

Trail To Eagle



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Trail To Eagle - Requirements

All Eagle Scout rank advancement requirements must be completed prior to the Scout's eighteenth (18th) birthday, except for the board of review.

- 21 Merit Badges (including 12 Eagle Required)
- Life Scout, serve actively for a period of six months, in one or more positions of responsibility.
- While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give **leadership** to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or community.
 - *Eagle Scout **Leadership** Service Project Workbook*
- The Scout must request letters from six references (five if no employer, and parent if no organized religious association) be directly to the T90 Eagle Advisor (not the Scout): Mr. Paul Ruffe, 1448 Thomas Ave, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (e-mail: ruffe05@optonline.net)
- The candidate shall prepare a statement of his ambitions and life purpose.
- The candidate shall prepare a listing of positions of responsibility held in his religious institution, school, sports, community, camp, and other organizations during which he demonstrated responsibility and leadership skills. The list shall include honors, awards, and recognition received during this service.
- Complete the Eagle Scout Rank Application
 - *Certify with the Registrar at Council*
- Take part in a Scoutmaster conference.
- **Take part in a Eagle Scout board of review.**
 - Two District Representatives (including Eagle Advisor)
 - Three Troop Representatives (typically T90 Eagle Advisor, Advancement Chair, Committee Chair – any Committee Members can attend)
 - Scoutmaster (silent observer).



Trail To Eagle – Board of Review

District will run the Eagle Scout Board of Review.

- Scouts must “Be Prepared” to speak to:
 - scouting experiences both within the Troop and outside the Troop
 - leadership positions both within the Troop and outside the Troop
 - merit badges
 - Eagle Project (LEADERSHIP!!)
- The BOR is not looking for Yes/No answers. Scouts are expected to expand on all answers.
- Remember - Full Class A Uniform:
 - Scout Uniform (correct Rank patch on the shirt)
 - Scout Socks and Dress Shoes/Hiking Boots (no sneakers)
 - Necker chief
 - Scout Hat (T90 or other Scout Hat OK if not the traditional hat)
 - Merit Badge Sash (with all merit badges attached)
 - Order of the Arrow Sash (if appropriate)
- Scouts should bring their Scout Handbook (must) and, if possible, copies of their Blue Cards (hopefully they have been keeping them in a binder). If Council Certified their application, Blue Card are not necessary (still good to bring).



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Summary

- **Project Description**
 - High-level description of the project, what group will benefit and why the project will be of benefit to the group.
- **Project Details**
 - Detailed description including present condition, method, materials, time schedule and estimated costs
 - Describe how needed funds will be obtained
 - Describe how volunteers will be recruited
 - Describe how the Scout will lead the project
 - Describe any safety hazards and explain how the Scout will ensure the safety of those carrying out the project
 - Follow-up (if applicable) – who will maintain the “end result” going forward
 - Describe Contingencies, Contingencies, Contingencies . . . Time, Materials, Volunteers & Funding
- **Project Artifacts:**
 - Project Time Line (sample in appendix)
 - Materials List (sample in appendix)
 - Tools List (sample in appendix)
 - Site Diagrams/Surveys (sample in appendix)
 - “Step by Step” instructions (blue prints) if constructing items (sample in appendix)
 - Safety Guidelines (sample in appendix)
 - Leadership Matrix - description of how the Scout plans to lead Scouts/leaders (list of competencies in appendix)
 - Photographs of the area before beginning project (before/after photographs provide a clear example of the project effort).
- **Approval Signatures for Project Plan**
 - Unit Committee (Mr. Grzelak, Mr. Pigott or Mr. Ruffe)
 - Scoutmaster
 - Sponsoring Org (include letter approving the project)
 - District



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Summary

- **Carrying Out the Project**

- **Progress of your project.**

- Keep a record of each day's progress and provide a "day to day" summary of how the project progressed; include both successes and challenges. A detailed final report (in narrative form) will be required.

- **Time:**

- Hours Scout Spent Working on the Project including: Planning/Execution/Write-up
- Hours Spent by Other Scouts or Other Individuals Working on the Project

Name	Date (mm/dd/yy)	No. of Hours

- **Materials Required to Complete the Project**

Item	Quantity	Costs per item	Total Costs	Donated

- **Change**

- Document "all" change. Indicate the issue/change, the reason for the change and how you overcame the change.

