**GT58 Trail to Eagle**

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For all forms and information, please go to the GT58 website

<https://GT58davidson.com/rank-advancement>

1. **Eagle Scout Service Project**
	1. Contact Bob Coughlin rcoughlinnc@gmail.com to discuss ideas for an Eagle project.
	2. Download and save the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>

* 1. Read every page, particularly the details at the beginning
	2. It is a writeable PDF, save on your computer and complete the first section (Proposal)
	3. It is a good idea to save the workbook each time you edit it as a new version in case something happens while you are making changes
	4. Contact Mr. Coughlin rcoughlinnc@gmail.com to review the completed proposal section. He will advise on changes or additions.
	5. Sign your proposal and get your beneficiary signature on your proposal.
	6. Reach out to the troop SPL, Scoutmaster and Committee Chair and schedule a time to present your proposal to the troop during a meeting when the Scoutmaster and Committee Chair can be present. This way the Scoutmaster and Committee Chair can sign your proposal at the same time. Another committee member can sign the proposal if the Committee Chair is not available. This should be a brief overview of your project.
	7. Once signatures have been obtained, go to the Mecklenburg County Council Eagle Scout Advancement page. Select Hornets Nest District Proposal Approval and read the instructions.

<https://www.mccscouting.org/hornets-nest-advancement>

* 1. Submit a Hornets Nest Eagle Project Review Request: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUPnF3afnVSljB8MWrYdw2vxKVQaAFvyDIQo6nz2-6tj3Fbg/viewform
	2. If you have any questions regarding the review process, email the Hornets Nest District Advancement Chair, Bob Coughlin at hornetsnest.advancement@gmail.com.
	3. The District reviewer will contact you to have you email a copy of your proposal including contact and signature pages. They will review the project, provide any feedback and then schedule a Zoom or other type of video conference to discuss with you.
	4. Once you have the approval of the District reviewer, you can begin your fundraising if you need to raise funds to complete your project. If you are fundraising outside of family and friends, you need the fundraising application approved by the Hornets Nest before raising funds. This is in the proposal.
	5. Complete the 2nd section of the EP workbook, the Project Plan, as you begin the detailed planning of your project and as you complete your work days.
	6. Take before, during and after pictures, keep all receipts, keep a log of all names and number of hours worked on your EP.
	7. Once your EP is completed, complete the third section of the workbook, the Project Report
	8. Get all signatures (yours, the beneficiary, and SM Roeder-you can get her signature at your Scoutmaster conference)
	9. Keep the EP workbook together and in a safe place until you are ready to submit it along with your Eagle application as described below. It is a good practice to put your pages in page protectors in a 1 inch 3-ring binder.
1. **Reference Letters**
	1. Contact 5 people that know you well that will complete the attached reference letter form. These can be parents, religious leaders, teachers, school counselors, employers, and others.

One letter should be from a parent, one from a religious leader, one from a teacher, and 2 others of your choice. If you currently have a job, also ask for one from your employer.

* 1. Ask them if they will serve as a reference for your Eagle Scout rank
	2. Give them the reference letter form (see troop website)
	3. Give them an envelope with a stamp on it that is addressed to:

Bob Coughlin

(attn. Eagle Scout Reference Letter for <your name>

18337 Centre Court Drive

Davidson, NC 28036

* 1. Write their name on the back of the envelope so Mr. Coughlin can tell you who has sent their reference letters and who you need to remind
	2. Mr. Coughlin will collect these to put with your Eagle application and Project Workbook once everything is ready to be turned in
1. **Statement of Life Purpose**
	1. Requirement #6-Statement of Life Purpose- Create a one page summary of what scouting has taught you and how you will give back to scouting. You should talk about leadership experiences, hard trips or adversity that you faced and overcame, what these meant to you, as well as other leadership roles, honors, awards, etc. (see 2nd page of Eagle app for instructions).
2. **Eagle Application**
	1. Download the latest Eagle Scout Rank Application:

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/forms/>

* 1. Schedule a meeting with Mr. Coughlin and he will help you fill out the application
	2. Once application is complete, you will need the signature of SM Roeder and Troop Committee Chair, Julie Daniels. Contact Ms. Daniels ScoutsBSADavidson@gmail.com to get her signature. You can get SM Roeder’s signature at your Scoutmaster conference.
1. **Scoutmaster Conference**
	1. Contact SM Roeder at GT58SM@gmail.com to ask for an Eagle Scoutmaster Conference when you have above steps 1-4 in your hands, fully completed.
	2. Usually this is scheduled at 6:00 prior to a meeting.
	3. SM Roeder will go over all 4 items above to be sure all are completed and signed.
	4. She will talk with you about what it means to be an Eagle Scout and will prepare you for your Eagle BOR
	5. She or Mr. Coughlin will take the 4 above items to council to be approved for your Eagle Board of Review
2. **Eagle Board of Review**
	1. Council will review your Eagle application to be sure it matches with their records.
	2. They will release the application for an Eagle BOR and contact Mr. Coughlin, the Hornets Nest Advancement Chair who will assign a District representative
	3. Mr. Coughlin will contact SM Roeder who will line up a minimum of 2 additional Eagle Scout adults in our community that serve in our Eagle BOR pool
	4. We will find a night that suits the BOR members and your schedule.
	5. On the night of your BOR, you will come in full uniform, shirt, pants, belt, socks, sash, and will bring your completed and signed Scout Handbook.
	6. The BOR will study your Eagle application, your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and read your reference letters.
	7. They will invite you in and have you recite the Scout Oath and Law and Outdoor Code.
	8. They will ask you about your scouting experience, your best trip, worst trip, your leadership roles in troop and crew, your leadership style, your Eagle Project, what went well, not so well, what changed. All of them are Eagle Scouts and they love meeting rising Eagles and hearing about their experience.
	9. They will ask you to leave the room while they further discuss your qualifications for the rank of Eagle Scout.
	10. They will invite you back in and shake your hand and welcome you to the exclusive club of Eagle Scouts!!!!