



## *The Dulaney District Advancement Committee News*

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Troop Leaders, Advancement Chairs and Eagle Coaches of Dulaney District;



**A. Eagle Requirements: Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook—2015 Version Now Online:**

The 2015 version of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook is now online. There are no changes to the overall function or how the workbook is used. However, some wording has been revised to improve consistency and clarify expectations. In addition, modified data input fields allow additional text. **USE OF THIS VERSION OF THE WORKBOOK IS NOW MANDATORY BY BALTIMORE AREA COUNCIL.**

In the last week or so I have received two Eagle Project proposals that used the 2011 version of the Project Workbook. This version was difficult for the Scouts to use and was discontinued in 2013. The 2013 version has subsequently been replaced by up-dated versions in 2014 and May of 2015. As indicated above, the latest version (2105) is the **ONLY** version of the Workbook that should be used for project proposal development and submission. This version is posted online at [www.baltimorebsa.org](http://www.baltimorebsa.org) in the **Eagle Forms** folder. Information about this change was transmitted via the *Dulaney District Advancement Newsletter* in the **22 July 2015** edition.

**B. Fundraising Application, Page B: This form is required not just for monetary donations, but also for donations of material, tools, supplies, and other needs.** In addition, the fundraising application is not required as part of the project proposal, since the Scout may not develop his funding plans until after the proposal is approved.

The Council Advancement Committee discussed the increased use of such websites as “Go Fund Me,” “Pay Pal,” “Quicken,” and “Square” to raise funding for Eagle Service projects. The Scouts, Troop, and Beneficiaries should all be aware that these sites withhold a percentage of the funding accumulated as “service fees.” These fees vary from site to site and can range from 1-2% to as much as 8-10%. Everyone is reminded that the Scout and Beneficiary, or Troops need to follow all rules for the funding site. It is recommended that the site be set-up in the beneficiary’s name. The site and all funding requests on such sites should include the following information:

- Who the benefitting organization is.
- How much the Scout is expecting to raise.

Other things to remember: The funding site should NEVER be in the individual Scout’s name and the benefitting organization needs to be able to verify receipt of the funds so raised.

Guidelines from page 72 of the 2015 *Guide to Advancement* concerning fundraising:

*Another alternative, contingent on local council approval, is the use of “crowdfunding” via the internet. If this method is used, however, then all concerned, from the Scout and his parent or guardian to the unit leader and those approving fundraising at the local council (Dulaney District Advancement Committee), should be aware that fees may be involved and that fundraising for something like an Eagle project may or may not comply with the website’s terms of service. There can be other issues as well, such as what to do if more—or less—than what is needed is raised. It is important that someone in a position of responsibility reads and understands the website’s “fine print.”*

### **C. Youth Protection and the Eagle Candidate:**

By now all of you who are directly involved in the Eagle Service Project review process should be aware that All communications between the District Advancement Committee (me) is sent not only to the Scout but also to at least one responsible member of the Scout’s troop leadership. This is usually the Scoutmaster and either the troop advancement chair, the troop committee chair, or a troop’s Eagle Coach. This is done to conform to the requirements of the BSAYouth Protection requirements.

This procedure is NOT being followed in the other direction. The individual Scouts should follow the same guidelines and cc: to one or more of the above troop leaders, or their parents. They should also follow these guidelines when they call me to request information concerning the approval process, or other Eagle related questions. At the very least they should have a parent on the line at the same time. To say the least, I am very reticent to talk on the phone directly to an individual Scout about these items. I know that there is a troop whose leaders, after they have approved an Eagle project direct them to call me to find out how to get the approval of the district. Troops should be giving this information to their Scouts directly, not requiring the Scouts to call me, to conform to the YPT requirements.

In a similar vein, I have recently had several Scouts calling or emailing me to ask who should be on their Boards of Review. That is not something that Scouts should be involved in; that is a troop committee function ONLY. I have also had individual Scouts emailing me with questions about how to set up their Courts of Honor. I have been directing them to talk to their troop leaders about this, and copying the troop leaders with my responses.

I ask everyone to please adhere to the precepts of your Youth Protection Training and direct your Scouts to do the same.

### **D. The Boy Scout Advancement Trail—Looking Ahead to January 1:**

Unlike recent revisions to the Cub Scout and Venturing programs, the Boy Scout rank requirements, released at the National Annual Meeting in May, will see only minor modifications. The revised requirements are based on the work of the 411 Task Force, a team of more than 75 volunteers from around the country who worked with a variety of BSA committees and professionals to ensure that the Boy Scout advancement program is “appealing, exciting, and culturally relevant.”

Previous announcements have revealed some enhancements to requirements, such as service at each rank; development of physical fitness as a life-long habit; safety awareness; and greater emphasis on outdoor ethics. In addition, some requirements have been rearranged to more effectively organize content and to

provide a more logical progression. While advancing through the early ranks, boys will experience key Scouting methods such as the outdoors, the patrol method, and leadership development.

Details about how these changes will affect current and new Scouts when the requirements go into effect on January 1, 2016, were sent out to Scoumasters and TCC's on August 25, 2015 by email from me. This email amounted to 25-26 pages and is way too long to include here. If you need a copy, please contact me and I will send it to you by return email.

**E. Personal:**

I have scheduled to have my left knee replaced on Monday, October 5, 2015. As a result, I expect to be out of action for both Eagle Boards of Review and Eagle Courts of Honor, Life-to Eagle Orientation, and Eagle Coach Training for at least the next 2-3 weeks; i.e.: the month of October. I will also be out of action with respect to Eagle project proposals for a few days after the surgery.



I ask that all troops be aware of this schedule and try to work things around this time period.

Yours in Scouting;

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