



The Dulaney District Advancement Committee News

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



A. EAGLE ISSUES:

1. The way Scouts earn Eagle Palms has changed:

Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.



The modifications took effect Aug. 1, 2017. The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

But the biggest change affects young men who haven't yet earned Eagle. Beginning Aug. 1, all earned Palms may be awarded instantly to new Eagle Scouts at their Eagle court of honor. This abolishes the wait of months or years for these young men to receive all Palms available to them.

2. The Process for applying for Eagle Palms:

Once the Scout has passed his Eagle Board of Review, I send the signed Eagle Application to BAC for processing. BAC sends the completed application to National. National re-verifies the Eagle Application and then enters the date of the Board of Review into their records. This can take up to three weeks.

At that time, the Troop should check the Internet Advancement file for the individual Scout. If you see that he has a Board of Review date for his Eagle, the Troop can then enter Internet Advancement and enter the dates and names for the individual merit badges with the dates on the blue cards for each Eagle Palm; thus, it is necessary that the Troop knows which merit badges the Scout indicated on his Eagle Application, so that you do not enter one that has already been used for Eagle (we suggest that you make a copy of the Scout's Eagle Application if you anticipate going through this process). You can enter data for as many Palms as the Scout has earned as of the date of the Eagle Board of Review at one time.

All merit badges earned after the date of the Eagle Board of Review need to follow the revised Palm process of waiting 3 months after the date of the Board of Review, providing requisite leadership, and participating in a Scoutmaster Conference.

3. Life-to-Eagle Orientation:

The fall Life-to-Eagle Orientation will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, at 7 PM at Havenwood Presbyterian Church, 100 East Ridgely Road, Timonium, MD 21093. This is open to all Life Scouts and their parents. It is also part 1 of the two-part Eagle Mentor training. No pre-registration, just show up.

It is highly recommended that all prospective Eagle candidates attend as they will receive valuable handouts and practical information for the process of becoming an Eagle Scout.

4. Eagle Coach/Mentor Training:

The fall Eagle Coach/Mentor training will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 7 PM, also at Havenwood Presbyterian Church. This is for adults only and is the second part of the two-part Eagle Mentor training. Again, no pre-registration, just show up.

B. Other Advancement Issues:

Merit Badge Records-Broad Creek:

If your Troop attended Broad Creek this summer, the Council advises that all merit badge records from camp have been saved in Double Knot-if you have any questions, contact Kathy Hull at SSSC.

Yours in Scouting;

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