

## *The Dulaney District Advancement Committee News*

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

Most of these items are reprinted from the National Advancement Newsletters of Sept-Oct 2018



### **A. EAGLE ISSUES:**

#### **1. Eagle Scout Projects—Two-Deep Adult Supervision Requirement:**

For most Eagle Scout projects, a certain amount of physical work is provided by those assisting the Eagle Scout. Boy Scouts of America is constantly reviewing and providing assessments to ensure that all Scouting activities are conducted safely for the youth members. Recently, the youth protection policy has been revised and becomes effective October 1, 2018.

Beginning on that date, adult supervision on “all Scouting activities,” which includes Eagle Scout projects, must consist of no less than two Youth protection trained, BSA-registered adults—both at least 21 years of age. Please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting – Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

#### **2. What documentation is required for submitting an Eagle Application to the Council Service Center? (repeat from last newsletter)**

In addition to submitting the Scout’s completed eagle Application one of the three following the following information packets should be submitted:

- a. An internet advancement report with all ranks and merit badges included.
- b. A Troop Master report with all ranks and merit badges included.
- c. Copies of the Scout’s Rank pages from his handbook and copies of all of the blue cards for the merit badges listed on the front of the Eagle Application.

#### **3. Notes from the Council Advancement Committee:**

**a. Summer Camp:** It is not unusual for a Scout from one troop to attend summer camp with another troop, either in your own district or from another district. If this occurs and you are the host troop, please insure that the scout from the other troop and/or district is identified when you arrive at Broad Creek so that the visiting Scout’s records can be directed to the proper troop and district.

**b. When A Scout takes his Eagle Application to SSSC:** Scout uniforms are NOT required to be worn when a Scout takes his Eagle Application to the Council Service Center.

**c. Eagle Reference Letters:** Prior to arriving at the Eagle Candidate's Board of Review has the troop contacted all of the listed Eagle References? If not, please do so to insure that they are received by the troop several days before the Board of Review. This might necessitate the troop making a copy of the Scout's application before it is submitted to the SSSC for processing.

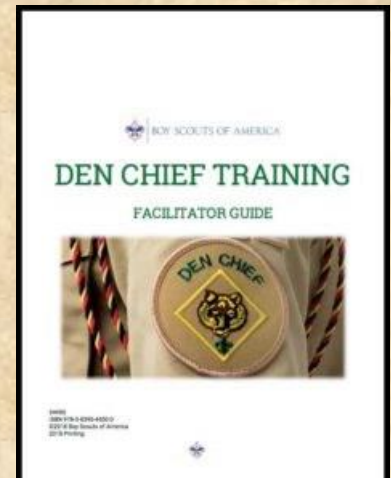
**d. Submitting the Completed Eagle Application:** Troop Leaders please advise your prospective Eagle Scouts to submit their Eagle Applications and back-up data to the Scout Service Center as soon as possible after all signatures have been made on the back of the application, especially if they are close to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. They have a 3-month grace period to have their Board of Review after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, but if they wait that entire 3-months to submit the application they will likely wind up having their Board of Review being held between the 3-month point and the 6-month point, in which case the troop will need to submit a letter at the time of the Board of Review explaining the reason for the delay. The process to verify an Eagle Application usually takes a minimum of a week and could take a bit longer. Then when I receive the verified application I contact the troop and we set a date. At this point my backlog is about 6-weeks, thus any verified applications received this week will have Boards of Review some time in mid-October, or ½ of the entire grace period.

## **B. OTHER ADVANCEMENT ISSUES:**

### **1. Revised Training for Den Chief Leadership Position:** (repeat from last newsletter)

How long and how effectively a den chief will serve depends upon how seriously the position is valued and by whom, particularly the adults in the pack they serve as well as those within their home unit. Youth value the opinion of adults, so if a den chief sees that adults ask for and value their input, they will take their responsibilities more seriously.

Like most things in Scouting, this process begins with training. Den Chief Training is intended to build enthusiasm, develop higher morale among den chiefs, and provide the tools a new den chief will need to be successful. This training can be delivered in approximately two hours. The time should, however, match the needs of the young people to be trained as well as the availability of the trainers. An evening session, for example, might work better for a Cubmaster training a couple of den chiefs, or a weekend session might work better for a district training for den chiefs of multiple packs.



The training should be offered in a facility that provides suitable space and access, perhaps council camping or training facilities, or a local pack meeting location. A session held early in the program year is likely to prove more useful to beginning den chiefs and their "adult partners", those new den leaders, or den leaders who have not previously had a den chief. Thus, all adult leaders who recruit or work with den chiefs are encouraged to attend with the Scout being trained.

At the end of the course all participants should be awarded a certificate of completion.

The Scout troop should then recognize the newly trained Scout with a *Trained* badge for his sleeve next to his den chief position badge of office.

Although den chief training currently is only available through face-to-face sessions, online modules are being developed that will mirror the content of these in-person materials. When ready and approved for use, there will be announcements in Bryan's Blog, *Scouting* magazine and other sources of BSA information. Meanwhile, everyone is encouraged to review the current course's Facilitators Guide at: [www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training](http://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training).

## **2. Webelos-to-Scout Bridging Ceremonies:**

### **Arrow of Light and Crossover Ceremonies—Important Changes to Order of the Arrow Participation Guidelines:**

The Arrow of Light is the culmination of years of effort in the advancement of Cub Scouts, which should be recognized with an appropriate ceremony. (*Guide to Advancement 2017, topic 3.0.0.3.*) The recognition for Cub Scouts who earn the Arrow of Light Award “should be presented during an impressive ceremony involving Scouts from a local Scout troop.” (*GTA, topic 4.1.1.3.*) These types of ceremonies often are conducted and benefit from the assistance of the local Order of the Arrow lodge and its chapters.

Recently the BSA National Order of the Arrow Committee revised its guidance for lodges and chapters concerning the types and details of ceremonies that will be permitted after January 1, 2019. Of particular note: Arrowmen in these ceremonies are to be in a Scout uniform and are no longer permitted to be done in American Indian regalia.

The newly approved official ceremonies may be downloaded from the OA Inductions Portal at <https://oa-bsa.org/resources/inductions>. The following links will provide groups with a list of the materials needed, as well as the detailed speaking parts for each ceremony:

#### **Arrow of Light Award Ceremony:**

<https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/OA-Arrow-of-Light-Ceremony-2018.pdf>

#### **Spirit of Adventure Crossover Ceremony:**

<https://oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/OA-Cub-Crossover-Ceremony-2018.pdf>

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