

HOW TO KEEP YOUR EAGLE SCOUT ENGAGED IN SCOUTING

Time Available

10 minutes

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Understand how important an Eagle Scout is to a unit
2. Have ideas of ways to engage Eagle Scouts

Suggested Presenter(s)

- Scoutmaster of a troop with active Eagle Scouts
- District Eagle coordinator

Presentation Method

- Interactive discussion

BSA Reference Materials

- *Boy Scout Handbook*, No. 34554
- Troop Positions of Responsibility, www.bsahandbook.org/PDFs/troop.pdf

Presentation Content

The Importance of the Eagle Scout

- The interaction between members of a well-functioning Boy Scout troop is epitomized by older Scouts helping and supporting newer Scouts. The concept of servant leadership is one of Scouting's central motifs.
- Helping and serving others contributes to personal growth, and it's only natural that older Scouts enjoy the positive attention they receive from younger Scouts who look up to them. These fortunate Scouts feel appreciated for the help they give, and admired for the skills they possess!
- As a Scout becomes more and more experienced, his capacity to help his fellow Scouts and serve his troop begins to reach its zenith. It's the youth who attains Scouting's highest rank who best embodies the attractive qualities synonymous with his achievement. He's in a great position!

- Eagle Scouts who stay with their troop can now enjoy the fruits of their labor. They have a wonderful advantage. While experiencing the benefits of reaching the top of the advancement ladder, they can reap the rewards of helping their fellow Scouts as an invaluable servant leader. That is the most enviable achievement!

Ways to Keep an Eagle Scout Engaged

- The *Boy Scout Handbook* provides a list of positions. Take a few minutes to discuss how an Eagle Scout might handle each of these positions:
 - Senior patrol leader
 - Assistant senior patrol leader
 - Patrol leader
 - Bugler
 - Troop guide
 - Quartermaster
 - Troop scribe
 - Troop Order of the Arrow representative
 - Troop historian
 - Troop librarian
 - Instructor
 - Chaplain aide
 - Den chief
 - Webmaster
 - Webelos den chief
 - Outdoor ethics guide
 - Junior assistant Scoutmaster (if the Eagle Scout is at least 16 years of age)
- And let's not forget that if the Eagle Scout has reached his 18th birthday he can become an assistant Scoutmaster.