



HOAC Release for EAGLE SCOUT Advancement Process

In an attempt to continue the advancement process for our Scouts, here are some general rules and guidelines to follow as Heart of America Council and the National Boy Scouts of America is strongly advising **that in-person meetings, activities, events and gatherings be suspended through the end of April.**

1. Video Conferencing **IS** approved by the Heart of America Council for all Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of review (Including Eagle Board of Reviews). Follow the guidelines in the Guide to Advancement (see link below) and notify Gordon Harton if you are completing an Eagle Scout Board of Review via videoconference.
 - a. For more information on how to conduct a video conference visit:
 - i. <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/>
2. Eagle Scout Projects could be scanned and sent to the District Advancement Chair for approval. Make sure in email communication that two deep leadership is implemented (if an email is sent to or from a Scout an Adult should be on the copy list – we would recommend a Unit Leader and Parent).
3. A reminder, per the Guide to Advancement, Scouts that have completed all of their Eagle Scout requirements have 90 days to complete their Eagle Board of Review.
4. Have an Eagle Scout application to submit? Please email a copy of the application to Emily Maiuro at Emily.Maiuro@scouting.org for council verification. An email will be sent back with approval from the council to use for official verification from HOAC.
5. For final submission of an Eagle Scout application and personal information form, email digital copies to Emily Maiuro at Emily.Maiuro@scouting.org. An original copy of the application must be submitted to HOAC once our office resumes normal hours of operation.

Our best advice is to "Keep Calm and Scout On". 99.9% of the answers we are seeking are already in the Guide to Advancement but if you have questions you can email or call Council Advancement Chair, Gordon Harton (gfharton@gmail.com) or call (913-706-6765).



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