

(For scout use – not an official
BSA document or requirement)

EAGLE “ON TRACK” TIMELINE

The scout should plan to finish each item WELL BEFORE the computed dates.

Plan for a Board of Review at least one month before each computed rank date to avoid missing any time requirement.



First Class By 16 and 3 months - |

Star Before 16 and 8 months ----- |
(Star requires no less than 4 months in rank and 4 months leadership)

Life Before 17 and 3 months ----- |
(Life requires no less than 6 months in rank and 6 months leadership)

Eagle Requirements met before 17 and 10 months ----- |
(Eagle requires no less than 6 months in rank and 6 months of continuous leadership)

2 months buffer for loose ends, Eagle paperwork other than project |----- |

Compute dates on the left,
backward from one day
before your 18th birthday.
Missing these dates may limit
your ability to reach Eagle.

Ranks completed:

First Class date _____

Star date _____

Life date _____

Eagle project drafted, presented to SM and Troop Adults for approval – 17 and 5 mo.

Approval by the District Eagle Coordinator is also required prior to starting the project.

Eagle project completed, along with Project writeup ---- 17 and 10 mo.----- |

ALL Eagle required merit badges complete – 17 and 10 months ----- |

BEFORE the scout’s 18th BIRTHDAY, ALL the following absolutely MUST be completed:

Eagle project and workbook ... All Eagle required / additional merit badges ... Leadership requirements ... Scoutmaster Conference for Eagle

Leadership – The scout cannot advance in rank unless the following minimum leadership requirements are met. These will be verified by the Council before the scout’s Eagle Board of Review- The Scoutmaster may designate positions of leadership in addition to those listed here for Star and Life Ranks only. The complete position list is at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/eagle.aspx> .

Star Required Leadership --- 4 months: Service: 6 hours _____

Start date: _____ End Date (or BOR date if still active in position): _____

Description: _____

Life Required Leadership --- 6 months Service: 6 hours _____

Start date: _____ End Date (or BOR date if still active in position): _____

Description: _____

Leadership for Eagle rank must be from one of the listed positions only, for a continuous six month period.

Eagle Required Leadership --- 6 months Service: Eagle project _____

Start date: _____ End Date (or BOR date, or the day before 18th birthday if still active): _____

Description: _____

- Troop level positions*
- Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)
 - Assistant SPL
 - Troop Guide
 - OA troop representative
 - Den chief
 - Scribe
 - Librarian
 - Historian
 - Quartermaster
 - Junior Asst. Scoutmaster
 - Chaplain aide
 - Instructor
 - Webmaster
 - Leave No Trace Trainer

 - Venturing Crew President
 - Venturing Crew VP
 - Venturing Crew Treasurer
- (this list is not all inclusive; check with the Scoutmaster regarding any positions not listed here)*

Merit badges: Remember that some of the Eagle required merit badges take 90 days MINIMUM to complete!

Save ALL your blue card stubs and merit badge cards in a safe place! They will be needed when you prepare your Eagle workbook.

Required merit badges:

- ___ First Aid
- ___ Citizenship in the Community
- ___ Citizenship in the Nation
- ___ Citizenship in the World
- ___ Communications
- ___ Personal Fitness
- ___ Emergency Preparedness or ___ Lifesaving
- ___ Environmental Science [or ___ Sustainability – mid 2013]
- ___ Personal Management
- ___ Swimming or ___ Hiking or ___ Cycling
- ___ Camping
- ___ Family Life
- [___ Cooking, effective 1/1/2014]

Additional merit badges:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

21 merit badges, minimum # of additional MB _____

More additional merit badges:

Additional considerations

Scouts may want to consider completing all requirements, including the District Eagle Board of Review, BEFORE the start of the senior year of high school, so that the rank of Eagle can be included on college applications. Substitute August 1 of your senior year in place of your 18th birthday and adjust dates accordingly. It CAN make a difference!

Eagle projects must show LEADERSHIP. Consider projects that require you to direct, and effectively use the assistance of, scouts and adults. The project has to benefit some organization other than Boy Scouts. Generally the organization is a non-profit organization; if the sponsor is a for-profit organization, discuss with the District Eagle Coordinator before drafting the proposal. Projects cannot be started before approval is secured from the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and the District Eagle Coordinator.

Scouts are encouraged to discuss possible Eagle Scout projects with the Scoutmaster upon achieving Life scout rank.

The dates shown in the timeline include a little wiggle room, for example 6 months for Life + 1 month to get the Board of Review arranged and completed = 7 months. Don't wait until the last minute to schedule Boards or complete requirements.

If ALL other requirements are completed, the District Eagle Board can be scheduled within 90 days after the scout's 18th birthday. (No requirements can be completed on or after the scout's 18th birthday – all written material must be completed prior to the scout's 18th birthday.) The complete Eagle package must be reviewed by the District Eagle Coordinator prior to your 18th birthday. We do not encourage waiting this long since there may be no opportunity to correct problems should some requirement be found incomplete by the district or council.

Note: You must meet with the District Eagle Coordinator MORE THAN one week prior the District Eagle Board of Review.

Please contact the District Eagle Coordinator if you have any question regarding Eagle Requirements or process.

**This Timeline is not intended to be all-inclusive – it is a guideline, not a checklist.
Review the requirements in your scout book to be sure all requirements are completed.**