



**Scout Advancement during the COVID-19 crisis**

**Eagle Projects and Final Boards of Review**

We commend the Scouting units who continue to meet through creative, online ways. We encourage any unit who hasn't been meeting to find alternative ways to meet. We also hope that everyone considers working on advancement while families are spending lots of quality time together.

In regard to Eagle projects and final Boards of Review, Scouting has not been put on hold.

**Projects:** If you have a project to submit, please mail or drop off the hardcopy of the application to the Scout office, but also please email a pdf copy to [sacbsa@sac-bsa.org](mailto:sacbsa@sac-bsa.org). Please ensure that all signatures are there. Electronic signatures and/or email confirmations of the approvals are permissible through September 30, 2020. Projects will then be forwarded to the appropriate District Eagle BOR Chair for review.

**Projects Extensions:** If you are requesting an extension for completing your project. The attached Extension Application needs to be submitted to [sacbsa@sac-bsa.org](mailto:sacbsa@sac-bsa.org). The Council Advancement Chair and District Eagle BOR Chair will review and decide.

**Eagle Project Completion/Application:** The project and application submittal can be mailed or dropped off to the Scout Office, but also please email a pdf copy to [sacbsa@sac-bsa.org](mailto:sacbsa@sac-bsa.org). Please ensure that all signatures are there. Electronic signatures and/or email confirmations of the approvals are permissible through September 30, 2020. Council will verify the application and then forward to the District Eagle BOR Chair.

**Eagle Requirements/Application Extension:** If you are requesting an extension for completing your project. The attached Extension Application needs to be submitted to [sacbsa@sac-bsa.org](mailto:sacbsa@sac-bsa.org). The Council Advancement Chair and District Eagle BOR Chair will review and decide.

**Eagle Board of Review – Virtually:** if you are requesting for an Eagle Board of Review to be held virtually, please submit the attached Extension Application to be submitted to [sacbsa@sac-bsa.org](mailto:sacbsa@sac-bsa.org). The Council Advancement Chair and District Eagle BOR Chair will review and decide. It is recommended that Virtual Board of Review be held for those Scouts who will be turning 18 by September 30, 2020.

The Council Eagle Board committee has decided that it will allow online video reviews in limited situations, primarily for those turning 18 by September 30, 2020. If a youth is younger than 17, a Board of Review will be scheduled once we can meet face to face again.

The Council Advancement Committee is also working on virtual events, including merit badge opportunities. We will send links to approved Shenandoah Area Council merit badge counselors and the badges they are qualified to offer. We also will include a Q&A document from National BSA that addresses advancement for all levels of Scouting.

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