

Troop 423 LIFE to EAGLE

Once you have earned the rank of Life, the following **key** steps should help you along your path to Eagle.

1. Complete 10 merit badges (6 Required, 4 Elective). Keep in mind that the Cooking merit badge is required starting January 2014.
2. Complete an Eagle Service Project (see the document *Troop 423 Eagle Project Steps*).
3. Complete a 6 month leadership position within the troop OR a leadership project assigned/approved by the Scoutmaster.
4. Download the latest Eagle application and read it – COMPLETELY! Then read it again!
5. Contact the current Advancement Coordinator for your latest history report. You will need this for many of the dates requested on the application. It will also list the dates of the merit badges you completed to get to Eagle.
6. The 2nd requirement in the application involves obtaining letters of recommendation from adults in your life. Download the *Confidential Eagle Scout Reference Form* and make 5 copies. Distribute these forms with the following instructions:
 - a. Please fill out the form
 - b. When complete, place in white envelope that you (the scout) have provided. *NOTE: The envelope should already have your name & label, such as “Joe T Scout, Eagle Letter of Recommendation, Wapiti District”*
 - c. Seal the envelope and sign your name across the seal
 - d. Scout will pick up the envelope in one week *NOTE: These envelopes do NOT need to go directly to the Wapiti District Advancement chair (Mr. Helwig). As long as there is an unbroken seal with a signature, you will be fine.*
7. Completely fill out the Eagle Application
8. The 6th requirement involves not only a Scoutmaster Conference, but also a “statement of your life ambitions and purpose”. Read the requirement carefully. If you can’t figure out how to start this, google “Eagle Scout personal statement examples”. This will give you plenty of ideas.
9. Finally, after completing ALL of the above steps, place your Eagle Application, personal statement and all 5 of your recommendation letters

in the 8x10 white envelop provided to you by the Advancement Coordinator at your Life Board of Review.

10. Schedule your Scoutmaster Conference for his/her signature
11. Schedule a time to meet with the Committee Chair for his/her signature
12. Go see Mr. Helwig on any Tuesday night at 7:00 at the Tigard United Methodist Church off of Hwy 99 behind Davidson's restaurant. Make sure to bring the white envelope containing all the necessary papers PLUS your Eagle Service Project Notebook (you will turn that in to him at that time). Of course – full class A uniform is required!