

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD PROJECT

Department of Parks and Recreation

Policy

PURPOSE

To establish guidelines that will ensure that both the Department of Parks and Recreation and Boy Scouts of America receive maximum benefit from Eagle Scout Award Projects.

AUTHORITY

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REQUIREMENTS/GUIDELINES

Eagle Scout Award Projects are available through the following means:

1. Staff Generated Projects. Annually, the department offers a limited number of projects that qualify as Eagle Scout Award Projects. Department staff has the discretion to choose the scout they wish to work with on projects. Generally, this will involve an interview, during which staff will determine if the scout has the skill, knowledge, and capacity to successfully complete the project. There is no guarantee that a scout will receive a project.
2. Scout Proposal. The Department welcomes project proposals from scouts. The feasibility of project proposals will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, to determine if the project is a benefit to the department and community and meets department standards.

Scouts must meet the following requirements to work with the department on an Eagle Scout Award Project:

1. The Scout must be at least 15 years of age. Experience has taught us that scouts younger than this, generally, do not possess the maturity or skills necessary to lead a project to completion.
2. The scout must read and sign the Department of Parks and Recreation Eagle Scout Award Project Policy, indicating they understand what is required. Department staff will review the policy with the scout to address any questions the scout may have regarding department expectations.
3. The scout must contact and communicate with Parks and Recreation staff directly. The department will not discuss project logistics with a parent, guardian, scout leader, or other intermediary. It is the scout's responsibility to ensure that they are complying with the Boy Scouts of America's communication policies.

4. The Scout must complete the Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, acquire all project approvals, and schedule a date to do the project within 30 days of receiving their project. ***Project dates will not be scheduled until the project has been approved.*** If the Scout does not meet the 30-day dead line the project will be canceled. Exceptions may be made for extenuating circumstances.
5. After receiving instruction from department staff, the scout must demonstrate a working knowledge of the project to demonstrate that they're capable of leading their volunteers to the successful completion of the project.

For a scout to successfully complete an Eagle Scout Award Project, the following conditions apply:

1. The scout must appear at the time designated for the project and may not leave until the project is complete. An exception will be made if the project is predetermined to take more than one day, or an arrangement has been made between the scout and the department prior to the project.
2. The scout must register as a volunteer with the City of Boise. Registration includes the acceptance of the City of Boise's volunteer waiver, which applies to the scout and all volunteers assisting with the project.
3. The scout must demonstrate proper tool and material use, and project procedures to participating volunteers, as well as inform volunteers of all safety issues that apply.
4. The scout must show quality leadership skills in planning and directing the project, including:
 - Motivating and directing volunteers in an effective manner, leading to the satisfactory completion of the project.
 - Ensuring that department tools and facilities are respected, and materials are used in a proficient, conservative manner.
 - Maintaining a focus on the quality of work being done, ensuring a high-end product.
5. The Scout must always act as a representative of the City of Boise. It is the scout's responsibility to ensure that volunteers are courteous in contacts with the public and perform their duties in a prompt, safe, and reliable manner.

Reasons a scout may not successfully complete an Eagle Scout Award Project with Boise Parks and Recreation include the following:

1. The Scout does not meet the 30-day time requirement for acquiring project approval and scheduling.
2. The quality of work on the scout's project does not meet the department's standards as defined in his project.
3. The scout or volunteers disrespect department property or personnel, or members of the community.
4. The scout does not take the initiative and lead the project to completion. If someone other than the scout is required to take the lead on the project, such as department staff, a family member, scout leader, or other member of the volunteer group, the scout will be issued a warning. If someone other than the Scout continues to direct the project, the department has the discretion to cancel the project.

This policy outlines, and a scout's signature confirms, that the scout understands what is required to successfully complete an Eagle Scout Award Project with Boise Parks and Recreation. If the scout does not follow through with what is required, the department reserves the right to cancel the project.

I have read and understand the above Eagle Scout Award Project Policy and will do my best to adhere to the requirements set forth therein. If I, or my volunteers, do not follow the outlined rules, Boise Parks and Recreation has the right to terminate the project, resulting in its unsuccessful completion.

NAME OF SCOUT

DATE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

SIGNATURE

APPROVED

DATE

By: _____
Office of the City Attorney

By:  _____
Department of Parks and Recreation

Boise City Council

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