ADVANCEMENT NEWS:

Eagle Project Reviews during COVID-19

In lieu of in person reviews of Eagle Projects, the districts are following an electronic review of Scouts’ Eagle Projects. The Scout is to follow the normal protocol of requesting a review via the online district email address identified on the council website located under the “Eagle Scout Project WB Information-Project Review Information”. These requests will be distributed to Eagle Project Reviewers. Once a reviewer has been assigned, the reviewer will contact the Scout (with a copy to another adult to maintain 2-deep leadership) and request that the project be sent electronically to their preferred email address. In addition to the project, the Scout should send copies of emails verifying approval for the required signoffs (unless the scout is able to scan a copy of the approval page with the requisite signatures). Note that all of these are required prior to the Reviewer’s sign off in accordance with national policy. If there are drawings, pictures or other items that are pertinent these should be sent to the reviewer as well. Once these have been provided, the reviewer will review and provide any feedback (or possibly request a video conference). The Reviewer will email the Scout with their current assessment. I.e. Approved, Approved with Recommendations, Not Approved. The Reviewer will indicate items that are open to obtain final approval. If the Reviewer is unable to scan their signature as approval, their email will serve as approval and the copy should be included in the Scout’s final Eagle Project Binder as evidence of District Review.

Age-Extension Beyond the 18th Birthday for Eagle Requirements during COVID-19

As noted in National’s recent release regarding advancement during COVID-19, age extensions beyond the 18th birthday for Eagle Scout requirements (and Summit Award requirements) are available for those Scouts that are currently a Life Scout. These extensions include but are not limited to those hardships in completing the Eagle Project. Many organizations that are currently the beneficiaries, or may be the beneficiaries of planned projects, may have enacted rules that prevent the Scout from completing their project before their 18th birthday. In addition, the Scout may not be able to organize sufficient assistance (or may not be able to enlist the assistance of others due to the Social Distancing requirements) to allow them to meet the supervisory goals of the Eagle Project during this period.

National Advancement Committee has delegated the local Council Advancement Committee and Scout Executive permission to approve age-extensions for the Eagle Scout candidate. This applies to Life Scouts who cannot complete Eagle (and Venturing Summit) requirements prior to the 18th birthday because of the cronovirus shutdown. **Scouts have three months after their 18th birthday to complete any requirements.** Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth’s 18th/21st birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the GTA. Life Scouts may apply for age-extension approval between now and September 30, 2020, for local approval. After that date, National must grant such approvals.

In the meantime, email requests for such local approval may be presented to Joel Moser, Council Advancement Chair by using Form 512-077, at email address joelmoser@earthlink.net. Click here for the form. [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-077.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-077.pdf).