

HELPFUL HINTS FOR TROOP 22 EAGLE CANDIDATES

Reaching the Summit: Eagle!

- It takes approximately one year to complete the Eagle rank from the time you begin your search for a project to the time you complete the final paperwork. Please do not procrastinate.
- Talk to your Scoutmaster when you are searching for an appropriate Eagle project. He will also want to discuss your leadership, merit badges and Troop participation, etc.
- Meet with your Eagle Advisors before you start writing your proposal. Also go to a *Life to Eagle Seminar*. Get organized – buy a three ring binder and save the instructions.
- Your personal deadline for the Eagle rank is the day before your 18th birthday. When you reach Life, create a personal time line. Consider your other activities such as sports or a job.
- Do not get discouraged if you have trouble finding the right project. It often takes a few months to decide what you want to do.
- Your senior year in high school is NOT a good time to work on an Eagle project. You will be completing college applications, etc. Please do not procrastinate.
- Every Eagle project is unique. But you do not need to “re-invent the wheel”. Your Eagle advisors will provide lots of advice and even a sample proposal. You **MUST** use the workbook on the CCC BSA Advancement website: www.eaglescout.itgo.com
- Writing a proposal is a long process. You will need to meet with your Eagle Project Advisor many times. The paperwork is extensive, but then you will be truly ready to do your project. Once you get through the proposal, the project will be rewarding and fun.
- Use the time chart on the Troop 22 website. www.troop-22.com (Look in Handouts).
- Your Eagle Project **MAY** also qualify as your graduation project **IF** you file the necessary paperwork with the high school **BEFORE** you begin building your project. Talk to your guidance counselor.
- The Eagle project is a Leadership project. This is your opportunity to “boss” your parents.
- Murphy’s Law applies. Challenges and problems occur and it is the job of the Life Scout to do problem solving towards his goal. Completing an Eagle project is a huge learning experience (organizational skills, verbal skills, fundraising, construction skills, etc.)
- When your project is finished, you are not done. Allow time to complete the final paperwork and *Eagle Application with attachments* and *Scoutmaster Conference* before your 18th birthday.

Scouts do not get the Eagle rank, they EARN it.

Eagle is a HUGE accomplishment.

BEST WISHES ON YOUR JOURNEY TO THE SUMMIT!