



# **LIFE TO EAGLE PARENT & SCOUT MEETING**

*January 25, 2016*

# LTE Coaches



- Don Lang
- Whit Seelke
- Brent Switzer
- Patrick Toms

# Purpose of Meeting



- Brief Overview of LTE Process
- Expectations of Scouts
- Expectations of Coaches
- Expectations of Parents
- Not a step-by-step how to get to Eagle meeting

# LTE Advancement Meeting Purpose



- Successful Execution of Service Project
- Not to complete/enforce merit badges
- Not to monitor/enforce if "active in troop"
- Not to monitor/enforce Troop service

# What is a Project?



"While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your Scoutmaster and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement. (To learn more about the Eagle Scout service project, see the Guide to Advancement, topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.16.)"

# Getting Project Started



- Attend LTE Seminar at APC (Recommended...Highly)
- Certificate received for attending
- Go to [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and download Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook
- READ the Workbook...this answers a lot of your questions

# Getting Project Started



- Download essential documents
  - Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook (This is THE workbook)
  - Age Guideline for Tool Use and Work at Elevations or Excavations
  - Quick Guide to the Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal-2105 (Updated 9/28/15)
  - Eagle Scout Rank Application

# Major Project Steps



- Identify Project
- Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal
- Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan
  - Fundraising Application
- Project Execution
- Eagle Scout Service Project Report



# Project Ideas



- Your church
- Your church's outreach ministries
- Your school
- Autrey Mill Nature Preserve

# Project Ideas



- Scout needs to select a project of interest
- Discuss idea with LTE Coach before putting anything on paper
- If Coach determines project may be feasible, scout to write half-page summary description for approval prior to proceeding with formal proposal (workbook)

# What are the Project requirements?



- "The Project must present an opportunity for Planning, Development & Leadership"
- "Every Scout is Different - The Project should present a challenge BUT also something the scout can do with unskilled helpers and within a reasonable amount of time"
- "There are no minimum or maximum hours required"

# LTE Coach Role



- Assist the scout in planning and executing the Project
- Answer technical questions
- Review and comment on the Project
- Not here to push scouts across the finish line
- Available to review Projects during advancement meetings

# Scout Responsibilities



- This is the scout's Project
- Scout has to be 100% in-charge
- Scout has to interact with Coaches/Adults
- Work on Project during advancement meetings
- Work on merit badges during advancement meetings
- Bring work-in progress to every meeting

# Advancement Meeting Conduct



- We have experienced behavioral issues
- Advancement is not social time or study hall
- Be respectful of LTE Coach's time
- Be respectful of fellow scouts
- Learn from other scouts' reviews

# LTE Coach Availability



- Multiple coaches typically at every Troop meeting
- Rare for all coaches to be at a Troop meeting
- Coaches travel and have evening commitments
- Perform progress-reviews during meetings
- Typically not available for progress reviews outside of Troop meetings
- Will take home for concentrated review when deemed nearly complete

# Project Review Process



1. Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal - Reviewed and approved by LTE Coach, T143 Advancement, Beneficiary and District Advancement Chairman (**All Scouts will need to meet live with Mr. Kopel to obtain signature**)
  - Eagle Scout Service Project Final Plan - Reviewed and approved by LTE Coach and Beneficiary
  - Eagle Scout Service Project Report - Reviewed and approved by LTE Coach and Beneficiary



# Project Review Process



- Reviews perceived as tedious, painstaking, frustrating, etc. Even the scouts and coaches feel this way!
- Difficult to review incomplete Projects
- Progress reviews don't allow for detailed review
- Detailed comments will arise during detailed review and may be an iterative process

# Project Execution



- **Scout needs to notify LTE Coach of planned work days**
- Scout needs to notify LTE Coach day before each work day and of daily progress
- LTE coach(s) will participate or check-in to monitor
- Scout must be clearly in charge and not "overshadowed" by adults
- Two adults at all times, one must be youth protection trained

# "How long will it take to earn my Eagle?"



- It depends.....
- Who wants it?
- Extracurricular activities
- Fumes
- Typically 9 to 12 months

# Parent Responsibilities



- This is NOT the parent's Project
- Let the scout control the Project
- Encourage your scout – “Mentor” but not “Do”
- Ask questions to make sure they are progressing
- Don't be afraid to read their Project – grammar and spelling
- Technical “Advice”

# Helpful Online Sites



- [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)
- [www.atlantabsa.org](http://www.atlantabsa.org)
- [www.northernridgebsa.org](http://www.northernridgebsa.org)
- [www.bsatroop143.com](http://www.bsatroop143.com)

# Life to Eagle Trail



1. Identify a Project and gain approval from Life to Eagle (LTE) Coach
2. Write up Proposal using the Eagle Project Workbook (approved edition from BSA Website)
  - a) Obtain LTE Coach and Beneficiary approvals for Proposal
  - b) LTE Coach submits to District for approval of Proposal
3. Obtain District Approval (**All Scouts will need to meet live with Mr. Kopel to obtain signature**)
4. Complete Fundraising
5. Complete Final Plan (Step-by-Step) using the Eagle Project Workbook
  - a) Address ALL District and LTE Coach comments in your Final Plan
  - b) Obtain approval to schedule workdays from LTE Coach
  - c) No workdays to be announced without obtaining LTE Coach Approval.

# Life to Eagle Trail



6. Plan Workdays – See 5.c
7. Execute Project
8. Complete Final Write-up using Eagle Project Workbook and obtain
  - a) Sign off from Beneficiary
  - b) Sign-off from LTE Coach
9. Write Statement of Ambition & Life Purpose
10. Complete Eagle Scout Application\*
  - a) Leadership Position of Responsibility Confirmed \*
  - b) Merit Badges Completed \*
11. Schedule Scoutmaster Conference \*
12. Complete Scoutmaster Conference \*

# Life to Eagle Trail



13. Turn in completed Eagle Scout Application, Eagle Project Workbook and Statement of Ambition & Life Purpose to Advancement Chair for Council Approval \*
14. Request Letters of Reference \*
15. Request Board of Review \*
16. Complete Board of Review \*
17. Eagle Court of Honor

\* These requirements are the Scout's responsibility. The LTE process on Monday nights is primarily focused on completing and documenting the Eagle Project process. Do not lose sight of the other Eagle requirements.

**Requirements down to step 12 MUST be completed before the Scout's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!**



# Once the Project is Completed



- Mr. Haugen/Mr. Pelot
  - Merit Badges Completed
  - Leadership Completed
  - IHR Review
  - Eagle Application
  - Statement of Ambitions & Life Purpose
  - Scoutmaster Conference
  - Council Approval
  - Letters of Reference (Process Details)
  - Board of Review

**Any Questions?**



**Thanks for Attending!**