

## Your Eagle Board of Review

A Board of Review will be conducted at a time and place that is mutually acceptable to you and members of the Board, usually in the meeting room of a local library. The Board comprises three to six members who are at least 21 years of age. At least one Carroll District Advancement Committee representative will be on the Board. The remaining members are usually from the Troop Committee. Members of an Eagle Board do not have to be registered in Scouting, but they must have an understanding of the importance and purpose of the Board of Review.

The Board will convene approximately 30 minutes prior to your appearance to review your application, reference letters, and project reports, and to formulate questions for your interview. You should arrive in advance of your appointed time, neatly dressed in your most complete Scout (“Class A”) uniform with merit badge sash (not OA sash). **You should bring:**

- Your *Boy Scout Handbook* (for advancement sign off after the Board)
- **Original** merit badge blue cards and rank advancement cards
- Your copy of your Eagle Notebook (for reference).

Your Scoutmaster or his representative will escort you to the interview. No relative or guardian may serve on or attend the Board of Review, even as unit leader. The Scoutmaster will remain in the room, but will not participate unless asked to clarify a question.

The Board will attempt to determine your ideals and goals, and to assure that a good standard of performance has been met in your advancement requirements. The Board of Review is never a retest of skill. There will likely be a thorough discussion of your project and your participation in the Scouting program. **Typical questions involve:**

- Your Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project
- Community or world issues
- Your personal life goals
- Your faith
- Your attitude toward Scouting and future participation

You and the Scoutmaster will leave the room while the Board reaches its decision, which must be unanimous. You will then return for announcement of the decision. In the likely event that the Board recommends your advancement, you will receive congratulations. If the Board should deny the advancement, there will be a discussion of what you need to do to qualify and the time period in which you should accomplish these actions. A follow-up letter of the agreement will be sent to you. Should you disagree with the decision, the appeal process will be explained to you.

Following your successful Board of Review, the Board will forward your application and advancement report through the Baltimore Area Council for processing by the national Eagle Scout Service. The Eagle Scout Service returns your certification to the Council, and notification is sent to your Scoutmaster. You may then be recognized as an Eagle Scout at an Eagle Court of Honor. This processing takes about two months, so you should not schedule your Court of Honor sooner than about ten weeks after your Board of Review.

An Eagle Board of Review can be held up to three months after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday without special permission. A statement explaining the delay must accompany applications submitted for Boards conducted 3 to 6 months after your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. You must petition the national Boy Scout Committee for a Board of Review to be held after six months following your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.