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To All New Life Scouts:

In addition to earning merit badges, serving in a troop office, showing scout spirit, and having a scoutmaster conference, you must complete an Eagle service project of significant leadership and time (recommended over 100 hours of participation by yourself and others). This is found in Eagle Requirement #5 which states,

5. While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project should benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) The project idea must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your Scoutmaster and troop committee and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 18-927C, in meeting this requirement.

As the District Eagle Committee we will approve your project before any work beyond the planning and approval stage can commence. Information about BSA publication 18-927C and what we are looking for can be found at www.razorbackscouts.org under the Life to Eagle heading. Ideas for an Eagle projects can be found on the internet, from your troop leaders and from schools, churches, and non-profit organizations in your community. The project must show leadership. The District committee is also responsible for Eagle Requirement #7, which states,

7. Successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review.

Note: All requirements must be completed before a candidate's 18th birthday. The Eagle Scout board of review can be held after the candidate's 18th birthday. For more information, see Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures, publication No. 33088D.

The Board of Review process is initiated by submitting to John Blair the completed Eagle Scout Rank Application, BSA publication 58-728 dated after year 2000. It is your requirement to fully complete the application with necessary signatures and submit the same within days of your scoutmaster conference. On the application you will list your references. You should also provide the references with the reference form found at www.razorbackscouts.org. The references are not to be seen by you and should be mailed directly by the individuals making the recommendation to John Blair. Once the application is reviewed in Fort Smith confirming the accuracy of dates and completion of ranks and merit badges and the reference letters are received, a Board of Review is scheduled with you. You should attend the Board of Review in Class "A" Uniform with your merit badge sash, scout handbook and additional photographs of your project. It is our desire that you complete the rank of Eagle successfully.

Yours truly in scouting,

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