

Troop 423 AFTER EAGLE - WHAT NEXT?

(Tips for Parents)

Congratulations – your son just completed his Eagle Board of Review! Now what? Here are some tips to help you through the next steps.

1. Eagle Paperwork – It takes 2-3 weeks for the Eagle Paperwork/Certificate to come back from the National office in Texas. When it arrives at the council office downtown, our Scoutmaster will be notified via US mail. Usually the Scoutmaster will pass the information along to the Advancement Coordinator who will then pick up the certificate in a timely manner. If you are in a big hurry, you can go pick up the certificate yourself. REMEMBER – your son is not an official Eagle until the paperwork comes back!

2. Eagle Kits (Patch, Medal, 2 pins) & Neckerchief – Parents are required to purchase these items at the Scout Shop and then submit the receipts to the Troop treasurer for full reimbursement (minus dues owed by scout). The Eagle kits come in two varieties with wildly different prices: Sterling Silver (over \$100) and Pewter (around \$30). There are also two different Eagle neckerchiefs: Printed (\$12) or Embroidered (\$13). THE TROOP WILL REIMBURSE YOU UP TO 150\$!

3. American Flag – It has been a tradition in our troop to present an American Flag to each Eagle at his Court of Honor. Each of these flags has flown at the Nation's capital. Mr. Schmidt, a member of our Troop and of the Elks, orders these flags once the scout has earned his Eagle. Remember to invite Mr. Schmidt to your son's Court of Honor.

4. Eagle Court of Honor Planning – Our troop has several tubs containing Eagle Court of Honor "stuff". These are stored in the Troop shed. You will find many examples of past Eagle COH programs and scripts. These are very helpful when it comes to planning your scout's ceremony, whether it's a group celebration or just a single. You can also find lots of information on the internet to help with this. Ask your Committee Chair, Scoutmaster or Advancement coordinator for help and ideas.