



# HORNETS NEST ADVANCEMENT NEWS

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## Our New Newsletter



Welcome to the first ever edition of the Hornets Nest Advancement News, your source for all things advancement related. I sincerely hope that you find the information contained in this, and future newsletters informative and helpful. It is our goal to keep you informed of advancement news related to our district, our council, and the national advancement team. We'll compile the news from various resources and report it to you monthly. We'll include links to more in depth articles and other important resources to help make your units more successful.

## David McKenzie To Lead Eagle Service Project Reviews



I'm pleased to announce that David McKenzie will now lead the monthly Eagle service project review process. David will organize and execute the monthly review process and handle all communications related to Eagle service project proposals.

David McKenzie has long served the District Advancement Committee by participating in the monthly Eagle service project review process. He has reviewed countless Eagle service project proposals and is truly an expert reviewer.

You can contact David and/or preregister to have an Eagle service project reviewed by emailing [hornetsnest.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:hornetsnest.advancement@gmail.com)

## BSA Releases 2017 Guide to Advancement



The *Guide to Advancement 2017*, the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America Programs, is now available online at [www.scouting.org/advancement](http://www.scouting.org/advancement), in both HTML and PDF format.

This is the most important reference tool for any person involved in the advancement process in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. The guide establishes the requirements, and clearly identifies mandated procedures with words such as "must" and "shall". Where such language is used, no council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to deviate from the procedures covered, without the written permission of the National Advancement Committee

Each unit *must* follow the *Guide to Advancement 2017*.

## Cub Scout Topic—The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award

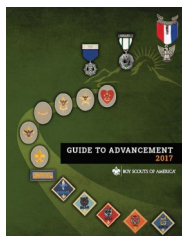


Keep the outing in scouting. The Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award is earned by completing Cub Scout day camp or Webelos Adventure Camp and completing the rank specific requirements. This award can be earned each year and the first time a cub scout earns this award the scout is presented with a cool pocket flap.

You can find more information at [BSA Outdoor Activity Award](http://BSA Outdoor Activity Award)

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## From the *Guide to Advancement*—Section 3.0.0.3 Unit Advancement Responsibilities



Did you know....that Advancement is one of the 8 methods of Scouting? I'm sure you did. Because of this each unit needs to have a person or a team of people responsible for the unit advancement program. This includes ensuring that advancement is considered during the program planning process, educating others on the appropriate methods to stimulate advancement, and ensuring that the unit adheres to the *Guide to Advancement 2017*. Hopefully, your unit has someone dedicated to this role, if not, now is a great time to recruit somebody to fill it.

Want to learn more...check out the *Guide to Advancement 2017* section 3.0.0.3 for more information.

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## Eagle Palm Requirements Changing (article taken from Bryan on Scouting)



Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.

Last week, the BSA has announced significant changes to the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms. The modifications take effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

But the biggest change affects young men who haven't yet earned Eagle. Beginning Aug. 1, all earned Palms may be awarded instantly to new Eagle Scouts at their Eagle court of honor. This abolishes the wait of months or years for these young men to receive all Palms available to them.

For more information please visit [Bryan On Scouting—A Blog for BSA's Adult Leaders](#)

## Hornets Nest Eagle Roll Call—June 2017



**Troop 13**  
Matthew Keely

**Troop 19**  
John Logan Rees

**Troop 63**  
Oree Hayes-Brown

**Troop 72**  
William Miltich

**Troop 215**  
Ezra Palcios

**Troop 323**  
Michael Rochford  
Braeden Coughlin

**Troop 333**  
Reese Fullwood