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Dear Scoutmasters,

As many of you are aware there is a new Eagle Scout project workbook (#512-927) that is now required for use in your Troops.

The Council Advancement Committee wanted to be sure that you are aware of the following changes that are taking place with respect to the Life to Eagle process.

These changes are as follows:

✓ New project workbook has detailed project descriptions and expectations of the Life Scout which must be followed.
✓ Contact info page has been updated to include Committee Chair, Benefiting Organization, Benefiting Organization Representative, Council Advancement Committee Representative and Project Coach. (pg.6) A job description of a "Project Coach" is located on pg. 22 or the last page of the workbook for your review. This person can also be the Eagle Mentor or Council/District Advancement Committee Representative. The unit leader who originally signs off on the project must maintain his/her leadership through the entirety of the project. The Committee Chair and Unit Advancement Chair may be the same person.
✓ Logistics section may require a Tour Plan (pg.9) Eagle Candidates need to consult: http://www.scouting.org/scout/source/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx to review when a Tour Plan needs to be filed.
✓ The Eagle Candidate is now required to sign off under the candidate promise signature (pg. 10) The candidate is responsible for the entire workbook, no "Unit Committee" misg-guidance will be tolerated. The local Council is no longer responsible for granting or denying extensions. They are being granted only through the National Advancement Team.
✓ Comment section for the Project Coach (pg. 16)
✓ Fundraising application is required. No longer a Unit Money Earning Application. Signatures of the Benefiting Organization Representative, Unit Leader and Council Representative are required before the fundraiser begins. (pg. 17) Applications may be e-mailed, mailed, faxed or brought in person to the Council service center for approval.

There have also been some minor changes to the "Eagle Letter" that each Life Scout should receive upon achieving the rank that is attached to this update. The committee is also asking that each Candidate be responsible for filling out our new Eagle Scout Service Project Tracking Record. Information collected will be used to track community service hours, benefits of Scouting to the Community and more importantly giving Eagle Scouts proper recognition at the Council’s yearly Eagle Scout recognition dinner.

Should you have any questions please call any of the Eagle Coordinators listed on the “Eagle Letter” or our Council Advancement Committee Staff Advisor Irv Gable 814.371.5650.

Yours in Scouting,

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