

# **Boy Scout Troop 72**

Sponsorship : Roychester Park Community House Overlook Hills, Abington Pa.

www.troop72overlookhills.org

Meeting Nights: Monday 7:30p - 9:00p

### Obtaining the Eagle Scout Rank

The rank of Eagle Scout is obtained by less than 5% of all Boy Scouts in the country. Because of the high honor that this rank advancement bestows upon an individual, it is important that the policies set forth by the Boy Scouts of America are strictly followed.

After achieving the Rank of LIFE, you may begin to work on your Eagle Project immediately while you obtain the rest of the required Merit Badges, Leadership Service, and the six months between Life and Eagle.

### What to Expect

Carefully follow the steps. It's important that you do not begin your project before you have received proper approval. You will first need to propose an Eagle Project, work with an Eagle Project Coach to write it up correctly. Your Eagle Project Coach may also ask you to make some changes and additions to help ensure your project will pass National BSA requirements. After the Eagle Project is written, approval signatures collected from the project beneficiary, a troop committee member, and your scout leader, you may submit the Eagle Project to the Eagle Project Approval Board for Project approval.

Once you have received approval, you may begin work on your project. When you have finished your project, written up the completed Eagle Project paperwork, completed all the Eagle requirements of Merit Badges, Leadership and etc, you will submit the Eagle Packet to the Eagle Board of Review and will then be invited to come before an Eagle Board of Review to report on your project and ensure the requirements have been met.

You should expect that the process of achieving your Eagle Rank and completing all the requirements will take several months.

# **Important Deadlines**

**Life Rank** - You must achieve Life Rank prior to beginning the Eagle Project process. Also important to know is that once a Life Scout, you must serve in an approved Scouting Leadership Position for at least 6 months to be eligible for Eagle Rank. You do not need to wait 6 months to do your Eagle Project or work on other Eagle Rank requirements.

**18th Birthday** - All Eagle projects must be approved, project completed, all requirements met, paperwork finished, signed and dated, and turned in to the district all BEFORE your 18th Birthday. This is a lengthy and time consuming process, do not delay. There is always the chance that something may be missing from your paperwork or other conditions beyond your control may arise to cause you to miss this deadline.

Step THREE will help you to know if your Eagle Packet paperwork is complete. Check it thoroughly before you submit it! The Eagle Board of Review must be held within 3 months after your 18th Birthday, not any later. Do not wait until the last month.

If you are 17 and 1/2 and have not started your project, you will need to get started asap in order to finish in time!

# Get Help

Eagle Coaches are a great resource! Go to Step ONE for more information on what they can do for you!