



The Eagle Scout Board of Review

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Your Eagle Scout Board of Review

The last requirement for the Eagle rank is to successfully complete a Board of Review.

Preparation

You should know the Scout Oath (Promise), Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Slogan, and the Outdoor Code **flawlessly**.

As a good Boy Scout, and as a good citizen, you will be expected to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner.

Be sure you know your Joining and Tenderfoot material. Give some thought to the symbology of the rank badges (for example, what does the star mean on the Star Rank, similarly the heart on the Life Rank).

Wear a complete class "A" uniform. Be sure all insignia is present and correctly placed, including all earned merit badges on your sash. You should understand the significance of each badge on the uniform.



Board of Review Format

The board will consist of three to six adults. At the Board of Review, the board will spend some time interviewing the following individuals (in the listed order):

- Scoutmaster: The questions will typically involve the Eagle candidate's initiative, leadership abilities, and general understanding of the Scouting ideals.
- Parents: Note that both parents are requested at the Board of Review. The questions will typically involve how the Eagle candidate views and executes his role in the family, in light of his Scouting involvement.
- Eagle Candidate. See next section

At the end of the questioning you will be asked to step out while the board discusses your qualifications as an Eagle Scout. Then you will be asked to return. Before you leave they will tell you whether you have passed or not. If there are problems, they will explain to you what, if anything, you can do to correct the issues. Almost all Eagle candidates are approved by their Board of Review, but it is not automatically granted.



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Material to be Covered

The Board of Review is not an examination. It is not a retesting of the tests you have already passed. It is a review. Your Eagle Scout Board of Review will cover your entire Scouting experience. You may be asked about any of your experiences since you joined Scouting. You may be asked for suggestions about how the program can be improved. There will probably be some questions about what you see ahead in your life.

When Answering Questions

Once you are seated, relax. The Board is there to help you become an Eagle Scout, not to be a roadblock. At this final meeting, the Board wants to be assured that you have completed the requirements, review your project, and ask you about your Scouting experience.

Answers questions with complete answers, not a “yes” or “no”. Expand on your answers without dragging out the response. Show some humor if it comes to you as you talk. Smile and be at ease.

They will NOT ask you to tie a knot or any other form of a skill check.

Questions

Each Eagle candidate is a unique individual. You should understand that there are no standard sets of questions.

Good luck!

