

Eagle Project Process

Project Inception

1. Create a list of Eagle Project Ideas and discuss these with your Scoutmaster.
2. Once a project idea is selected created a rough draft of your project idea.
3. Work with your Scoutmaster to build out the project idea and incorporate them into your project.
4. Continue to meet with the Scoutmaster and revise project proposal.
5. Submit a final draft to your Scoutmaster for final approval.
6. Scoutmaster will sign the Eagle Project Form and work with scout and committee to schedule the Eagle Project Presentation.
7. Committee will either approve or reject the project.
8. Once approved the project will be submitted to Council.
9. Once Council has signed off on the project your able to start the physical project.

Project Initiation

1. Implement the project and plans to complete the project work.
2. Work with Scoutmaster, Scouts, and parents to schedule work and meets to complete the project.

Project Completion and Review

1. Complete the final write up of the project.
2. Complete any documentation on Costs, Variances and explanations for missing them
3. Complete any Photo Albums from the project
4. Document and explain any missed goals or objectives.
5. Present to Scoutmaster for final sign-off and scoutmaster conference for Eagle Rank.

Project Sizing and Recommendations

The primary goal is Leadership Skills, which ultimately boils down to leading other scouts and adults to help complete your project. This can be completed by leading scouts in doing physical work on the project, in assisting in communication, planning, and documentation, and also assisting in fund-raising.

There is no set formula for determining the official size of an Eagle Project and is ultimately up to the Scoutmaster to balance the person's ability with the project.

A project should include anywhere 200-300 scout hours of labor.

The cost is relative to the actual project and the amount of labor. A tentative guideline to shoot for is 500+ dollars. This can be accomplished through fund-raising, donations, matching, and sponsorships. If a project is higher on the physical labor, it may have fewer costs. If a project is higher in costs, it will typically require more fund raising. Ultimately the final approval is subject to the Scoutmaster and then the Committee, and Council. The first approval does not guarantee the following approvals.

It's ultimately critical that you work with your Scoutmaster as you develop your project proposal.

Additional Documentation and Reference Material

<http://home.flash.net/~smithrc/eagleprj.htm>

<http://www.eaglescout.org/project/project.html>

<http://www.nesa.org/trail/manual.html>

The first link appears to be very comprehensive in providing information on approaching your Eagle Projects. Start with this link first.

Please remember that these are guides and as such the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and our council etc always will have the official final say. Also it's important to note that there is always a little room for interpretation.

How to Present a Clean Project

- Everything should be typed: All forms, work-books, applications, etc
- Everything should be kept in a ½ Three Ring Binder (With ability to slide page/picture into the cover)
- Photos should be printed on a high quality printer, on Photo Paper. These can be enhanced with neatly typed descriptions of the photo on the side or under.
- All pages should be placed in plastic sleeves for neatness.
- Should include a 1-2 page project summary the covers how the project went and what you learned from the project
- Should include a 1-2 page description of what leadership skills you will learn and why
- When scouts help work on the project they should have a sign-in sheet that records the person, date, amount of time. Present the work, people, dates and time spent.
- You should include a short journal of what happened each day of the project, including the photos, description, and who was there, and for how long.
- You should include any received appreciation and thank-you letters.
- You should include your Photo Album. 2 photos per page, on 8 1/2 x 11 photo paper.
- You should document any donations, and who they were from
- You should place all receipts collected during the project, and they should be presented on 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Place the receipts on paper and use clean copies or scanned images of them.
- You should always use new and clean materials. These projects represent the troop and yourself, and should look clean cut and professional.
- You can use dividers to create clean reference points in the folder.
- Complete any documentation on Costs, Variances and explanations for missing them
- Document and explain any missed goals or objectives.
- Include the Eagle Work Book in the Appendix Section or in the front pockets
- Folder should be used for initial presentation and the entire folder should be used and submitted when the project is completed.