

Boy Scouts of America

Blue Ridge Council

6 & 20 District



GUIDELINES FOR EAGLE SCOUT BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

1- Appointments:

- a. Held Monthly at the Anderson County Library in the Second Floor Conference Rooms as follows:
 - Last Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 pm – Eagle Projects Approvals are done prior to Eagle Boards of Review – Actual Board of Review are done on 1st come 1st serve basis based upon arrival time the night of the EBOR.
 - **Note:** November and December each year the dates may vary, be sure to check in advance.

- b. **REQUIRED:** Prior to making your appointment for your Eagle Scout Board of Review (EBOR) and **AFTER** you have completed your Scoutmaster's Conference for Eagle you are required to Complete Your Eagle Scout Application in **Full** and take it to the Blue Ridge Council Office for signature verification by the registrar. This review is necessary so that all records are verified and entered into the BSA database. At the time of the EBOR the following signatures are required to already be in place on your Eagle application:
 - Signature & Date of Eagle Candidate Applicant
 - Signature & Date of Scoutmaster
 - Signature & Date of Unit Committee Chair
 - Signature & Date of Local Council Registrar

- c. Age – you may have your Scoutmaster's Conference for Eagle Scout up to the day **BEFORE** your 18th birthday. Scoutmaster conferences cannot be completed on the day of your birthday or later. Your Eagle Scout application will reflect this by being signed by your Scoutmaster **PRIOR** to your 18th birthday and the council will still have to verify your application prior to your EBOR. Your Eagle Board of Review can then happen after your 18th birthday at the next available time the Eagle Board of Reviews is offered.

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- d. References on Eagle Application – District 6 & 20 of the Blue Ridge Council requires an Eagle Candidate to complete the reference section (requirement 2) on the Eagle Application by having name references with all of the necessary information for each of the 6 references required as per the category specified. The only exception to this is the employer reference in such instances where the Eagle Candidate has not yet been employed. In this instance, mark the application with a N/A in the name area. In this instance there will only be five references. All other references are required.
- NOTE: be sure to discuss with any person(s) you use as a reference in advance, that you would like to use them as a reference for your Eagle Scout Application and that they may be contacted by the District 6 & 20 Eagle Scout Board of Review.
- e. Eagle Applications can be downloaded in as Adobe PDF which can be edited and saved. All Applications should be typed or can handwritten (if handwritten, write legibly using black or blue ink). All signatures and dates should be written. You can download your Eagle Application at this link:
- Eagle Application Link: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf
- f. Contact Terry King – Blue Ridge Council: District 6 & 20 Eagle Board Chair
Phone: 864-873-3019
E-mail: Terry.King@Duke-energy.com
- NOTE:** do not just show up, you need to make an appointment in advance. Failure to do so will result in a delay until the following month.

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- g. The Eagle Candidate is responsible to make the appointment, not the Scoutmaster, Adult Troop Leader or the Parent or Legal Guardian of the Eagle Candidate.
- h. Unit Representative – each Eagle Candidate is required to bring to their EBOR a registered Adult Leader from your Unit to assist with your EBOR in terms of making clarifications and as a personal reference on your behalf. The Unit Leader may be present, but should speak only if asked by a member of the Eagle Board to clarify a point. This person cannot be a non-registered adult; the person must be a currently registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. This person cannot be a relative or legal guardian of the Eagle Candidate or the Eagle Candidate's Scoutmaster. At the time, you make your appointment for your EBOR, please inform the District 6 & 20 Eagle Board Chair who this person will be and the contact information for this person.
- i. For questions or advice an Eagle candidate may call or send e-mail prior to requesting an EBOR meeting.
- j. What to wear or not to wear: Complete Class A Uniform as outlined below:
 - Class A Uniform Shirt – with all of the proper patch placements, rank insignia, and leadership positions.
 - Neckerchief & Slide **OR** BSA approved Bolo Tie (Optional)
 - Meritbadge Sash with all of the meritbadges earned and awarded sewn in place. The Sash should be worn and never folded over the belt.
 - Scout Hat – please leave at home, this meeting is inside.
 - OA Sash – please leave at home, OA Sash should only be worn at OA events.
 - Scout Pants OR Scout Shorts
 - BSA approved Scout Belt and Belt Buckle
 - Scout Socks (Optional)

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k. Additional Items to bring:

