

# **Preparation for the Final Eagle Board of Review**

## **What to Wear to the Eagle Board**

You must wear your complete Scout uniform when appearing before the Board. This includes your Scout shirt with all patches sewn on including the Life rank, neckerchief, your merit badge sash, scout belt, and scout shorts (with short or long socks) or scout pants. Wear brown or black shoes. Do NOT wear tennis shoes.

## **Be Prepared to state Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan**

Before the Board begins a discussion with you, the Chair of the Board will ask you to stand, show the scout sign (right hand raised at a 90 degree angle with the three fingers of the Scout sign), and repeat the Scout Oath, the 12 points of the Scout Law, the motto, and the slogan.

## **When Answering Questions**

Once you are seated, relax. The Board is there to help you become an Eagle, not to be a roadblock. At this final meeting, the Board wants to be assured that you have completed the requirements, review your project, and ask you about your Scout experience.

Answers the questions with complete answers, not a yes or no. Expand on your answers without dragging out the response. Show some humor if it comes to you as you talk, smile, and be at ease.

Most meetings last less than 30 minutes. They will ask you a number of questions, many of which could come from the list below. They will NOT ask you to tie a knot or any other form of a skill check. That's what the Scoutmaster does as you came through the ranks.

## **Questions**

The following questions are typical of those asked by the members of the final Eagle Board of Review. Some time will be spent reviewing your Eagle Scout project (see project review). The majority of the time will likely be spent on the section "Eagle Review."

You might think about each question and jot down some answers for each question prior to your final Eagle Board of Review. Good luck!

## **Administrative Questions**

The Board is conducting a survey of how many Scouts attended the "Life to Eagle Seminar" conducted by the New Horizons District. This seminar, held at the Edward Jones Building at Manchester and I-270, provides insight into how to

become an Eagle, the Eagle project, etc. Your answer will be simply “yes, I did attend” or “no, I did not attend.”

Secondly the Board will ask how many merit badges did you earn by contacting the merit badge counselor on your own. They want to see if Scouts are initiating the contacts to the counselor. Do not count merit badges you earned at summer camp or through the Troop’s Advancement University.

### **Project Review**

1. What was the real value of your Eagle Scout project?
2. How will your project benefit others? Who?
3. What modifications were made to the original plan?
4. What materials were used and how were they acquired?
5. Who helped you carry out the project?
6. If you could do your project over, what would you do differently?
7. How did you show leadership?
8. What did you learn about yourself while supervising the project?
9. What problems did you incur while completing your project?
10. Did you direct the project rather than do all the work yourself?
11. Who from the group benefiting the project can be contacted to verify the benefits of the project?

### **Eagle Review**

1. Tell us about your Scouting experience?
2. Who helped you most when you first joined Scouting?
3. Which of the merit badges you earned was the hardest? Why?
4. Which of the merit badges you earned was the easiest? Why?
5. Which Merit Badge means the most to you? Why?
6. What are the three principle points of the Scout Oath (like the three fingers of the Scout sign)?
  - Duty to God and country
  - Duty to others
  - Duty to self

7. What does being physically fit mean to you? Morally straight?
8. How do you do your Scout duty to God and Country? Others? Yourself?
9. Pick one of the twelve points of the Scout Law and explain what it means to you.
10. What is the most important Scout Law? Why do you feel that way?
11. What is Scout spirit? How do you show Scout spirit?
12. What has Scouting meant to you?
13. What does being a good citizen mean?
14. What is character?
15. Which of our country's great leaders do you respect most? What can you tell us about his or her achievements?
16. How will you use the skills you have learned from Scouting?
17. How can you repay Scouting when you become an adult?
18. What are your plans for continuing in Scouting?
19. How can you help other Scouts along the Scouting trail?
20. Can the Scouting program be improved? How?
21. What are the responsibilities of an Eagle Scout?
22. How will you meet these responsibilities?
23. Why do you want to become an Eagle Scout?
24. If you become an Eagle Scout, how will it make you different from other Scouts? Other boys?
25. Note: Some "trivia buffs" may from time to time appear on the Eagle Board and ask questions like:
  - a. What do the two stars on the Scout badge stand for?
    - Truth and knowledge
    - The outdoors in Scouting
  - b. What does the Eagle with the shield stand for?
    - Freedom

- A Scout's readiness to defend that freedom
- c. What does the scroll with the Scout motto on turned up ends on the Scout badge stand for?
- It is a hint that a Scout smiles as he does his duty
- d. What does the knot at the bottom of the scroll remind us of?
- to Do a Good Turn Daily