NOTE: THE EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECTS IS THE SCOUT'S PROJECT. PARENTS MAY ASSIST BUT IT IS SCOUT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAN, EXECUTE, WRITE-UP THE PROJECT.

- **Approval Signatures for Project Plan**

- Scout
- Scoutmaster
- Sponsoring Org (include letter indicating satisfaction with outcome of project)

Remember: Demonstrating Leadership of Scouts & Leaders is very important. Even though there **is not** a required number of hours, Scouts should target between 150 & 250 total hours (Scouts, Leader, & Volunteers - includes write-up & prep time). Adding detail to the initial write-up will add structure to the project, make the final write-up easier and will help during the Scout's Eagle Board of Review.



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Summary

- **Submitting the INITIAL Project**

- Gather the initial write-up of the Eagle Service Project Write-up including the signature page, and the Letter of Approval from the Project Sponsor.
- Make 2 additional copies of all paperwork (1 original, 2 copies). Deliver the **3 copies** to: Mr. Tim Burman, 21 Rochelle Avenue, Kendall Park, NJ, 08824-1405 (e-mail: timburman@gmail.com)
- Make 2 additional copies of all paperwork. Deliver a copy to: Mr. Ruffe (T90 Eagle Advisor) and Mr. Z (T90 Scoutmaster).

- **FINAL Paperwork (post Scoutmaster Conference)**

- Gather FINAL Documents:
 - Final “complete” write-up of the Eagle Service Project Write-up including signature page,s and the Letter of APPROVAL/COMPLETION from the Project Sponsor.
 - Signed Eagle Application
 - Statement of his ambitions and life purpose.
 - Listing of positions of responsibility held in his religious institution, school, sports, community, camp, and other organizations including honors, awards, and recognition received
- Make 2 additional copies of **ALL** paperwork (1 original, 2 copies). Deliver the **3 copies** to: Mr. Tim Burman, 21 Rochelle Avenue, Kendall Park, NJ, 08824-1405 (e-mail: timburman@gmail.com)
- Make 3 additional copies of **ALL** paperwork. Deliver copies to: Mr. Ruffe (T90 Eagle Advisor)
- All letters of Recommendation are to be sent directly to the T90 Eagle Advisor (not the Scout): Mr. Paul Ruffe, 1448 Thomas Ave, North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (e-mail: ruffe05@optonline.net)



Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project - Resources

Several resources to help with the Scout's Eagle Project...

- JK Website contains documents & guidelines to review: http://joycekilmerdistrict.org/JK_eagle.htm
- CNJ Website contains documents & guidelines to review: <http://cnjscouting.org/EagleScouts.htm>
- National Eagle Scout Association: <http://www.nesa.org/>
 - MS Word version of the Eagle Leadership Service Project workbook (NESA)
- Project Ideas:
 - The WWW is a great source for project ideas (Google the subject). Several websites list past Eagle Projects that may help a Scout develop ideas of their own:
 - <http://www.nesa.org/projects.html>
 - <http://www.scatacook.org/EagleProjectLinks.htm>
- South Brunswick and the neighboring area offer many opportunities for Eagle Projects. In addition to Community & Non Profit Organizations and Churches, the following are a few "Scout friendly" contacts for Eagle Project Ideas:
 1. Joe Chmielewski, one of the church's members, is the liaison between the T90 Charter Organization- The Sand Hills Church and Troop 90. His e-mail address is: Brushillnursery@yahoo.com
 2. South Brunswick Recreation & Parks Department - Tom Morris, Director . (732) 329-4000 x7681
 3. Delaware and Raritan Canal Park - Stephanie Fox - 609-924-5705
 4. Rockingham House - Division of Parks and Forestry. Site Director: Lisa Flick @ 609-683-7132 or email: rockingham1783@yahoo.com



Trail To Eagle Appendix



Trail to Eagle – Sample Time Line

Time	Job description	Required workers	Total est. man hours
9:00 am-10:00 am	Layout and mark area	4 workers	4
10:00 am- 11:00 am	Dig outer bed limit to hold back mulch	6 workers	6
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Till garden areas	1 adult with tiller	1
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Move top soil to garden bed areas (inner and outer)	6 workers with wheelbarrows and shovels	6
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Construct landscape tie border	2 adults to drill holes 1 adult to cut angles(power saw) 6 additional workers to lay ties and hammer together	18
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Spread topsoil in beds	6 workers	6
4:00 pm	Clean up/ pack up	Everyone	