- BSA Scout Manual – it is not required that the manual be filled out with your rank advancement, instead the manual may be used as a reference guide during the EBOR.
- Eagle Scout Leadership Project Manual – fully completed with Before and After pictures and with all final completion signatures associated with your Eagle Scout Leadership Project.
- Essay used in Scoutmaster's Conference – Req. 6 on Eagle Application: Statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations during which you demonstrated leadership skills. Include honors and awards received during this service.
- Optional – Troop's Individual History Report showing all of your advancement, camping nights, service hours, etc.
- Pad and writing object

- l. **Note:** Failure to be in proper uniform and bring the proper items may cause a delay in the approval of your having your Eagle Scout Board of Review until such time that the next District Eagle Scout Board of Review is scheduled to take place.

2- Helpful Tips And What to Expect:

- a. Read your Eagle Scout Leadership Project write up. Know your project inside and out. Be ready to answer any question about why you did something, why it took so long, what were the changes, why you had to make changes, how did you raise the money,

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etc. If your project is something that would require maintenance, be prepared to tell the Board what your plans are to keep it maintained.

- b. Since you will be wearing your full class "A" uniform with all of your patches and merit badges current. Be ready to identify any of your merit badges or award if a Board member points to it. Be ready to answer any question about a given merit badge or award. Be able to answer what was your favorite merit badge and why as well as your least favorite and why.
- c. Be ready to answer questions about your camping experiences, summer camp, and especially if you went to a National Jamboree, Philmont, Northern Tier, or Sea Base Camp.
- d. What was your favorite camping or Scouting experience as well as your least favorite?
- e. If you could change one thing in scouting, what would you change and why?
- f. If you could add to the Scout Law, one additional point to the Scout Law, what would it be and why?
- g. What does the Scout Law mean to you and why?
- h. If you in the Order of the Arrow be prepared to answer: Are you active in the OA? If you are not active, why? Why is it an honor to be a member of the Order of the Arrow? What does the Order of the Arrow focus on?
- i. What is the significance of the Arrow of Light patch on your uniform if you earned one as a Cub Scout?
- j. Be ready to explain the Patrol Method and what a PLC meeting is and how it is the key to a "Boy Run" Unit.
- k. Be prepared to explain how being an Eagle Scout has prepared you for life and how you are going to use what you have learned to be a better citizen the rest of your life.
- l. Be ready to detail what some of your future plans (College? Career?).
- m. Have you earned any Religious Awards – if so which ones.
- n. Be ready to discuss your religious beliefs and why they are an important part of your life.

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- o. Do you plan on supporting Boy Scouts when it is your turn to be a leader?
- p. Be prepared to explain what you did in your Positions of Responsibility and OA activities and maybe some of the problems and tough decisions that you experienced in being in a leadership position. What is your definition of leadership?
- q. If there are any questions not on this list, don't worry about it. The Board changes some questions as they talk to you based on what you are telling them. Just relax and be yourself. Speak clearly, and look at the Board members in the eyes as you speak. **DON'T LOOK DOWN** at the floor or table!!! The EBOR is not out to get you. The main purpose of the Board is to find out who you are and determine if you have developed the qualities of an Eagle Scout and will be a good representative of Scouting.
- r. Be able to answer the question, "Why should you be an Eagle Scout?"

3- Conclusion of the Eagle Scout Board of Review:

- a. You will be asked to leave the room; a discussion will take place between all of the Eagle Scout Board of Review members and your Representative. At the end of the discussion a vote will be taken if only if the vote is unanimous will you be award the rank of Eagle Scout. If there are issues that the EBOR brings up which delays your approval you will be notified of these upon your return with recommendations for corrections as well as a timeframe to correct them.
- b. If approved, you will be congratulated along with your parents. Your Eagle Scout Application will be signed and turned into the Council Office by the District 6 & 20 Eagle Board Chair. Your official date of becoming an Eagle Scout is the date of your Board of Review.
- c. Once your Eagle Application is processed by the Council Office it take an estimated 2 to 4 weeks for your Eagle Scout Award and Credentials to arrive from the National Office – an adult leader from your unit will be informed to pick them up.

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- d. Eagle Scout Court of Honor – this is a special Court of Honor for you to have and celebrate your achievement of obtaining the rank of Eagle. These ceremonies vary from unit to unit. Check with your local unit to see what the policies are around scheduling such an event.

