

## EAGLE AWARD SERVICE PROJECTS

### **LIFE SCOUT STATUS:**

"While a Life Scout" means the entire project must be done after qualifying for Life Scout. Your project can be started after your successful Life Board of Review.

"Plan, develop and give leadership to others in carrying out" means: 1) Selecting the project; 2) detailing what is to be done, who is to work, how to do it, when, where, and; 3) involving members of your patrol, troop or others in making it happen.

Note that the service requirements for Eagle are different than previous awards. Here you must plan, develop and give leadership in your service project while being helpful to your religious institution, school or community.

The difference between the Star and Life service projects and that of your Eagle project is that in the first two you can be a follower. For Eagle you must be the leader. It is possible that some of the service you did for Star and Life was in a project planned and led by a Scout working for an Eagle Award.

### **PLANNING:**

A key to finding a good project is to look for people's unusual needs. The project should be a challenge – enough to stretch your capability, demand your best, and perhaps learn a new skill. It should involve enough hours so it cannot be done at one sitting or in one day. It must be definitely a service to a church, synagogue, school, community group or community, done unselfishly without pay or reward.

Once you have decided on a project, discuss your preliminary ideas with your Unit Leader as to what the project will do, the magnitude and how you propose to complete the work. If your Unit Leader feels it is a good Eagle project, then develop the project. (If your Unit Leader has questions as to the project's qualification, he can contact the District Advancement Chairman.)

### **DEVELOPING:**

Your ability to organize is the key to a successful project. This eliminates routine projects where details have been developed by others. Whoever the project is for, you must learn what is wanted by that group and develop your plans accordingly, at the same time gaining experience in cooperation. Follow the steps of the Eagle Award Service Project Worksheet which is in this packet and also in the Eagle packet. When all nine questions have been completed (explain in as much detail as possible, the person who will approve or reject your project will not have you present to explain things that are not written down), submit it for approval to your Unit Leader who will then submit it to the Unit Committee and District Advancement Chairman. Your project must be approved **BEFORE** you start working on your project.

### **GIVING LEADERSHIP TO OTHERS IN CARRYING OUR PROJECT:**

To finish the project, particularly on schedule, is the final test of your planning, perseverance and drive. Secure the help of others who will work under your direction. Consider those Scouts who need service projects for First Class, Star and Life.

### **PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED BEFORE YOU START YOUR PROJECT:**

*Follow the Eagle Award Service Project Worksheet, Planning. Answer each question with as much detail as possible. Remember that you will not be present when the District Chairman is reading about your project to explain what you omitted but plan to do. The District Chairman cannot assume you plan to do something unless you have it written as part of the project plan. To save time on the approval process as well as the project, be very complete on your written plan of action.*