

Gathering Waters District

Bay-Lakes Council



ADVANCEMENT NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

October Eagles

| Unit # | Eagle Scout |
|--------|-------------------------|
| 73 | Christian Andrew Bakken |
| 9 | Patrick John Revord |
| 8 | Michael Brandon Thunes |
| 127 | Andrew Allen Metko |
| 77 | Daniel John Baker |

November Eagles

| Unit # | Eagle Scout |
|--------|---------------------------|
| 51 | Martin Charles Guhl |
| 135 | Jacob John Ptaszynski |
| 57 | John James Desens |
| 8 | Bradley James Johnsen |
| 23 | Karl John Michael Shepard |
| 81 | Tyler Christopher Hillen |

December Eagles

| Unit# | Eagle Scout |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 43 | Peter James Tolly |
| 32 | David Scott Meisner |
| 8 | Brent Peter Burton |
| 117 | Joshua James Rynish |
| 104 | Eric David Niesen |
| 79 | Nathaniel Lawrence Duchow |
| 44 | Thomas John Killick |
| 44 | Daniel Joseph Killick |
| 24 | Travis Charles Hess |
| 41 | Derek Thomas Kasper |
| 9180 | Mark Jeffrey Lindsay |
| 36 | Mitchell Joseph Breaker |
| 67 | Logan James Harp |



*“Scouting is a
school of
citizenship
through
woodcraft.”*

Lord Baden-Powell

FROM THE DESK OF DAVID WILKE

With troop registration coming up in February, please be sure that your Eagle Scout Candidates are currently registered with a scout troop. We can not present the Eagle Scout rank to a scout that is not currently registered.

The Annual Gathering Waters District Eagle Banquet for Eagle Scouts of 2009 will be held on either 4/10/2010 or 4/11/2010.

The Life to Eagle Preparation Presentation - 3/12/2010 - FVTC.

When must Eagle Project documentation be completed?

Recent changes have been made to both the Eagle application and the project workbook. On the application, under Requirement 5, the line "Date project completed" has been changed to read "Date of final signature." On the last page of the workbook, just above the final approval signatures, the line "Completion date of project" has been changed to read "Completion date of project, including paperwork and final signature."

This indicates that completion of the paperwork (i.e., the workbook and the written final report) and obtaining approval signatures is part of the project and must be complete before age 18.

Eagle leadership positions

There are numerous requirements changes affecting all ranks, effective January 1, 2010. The updated requirements are listed in the new 2010 edition of the Boy Scout Handbook. The following website provides a summary of the changes.

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/2010RankUpdates.aspx>

For the Eagle Scout rank, two new positions have been added to the list of leadership positions that are acceptable for meeting the Eagle leadership service requirement; Webmaster and Leave No Trace Trainer.

The latest version of the Eagle Scout application does list these two positions and notes that they are effective January 1. Time served in either of these two positions prior to January 1 cannot be counted for Eagle.

*“The spirit is
there in every
boy; it has to be
discovered and
brought to light.”*

Lord Baden-Powell



Whom may the Eagle project benefit?

As stated in The Boy Scout Handbook, the Eagle project must benefit a 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, the unit leader (Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, Venturing crew Advisor), unit committee, and by the council or district advancement committee before the Scout starts.

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.

Limitations

- Routine labor (a job or service normally rendered) should not be considered.
- Projects involving council property or other BSA activities are not acceptable.
- Projects may not be performed for businesses or an individual.
- Projects may not be of a commercial nature.
- Projects may not be a fund-raiser. Fund-raising is permitted only for securing materials needed to carry out the project.
- Donors to projects must be made aware of what entity is benefiting from the project, and that it clearly is not the Boy Scouts of America.
- Any funds raised for a project and not used for the purchase of project materials must be returned to the donors.
- No minimum number of hours is required.
- The project is an individual matter; therefore, two Eagle Scout candidates may not receive credit for working on the same project.

Looking for an Eagle Project?

As an aid to those Eagle Scout candidates looking for projects, Tracey Koenig, Executive Director of the Heckrodt Wetland Preserve, has added a page to the Fox Valley Scout Program website for Eagle Leadership project. Project ideas, lists, and links are added to the site as they come in. Feel free to make use of this valuable resource, and let others know about it.

<http://sites.google.com/site/foxvalleyscoutprograms/Home/eagle-leadership-projects>