Trail to Eagle – Sample Materials*

Item	Quantity	Total Costs	Cost per each item	Donated
4x4x8 pressure treated post	6	\$47.82	\$7.97	Yes
2x6x8 pressure treated board	12	\$23.64	\$1.97	purchase
Bags of post set cement	12	\$52.44	\$4.37	purchase
3/8 stone- red 1/4" - 2" thick gravel for walkway	10 tons	\$150.00	\$15.00	Yes
Mulch for garden beds	12 yards	\$140.00	\$11.67	Yes
Topsoil for garden beds	12 yards	\$360.00	\$30.00	Yes
3x5x8 landscaping ties for edging	32	\$127.04	\$3.97	purchase
Weed block fabric	980 sq. ft	\$90.58	\$12.94	Yes
3/8" x 3" Lag bolts	100	\$50.00	\$0.50	Yes
Bushes for the outer garden	20	\$400.00	\$20.00	partial
Flowers for the outer garden	20	\$100.00	\$5.00	partial
Butterfly food plants for the inner garden	10	\$150.00	\$15.00	Yes

Total estimated costs without donations	Total estimated costs with donations
\$1691.52	\$391.52

* Cost estimated provided in original write-up and actual costs provided in final write-up. Any unused donations must be returned to the source providing the donation.



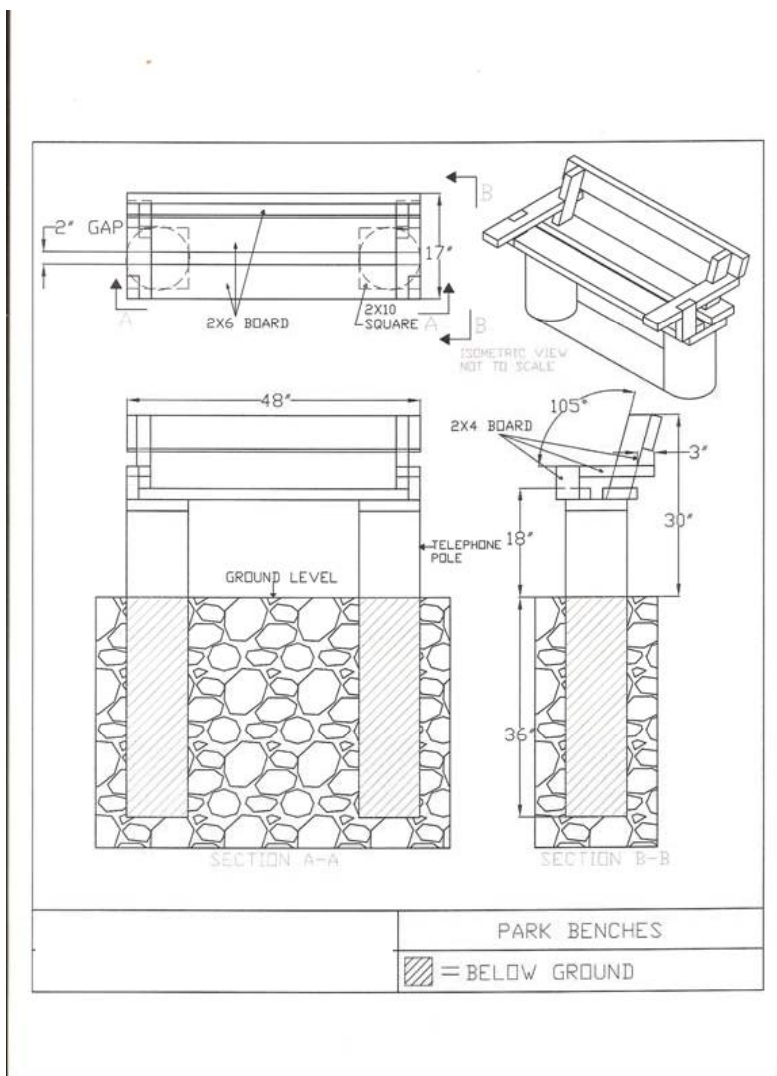
Trail to Eagle – Sample Tool List

Tools:

- Shovels
- Wheelbarrows
- Dirt rakes
- Pick ax
- Post hole diggers
- Gloves
- Goggles
- Drill (1/2 bit)
- Generator
- Circular saws
- Hammers (2)
- Ratchet Wrenches (1 set) & Monkey Wrench
- Tape Measures

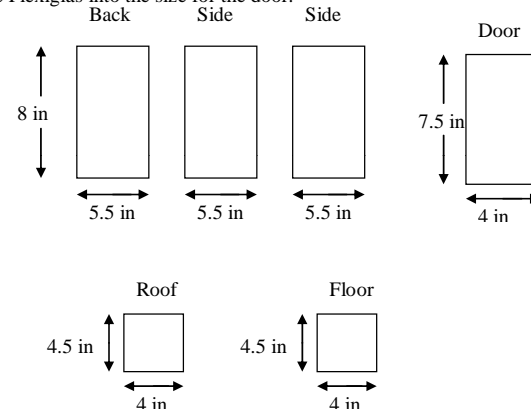


Trail to Eagle – Sample Blue Prints / “Step by Step” Instructions



BOXES:

Step 1: Cut the wood into the following sizes for the back, side, side, roof and floor. Also, Cut the Plexiglas into the size for the door.



Step 2: Using your 1/16" drill bit drill six holes in the back piece. The holes should be 3/8" in from the edge, and 1.5" from the top and bottom and centered.

Step 3: Drill 5 holes in the roof piece. 2 holes on each side and 1 hole on the back. The holes should be drilled 3/8" away from the edge.

Step 4: Drill 3 holes in each sidepiece. Two of the holes will hold the floor in place, while the third will hold the hinge nail for the door. The two holes to hold the floor should be 1.5" from the sides and 3/8" away from the edge. The third hole should be 1" away from the top and 3/8" away from the edge.

Step 5: Attach the sides to the back using nails

Step 6: Attach the floor to the back and sides using nails

Step 7: Attach the door to the box using nails. The door should be even with the bottom of the box, flush with the front of the house, and there should be a gap at the top of about 1/2". Now nail in the top two nails. Nail them almost tight, but leave a tiny amount of slack so that the hinge will have some freedom.

Step 8: Attach the roof



Trail to Eagle – Safety Guidelines

Safety Guidelines For Eagle Project

- You will be working around open water. Horseplay is unacceptable.
- If at any time you are injured, tell someone Immediately, there will be first aid kits on site.
- Keep hydrated (liquids provided on site).
- Wear work gloves at all times, especially when handling brush.
- Wear eye protection when using any tools.
- When lifting materials lift with the legs not the back.
- When lifting heavy materials use a partner.
- Only adults will use power tools.
- Use the Buddy system.
- If you have any questions feel free to ask, **Do not do anything you do not know how to do.**
- Take a break when you feel tired; Don't over work yourself.

Important Telephone Numbers:

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Township Police | 732-XXX-XXXX or 911 |
| • St. Peter's Medical Center | 732-745-8525 or 911 |
| • Troop 90 Committee Chair | 917-XXX-XXXX (cell) |
| • T90 Scoutmaster | 732-XXX-XXXX (cell) |
| • T90 Eagle Advisor | 732-XXX-XXXX (cell) |

You will be removed from my project and you parents will be notified to take you home if you are fooling around!



Trail to Eagle – Leadership Competencies

Leadership Competency

Getting and Giving Information

Understanding the Needs and Characteristics of the Group

Knowing and Using the Resources of the Group

Controlling Group Performance

Counseling

Setting the Example

Representing the Group

Problem Solving

Evaluation

Sharing Leadership

Manager of Learning

Description

To communicate, verbally and non verbally.

To be sensitive to one's self and to others.

To be aware of the many traditional and non-traditional resources available.

To guide the group in getting the job done and keep the group together.

To help others solve their own problems.

To show others a better way.

To represent the interests of the group to others.

To prepare a course of action and to reach goals.

To observe what takes place in a situation, observe people's reactions and understand them, and to make recommendations for improvement.

To use the style of leadership most appropriate to the context, encouraging varying levels of group participation.

To create learning situations.