

Eagle Scout Service Project Coach

The Longhouse Council Advancement Committee is now recruiting Eagle Scout Service Project Coaches (Project Coach) from all Districts, and encourages you to review the duties of the position and seriously consider registering.

Brief Description:

The Project Coach is a relatively new position in Scouting, and is similar to, but different from the more traditional Eagle Advisor or Mentor. The Advisor is usually a Troop (Unit) adult who guides and works with Scouts throughout all aspects along their Eagle trail. The Project Coach becomes involved only after the District Committee approves the Project Proposal, and the Coach's duties end with the preparation of the Project Final Report.

A Project Coach will be assigned to each Scout following their Project approval, and the Coach will ideally be from a different Unit. The idea is that the Coach will offer encouragement and guidance, as well as assist with the nuances of project execution including safety. This not only assists the Scout with successful project completion, but also exposes the Scout to another adult with whom to communicate and coordinate.

A more thorough description of the philosophy and duties of a Coach are in the "Guide to Advancement" (GTA), Article 9.0.2.9. Here is a link to the 2015 GTA (see pages 71-72):
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>.

The "Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook" will provide an overview of the Scout's Project requirements. Note the Coach is involved in the second and third parts of the Workbook (*i.e.* "Project Plan" and "Project Report"). Here is a link to download the Workbook, No. 512-927 (PC or Mac):
<http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx>

Sign-up Requirements:

- Submit an "Eagle Scout Service Project Coach Application" to Council. Here is the link:
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-069.pdf>
- Submit an Adult Application if you are not already registered as a Scouter
(<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>)
- If you are not current, complete the BSA "Youth Protection Training".

Opportunities:

- To become involved in Scouts Eagle projects.
- To offer encouragement and guidance to tomorrow's Eagle Scouts.
- To see the projects Longhouse Council Scouts are doing which benefit their communities, schools, and places of worship.

Thank you for your consideration. Also, please pass this message on to others you know that may have an interest. You may direct questions on this to either Brian Ahsmann (Brian.Ahsmann@scouting.org) or me.

Yours in Scouting

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