



THE PATH FROM LIFE TO EAGLE

INCLUDING RULES DURING THE COVID-19 SHUTDOWN



TROOP 202
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WHAT DOES A LIFE SCOUT LOOK LIKE?

- Life Scouts are the backbone of a troop. They provide the example, leadership, and experience for a high quality troop program
- Life Scouts are familiar with and model the Patrol Method, helping younger Scouts to see and understand its benefits.
- Life Scouts strive for excellence in each of their own individual contributions.
- Life Scouts take personal responsibility for their uniform, behavior, hygiene, and other aspects of appearance and deportment. They are aware that younger Scouts are watching and following their lead.
- Life Scouts champion the success of others in their troop. They root for the underdogs to achieve, and challenge more capable Scouts to excel.
- Life Scouts are heavy users of troop resources as they work to complete merit badges and an Eagle service project. They honor the efforts of others who support them by serving their troop.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

Be active in your troop for at least six months as a Life Scout.

- A troop's adult and youth leaders define what it means to actively participate.
- Besides just being present, leaders should observe the positive impact a Scout has on the troop during each meeting or event.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- If youth are registered and in good standing, they may continue to accrue participation time via virtual activities.
- In Troop 202, being “in good standing” means
 - Registered – on the current troop youth roster
 - Active – regularly participating, or in contact with Scoutmaster, PL, SPL regarding why
 - Paid – Scout Account does not have a deficit or negative balance
 - Health Form – current form on file with the troop health coordinator for planned events
 - Code of Conduct – 2020 form completed and submitted (available online)
 - Uniform – uniform is worn neatly and is up to date with all regalia
 - Gear – any borrowed troop gear is promptly returned to Quartermaster in good and clean condition

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

SCOUT SPIRIT

As a Life Scout,
demonstrate Scout Spirit
by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Tell how you have done your duty to God,
how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life,
and how your understanding of the Scout Oath and Scout Law
will guide your life in the future.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

MERIT BADGES

Earn a total of 21 merit badges (10 more than for the Life rank), including these 13 merit badges:

First Aid
Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World
Communication
Cooking
Personal Fitness
Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
Environmental Science OR Sustainability
Personal Management
Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling
Camping
Family Life

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

MERIT BADGES

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- Merit badge requirements may not be modified.
- Meetings with a merit badge counselor may be conducted using digital platforms as long as all youth protection rules are followed.
- A merit badge counselor may determine if a virtual visit could provide the expected experience and deliver the intended outcome. When the requirement's intent cannot be reached virtually, the requirement cannot be completed, and the Scout must wait to complete that badge.
- Signatures and 'blue cards' may be provided electronically.
- Virtual camping does not count toward completion of the Camping merit badge.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVE LEADERSHIP

While a Life Scout, serve actively in your troop for six months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility:

Patrol Leader

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Senior Patrol Leader

Troop Guide

Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

Den Chief

Scribe

Librarian

Historian

Quartermaster

Chaplain Aide

Instructor

Outdoor Ethics Guide

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVE LEADERSHIP

- A leader in Troop 202 is expected to
 - attend youth leader training
 - set and submit SMART goals
 - seek feedback on goals to ensure they are suitable and achievable in the context of the troop
 - interact with the designated adult advisor or mentor for the position to improve understanding and access resources
 - look for opportunities to have a positive impact on the troop through your leadership position
 - - leading a troop meeting segment, providing skills instruction, supporting an outing, etc.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

ACTIVE LEADERSHIP

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- Leaders can achieve goals by participating in virtual activities and tailoring the delivery of their goals to the virtual environment during this period of time.
- Effective communications during this time are more challenging! A Scout needs to be proactive and responsive via the troop's methods for getting and sharing information.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT

While a Life Scout,
plan,
develop,
and give leadership to others
in a service project
helpful to any
religious institution, any school, or your community.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT

Five tests for an acceptable Eagle service project proposal:

- It provides sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle Scout service project requirement. You must show that the planning, development, and leadership will take place, and how these three factors will benefit a religious institution, school, or community.
- It is feasible. You must show that the project is realistic for you to complete.
- Safety issues will be addressed. You must show you have an understanding of what must be done to guard against injury, and what will be done if someone does get hurt.
- Action steps for further detailed planning are included. You must make a list of the key steps you will take to make sure your plan has enough details to be carried out successfully.
- You are on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- In-person group activities involving people other than those a Scout lives with are suspended at this time.
- Do not circumvent or violate any local rules or government restrictions regarding gathering as a group or entering closed properties.
- Project proposals may be submitted electronically and approved by digital signature. In Del-Mi, this is done by sending the proposal to Mr. Ted Taylor at ted.taylor199@gmail.com
- If project planning, fundraising, or other early stage project activities can be completed using digital methods while still adhering to applicable rules, then those activities may continue.
- Further guidance will be given as the COVID-19 pandemic situation evolves.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE

- A Scoutmaster conference may be requested at any time (at any rank) for discussing issues, questions, personal circumstances, or other concerns.
- The Troop 202 Life to Eagle Mentor is a valuable resource for discussing expectations for the Eagle candidate binder and Scoutmaster conference.
- When a Scout presents himself for a Scoutmaster conference for Eagle rank, he should have a complete Eagle candidate notebook and be prepared to discuss all aspects of his Scouting history, application, and project.
- Required and recommended contents of the Eagle candidate binder may be found on the Troop 202 website.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

BOARD OF REVIEW

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- After your successful Scoutmaster conference, the Eagle candidate notebook may be submitted online. Specific instructions for doing this are on the troop website Scouting from Home page, and will be reviewed with you when your application is approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chair.
- Once the council has reviewed and approved your application, Mr. Ted Taylor will be in contact with you to schedule a board of review by videoconference.

EAGLE RANK REQUIREMENTS

Extension of Time

DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- Through September 30, 2020, the council Advancement Committee may grant a 3-month extension of time beyond a Scout's 18th birthday under the following conditions:
 - It can be established that COVID-19 disruptions are the ONLY reason for not completing all rank work on time.
 - If an extension is granted, the Scout must complete an adult application (position code UP-Unit Participant) and background check authorization, and complete Youth Protection Training, before continuing work.
 - A "month" is defined as a day from one month to the next. For example, March 5 to April 5.
 - While waiting for a decision on an extension request, the Scout should continue work as possible on advancement requirements.