

## **Information on Eagle Scout Advancement**

We know many of you may wonder how the closure of Council Service Centers and suspension of inperson meetings may affect your Scout's journey to the Eagle Scout Rank. We believe that maintaining consistency in your Scout's daily life is important, especially right now and we want you to know that there are several methods and policies for remote advancement meetings and Eagle Scout Boards of Review. The following information regarding Eagle Scout Advancement is based on the latest available guidance. As this is an evolving situation, this information is subject to change.

<u>Videoconferencing</u> - is permissible to complete Scoutmaster conferences, merit badge work, Eagle project approvals, and boards of review. Youth protection policies apply and there is a useful article on <u>How to conduct a board of review through videoconferencing</u>. The policies in the article apply to other virtual meetings with youth.

<u>Time Extensions to Complete The Eagle Rank –</u> are addressed in the Guide to Advancement section 9.0.4.0. Please review this section if you believe a Scout will need more time to complete the Eagle Rank. There is a very specific processes to request a time extension and an Eagle candidate must have been on a clear path to success prior to the suspension of in-person meetings. For more information on how to request an extension please email mpurdy@crossroadsbsa.org. If a Scout requests an extension they should continue to progress on their work while awaiting a verdict.

## **Gathering to Work on Eagle Projects**

Every project is different. While some may be able to be completed remotely many cannot. The Scout with their adult advisor shore determines whether their family can help with the project but should be very careful to ensure that the leadership requirements, a cornerstone of every Eagle Project, are fully and authentically met.

## Eagle Boards of Review After Age 18

A Scout must complete requirements except for the board of review before age 18 and is always allowed up to 3 months after turning 18 to complete a board of review. In the event a board of review is delayed further than 3 months for reasons beyond the Scout's control, the local Council can grant a 3-month extension. This applies only to the board of review, not to other rank requirements. A delay longer than 6 months after turning 18 requires National Council approval.

## **Submitting Eagle Applications**

While processing of applications may be delayed, you may prearrange to drop off an Eagle Scout Applications at the Golden-Burke Scout Center's receiving area by calling the Scout Shop at (317) 813-7125. Work with your Troop's Eagle Coordinator and District Eagle Coordinator regarding applications that have already been processed.

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