

Rowan District BSA



Policies and Guidelines For District Board of Review

For Eagle Candidates and other Scouts seeking to advance

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Rowan District, BSA

Board of Review Policies and Guidelines

Attention Scouts Planning To Appear Before The Rowan District Board of Review

OVERVIEW

The Rowan District Advancement Board of Review is a program and service available to you as a registered Boy Scout within the Rowan District and under the auspices of the Central NC Council, BSA Advancement Committee.

The District Board of Review is comprised of volunteer local citizens, all with active or past scouting experience and many of whom are Eagle Scouts. They are recruited, appointed and trained by the Rowan District Scouting Committee as well as by the professional staff of the Central NC Council.

- **WHEN WE MEET...**The District Board of Review meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December). The current meeting place is the Salisbury Academy School facility on Jake Alexander Boulevard in Salisbury, N.C. The meetings convene at 7 p.m. Sign in on arrival please.

- **WHO MUST REVIEW...**All registered scouts in Rowan County must appear before the District Board of Review to have Eagle Leadership Service project proposals approved as well as for final review for the Eagle rank. The District Board also reviews scouts for the Star Rank, Life Rank and is available during their monthly meetings for consultation with scouts, leaders and parents about any advancement issues. The Board also reviews Venture Crewmembers upon request for the Bronze, Gold and Silver Venture awards. The Board does not review or approve merit badges.

WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU!

Uniform – All scouts appearing before the Rowan District Board of Review **must** be in full official BSA Class A Uniform (or approved Venture Crew uniform) or a review will not be conducted. For purposes of review the Class A Uniform is defined as follows:

Official BSA Scout shirt, BSA pants (long pants or shorts), BSA socks, BSA belt & buckle (brass on brass), troop or official BSA neckerchief and slide, red bars on shoulder straps, merit badge sash with all badges neatly affixed. The uniform is to be clean and neat in appearance. The uniform shirt should have current rank and insignia, council patch, American Flag, leadership position patch and patrol patch (if applicable) all neatly affixed in proper place (see BSA handbook). BSA or troop hat is optional. Shoes should be closed toe style (no flip-flops or sandals).

Materials Required – It is the YOUR responsibility to assure that all materials and forms are prepared and completed prior to appearing before the Board of Review. Star and Life Candidates should bring signed and dated advancement records. If you appear before the Board of Review without the proper paperwork, signatures and documentation you will not be reviewed. You will be given an action sheet explaining what you need to do to correct the problem so that you may return to complete the review process.

ATTENTION EAGLE CANDIDATES: Your Eagle Scout Application form must be certified and verified in advance by the Central NC Council Office or you will not be reviewed. The District Board has information sheets on how to have an Eagle application pre-certified prior to review. This can be accomplished by FAX (704) 982-0262, by Mail or in person at the Council Office.

- For **Eagle Leadership Service Project (Req. #5)** approval the Scout should bring the Project workbook with the Project proposal in the first portion of the booklet filled in with all signatures in place and dated. **IMPORTANT NOTE: Effective January 2012 a revised version and format for the Eagle Service Project (Req. #5) has been adopted by BSA National. Only the updated booklet may be used for all project proposals submitted after January 1, 2012.** A printable

and interactive version of the new workbook is available online at www.NESA.org. The scout should review the revised wording and policies carefully in preparing their proposal. Candidates are encouraged to secure a Project Coach to help guide them successfully through the entire process. The scout should come prepared to explain all aspects of his planned project to the District Review Board. The scout may not begin the actual project (beyond the proposal stage) without the approval of the District Board of Review. Any project carried out and completed without prior District Board approval will be rejected. There are many resources and ideas available to scouts for Eagle Service Leadership Projects both locally and through the Internet. The Rowan District Board of Review will gladly help Scouts develop ideas for appropriate Eagle projects. General guidelines for projects contained in the front of the workbook. Eagle projects are designed to provide service to others as well as demonstrate the leadership skills of the Eagle candidate. The Board also wants the Scout to be successful in carrying out the project from a financial standpoint. **Accordingly, the candidate should pay particular attention to the budget and financial planning portion of the project proposal and review the fundraising guidelines contained in the booklet.**

- For the **Eagle Rank**, the scout should bring the certified Eagle Application as well as the original application filled out to include dates and signatures. The Personal Statement of goals, ambitions and honors (requirement #6) should be attached on a separate sheet of paper (neatly hand written or typed). The Eagle candidate should also bring the completed Eagle Service Project workbook, filled out in full with all required signatures, photographs and other supporting documents.

The Review Process

Statement of Purpose:

The District Board of Review has four general purposes:

- a. To make sure that all requirements for the Rank have been completed and comprehended by the scout
- b. To determine the kind of experience the boy is having in his Troop and in scouting overall.
- c. To encourage the Scout to advance to the next rank beyond the current one. (or if he becomes an Eagle to encourage him to stay active in scouting.)
- d. To assess whether the Scout is ready to advance.

The Board of Review is not an examination---it is a review of what the Scout has learned and achieved in seeking the rank. The Board of Review encourages the Scout to open up and talk, so it can understand what he is thinking, what he has learned, how he feels about Scouting, and judge how he would conduct himself in the next rank...especially the rank of Eagle.

Star, and Life and Eagle Project Approval:

1. The Review Panel is composed of two to three adults the District Board of Review.
2. The parents of a Scout being reviewed may not attend nor participate in their son's Board of Review.
3. Scoutmasters may not actively participate in a Board of Review, but may attend as observers, but they should sit behind the boy, out of his view.
4. These reviews normal take about 20-30 minutes to complete

For Star and Life rank advancement, the scout should present the board with a signed and approved advancement record or scout manual that shows that all requirements are completed and that a scoutmaster conference was held.

Eagle Rank Review:

1. The Eagle Board will be conducted by at least three but not more than six members of the District Board who are not associated with the specific Troop of the candidate.
2. The parents of an Eagle Candidate being reviewed may not attend nor participate in their son's Board.
3. Scoutmasters may not participate in a Board of Review, but may attend as observers. However, Scoutmasters may participate in Boards for members of another troop.
4. Eagle candidates are always reviewed one at a time, not in pairs or groups. The interview process normal requires 30-45 minutes.

Subject Areas all Eagle Candidates are expected to know and demonstrate if asked:

Basic knots – basic first aid skills – Current events both local and national – Citizenship merit badge concepts – basic scout skills – The Scout Oath – The Scout Law – Scout Motto – Scout Slogan –The Outdoor Code, the parts and meanings of the Scout Badge.

Above all: Be Yourself and Believe in Yourself!