

To: Benefiting Organization Representative

Regards: Eagle Leadership Project

Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is to help you help a Life Scout reach his full potential and maintain the high standards expected of an Eagle Scout.

To assure that a Life Scout meets the standards set for an Eagle Leadership Service Project, the following guideline information will help you fulfill the Life Scout's needs concerning the project.

Although the Eagle Leadership Service Project does not need to be an original idea, the Life Scout **MUST PLAN, DEVELOP, and GIVE LEADERSHIP** for HIS project.

To assure the project meets the Boy Scouts of America standards, it is necessary for the Life Scout to get your approval of HIS idea, concept, and initial details. He must then get approval from his Unit Leader, Unit Committee, and Carroll District Eagle Project Review Chair. **ONLY** after all of these approvals have been secured may a Life Scout begin to carry out HIS Eagle Leadership Service Project. He may not begin to get funding, order supplies, or make a final commitment until HIS Eagle Scout Workbook is signed and dated by all the above stated approval parties.

It is necessary for the Life Scout to research all avenues to the development of HIS plan. The Life Scout is expected to keep you informed as to the development and progress of HIS plans. As the Life Scout works in the development of HIS project, he must meet with you to assure that everything is acceptable. If not, the Life Scout will revise HIS plan of action until it is acceptable. This step is part of "Carrying Out HIS Project," not the idea approval.

Suggestions should be limited. Ideas as to where to check for information or names of persons knowledgeable are acceptable, but **YOU**, as the Benefiting Organization, should **NOT** supply plans, directions, etc. The Life Scout must have the opportunity to take an Eagle Leadership Service Project from concept to completion.

Please do not misunderstand me. Yes, you can by all means assist the Life Scout. In some cases, it is imperative. I simply ask that you do not lay out the project for the Life Scout, but rather let him plan, develop, and come to the conclusion.

If a Life Scout does not carry out an Eagle Leadership Service Project correctly and with the proper amount of planning, development and leadership, it can prevent him from earning HIS Eagle Scout Rank.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by email: kristinebkeck@verizon.net or phone: (410) 848-5297.

Yours in Scouting,

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