



Scouts BSA

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Guide for Eagle Board of Review Members

The following should be read by community members asked to serve on an Eagle Board of Review, as well as by the Eagle candidate himself.

Mechanics of an Eagle Board of Review

The mechanics of a board of review for Eagle are similar to all other boards of review, except that a board of review for Eagle is more in depth, and can last as long as two hours.

Additionally, the Eagle Scout Rank Application, Letters of Recommendation (minimum of six) and Eagle Project Notebook must be present and reviewed by the board. Questions about these documents are appropriate, but the letters of recommendation are for the board's use only; any comments or questions about them should not reveal who wrote the letters. The letters are retained by the District Advancement Chair, and are never given to the scout. After the application has been approved by National Eagle Board of Review and returned to the local council (typically 4-6 weeks), the letters of recommendation are destroyed.

The board of review for the Eagle rank is different from the other boards of review as the board members are not all from his Troop Committee. Introductions are therefore essential, and a few "break in" questions may be appropriate.

Eagle Board of Review Guide

At the Eagle Board of Review the goal is to understand the scout's full Scouting experience, and to look for evidence that Scouting principles and goals are central to the scout's life.

Although this is the final rank, this is not the end of the Scouting trail. Explore how the scout will continue with Scouting activities, and service to his family, church and community.

This board of review should be about 2 hours long.

Sample Questions:

1. What part of your Scouting career makes you the most proud?
2. How have you contributed to the troop?
3. What have you done to help other Scouts advance in rank?
4. What is the role of the senior patrol leader at a troop meeting (campout, summer camp)?
5. If you could change one thing to improve Scouting, what would you change?
6. Tell us about your family (parents, siblings, etc.) and how you help out at home?

7. Why do you think that the Family Life merit badge is required?
8. What camping experiences have you had, that you wish every scout could have?
9. Have you been to Philmont or a Jamboree? What was your most memorable experience?
10. How many people in and out of scouting helped you get this far? Think about it for a moment before you answer. (Countless former scouts, people who put the merit badge books together, scout leaders and counselors; local, national, and international, camp staffs, others.)
11. What do you think other people expect from an Eagle Scout?
12. What is the difference between a "Hollywood hero" and a real hero?
13. Can you give an example of a real person who is a hero? (not a character in a book or movie)
14. The charge to the Eagle requires that you give back to Scouting more than Scouting has given to you. How do you propose to do that?
15. As an Eagle Scout, what can you personally do to improve your troop?
16. What will you be doing in your troop after receiving your Eagle rank?
17. Tell us how you selected your Eagle Service Project.
18. From your Eagle Service Project, what did you learn about managing or leading people? What are the qualities of a good leader? What leadership style is usually the most effective?
19. What part of your Eagle Service Project was the most challenging? Why?
20. If you were to manage another project similar to your Eagle Service Project, what would you do differently to make the project better or easier?
21. What do you think is the single biggest issue facing Scouting in the future?
22. How do your friends outside of Scouting react when they learn that you are a Boy Scout? How do you think they will react when they learn that you have become an Eagle Scout?
23. Why do you think that belief in God (a supreme being) is part of the Scouting requirements?
24. You've been in Scouting for many years; sum up all your experiences in one word. Why?
25. What one thing have you gained from your scoutmaster conferences over the years?
26. How does an Eagle Scout continue to show scout spirit?