review on the scout's paperwork and get instructions for the next steps to prepare for the Eagle Board of Review.

FAQ's:

Where do I get more information on the Eagle Scout Rank?

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/guidetoadvancement/eaglescoutrank.aspx>

Where do I download the Eagle Project Workbook?

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards.aspx>

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IDEAS

- Teach and make paracord bracelets to donate to Operation Gratitude (a charity that sends care packages to active military service members).
- Coordinate the taking of headstone pictures for the local cemetery
- Make blankets for a local shelter or emergency room
- Paint red lines on sidewalks by fire hydrants
- Hold a free clothing exchange at the local school
- Host an event to help local children get fingerprinted
- Gather entertainment items for a hospital Pediatrics and/or Geriatrics Units
- Paint a US map on a playground to inspire kids to learn their geography
- Plant flowers and other vegetation at a community health center
- Collect used eyeglass or hearing aids to be donated to the needy around the world
- Collect coats for a homeless shelter
- Collect hygiene items for a local homeless shelter or battered women's shelter
- Interview someone elderly in a nursing home and help them write up their life history
- Bike registration and safety fair
- US Flag retirement ceremony
- Make "IV lily pads" to donate to your local hospital pediatric unit (The wooden lily pad fits around the base of an IV pole and allows pediatric patients to "ride" along with their IV when being transported around the hospital. <http://www.seeyalater.org/syl-washington/lily-pad-project/>)

For Additional Project Ideas:

"100 More Eagle Service Projects" by Darryl Alder outlines a sample of 100 projects done in the Utah National Parks Council area during 2015.

<http://blog.utahscouts.org/eagle-scout-trail/100-more-eagle-service-projects/>

Scoutorama.com

http://www.scoutorama.com/service_project-resources

BoyScoutTrail

<http://www.boy scout trail.com/projects.asp>

MeritBadge.org

http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Eagle_Scout_Leadership_Service_Project

http://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/5/56/Sample_Eagle_Project_Ideas.pdf

Tip: While doing the planning and implementation of the project, the scout needs to keep a tally of the service hours both he and other participants volunteered. This includes time spent in researching a project idea, time individuals met discussing the project, and etc. For example, at the Project Approval Board which typically lasts about 15 minutes, the scout would count his 15 min + 15 mins for each Board member (2) + 15 min of parent/guardian time for a total of 1 service hour. Although a set number of hours is not required for the Eagle Project, BSA collects this information which is required to be reported in the Workbook and on the Eagle Scout Rank Application.