



District Eagle Scout Project and Board Policy (effective July 1, 2011)

As clarified and adopted by the Audubon District Committee at the District Committee Meeting held on June 16, 2011, the following district Eagle Scout Project and Board guidelines were adopted:

As stated in *The Boy Scout Handbook*: While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to your religious institution, school, or your community. (The project should benefit an organization other than the BSA.) **The project plan must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader (Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, Venturing crew Advisor), unit committee, and by the council or district advancement committee before you start. You must use this Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (No. 512-927 or its online equivalent on the National Eagle Scout Association's Web site, <http://www.NESA.org>) in meeting this requirement.**

DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL AND COUNCIL STANDARDS:

1. The District Committee of the Audubon District has adopted the recommended Shawnee Trails Council's standards. According to the council's policy, after a Life Scout has gained project approval from the institution or organization that will benefit from the project, his Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, or Venturing Crew Advisor and the unit's committee, the project must be submitted to the district's advancement committee **before** the Scout begins any work on the project.
 - a. A member of the district's advancement committee will meet in person, through electronic communications, or by telephone with those who will compose the final Eagle Board of Review and with the Eagle Scout candidate to review the project concept.
 - b. The members of the Eagle Board of Review (where available) or the member of the district advancement committee designated as the chair of the Eagle Scout Board will conduct a meeting in person, through electronic communications, or by telephone to allow the Life Scout to respond to the questions regarding who will benefit from the project, and initial project approvals.
 - c. Once the initial questions are answered (see *Shawnee Trails Council Eagle Scout Board of Review Guidelines*), the district advancement committee member is authorized to sign the project plan on page 9 of the *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook*.
2. To maintain a high and consistent standard throughout the district, the district committee has adopted the following requirements for Eagle Scout Boards as suggested by the National Council and as implemented by the advancement committee of Shawnee Trails Council.
 - a. All members of the advancement committee that will be chairing Eagle Scout Boards and approving Eagle Scout projects must maintain active registration as a district committee member and must attend 4 (eight) of the 12 (twelve) meetings conducted by the committee to retain the ability to chair Eagle Scout boards.
 - b. All members of the advancement committee that will be chairing Eagle Scout Boards and approving Eagle Scout projects must be trained by the council's advancement chair, Eagle Scout Chair, or designee as stated by council policy.
 - c. All Eagle Scout boards will be conducted on the district level and will consist of members approved by the district committee or who are on the council's Eagle Scout Board of Review list which is maintained by the advancement committee; the chair for each board is required to be trained by the council's advancement chair or Eagle Scout Chair, as stated by council policy.
3. The district committee further adopted the following requirements:
 - a. No member of the advancement committee will be able to approve Eagle Scout projects or serve on Eagle Scout boards where they have:

- i. Been a registered or active youth member of the troop, team, crew, or ship for which a Life Scout submits an Eagle Scout Leadership Service project for approval.
 - ii. Is a registered adult leader of the troop, team, crew, or ship for which a Life Scout submits an Eagle Scout Leadership Service project for approval.
 - iii. A family member registered as a youth member of the troop, team, crew, or ship.
 - b. According to the standards and recommendations prescribed by the National Council and the council's advancement committee:
 - i. All Eagle Scout boards of review must consist of at least 3 (three) but not more than 6 (six) members.
 - ii. Board chairs are encouraged to invite one member of the community to serve as an honorary board member. This invitation can be extended to:
 - 1. Chiefs of police or the county sheriff.
 - 2. Religious leaders within the community.
 - 3. Business leaders
 - 4. Leaders of civic service organizations
 - iii. Members of all Eagle Scout boards must have an understanding of the importance of the Eagle Scout Board of Review.
 - iv. Unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, relatives, or legal guardians cannot serve as members of a Life Scout's board of review.
 - v. In no case should a relative or guardian of the candidate attend the review.
 - c. All letters of recommendation for Eagle Scout candidates, as established by the long-standing precedent within the Audubon District, all letters of reference from school, religious Institution, non-family friend and employer (if any) are required. The Eagle Scout candidate must bring them to the Eagle Scout Review Board in sealed envelopes.

