



Detroit Area Council

Boy Scouts of America

Thank you so much for offering your facilities and services in helping this young man reach his goal of becoming an Eagle Scout. As you may already know, the Eagle Rank is the highest and most coveted award in Scouting. Only about two percent of boys entering the Scouting program earn this prestigious award. One of the most difficult requirements is the *Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project*. The requirement states:

“While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. The project idea must be approved by the organization benefiting from your effort, your Scoutmaster and troop committee, and the district before you start.”

The requirement further stipulates the project must be worthy of an Eagle Scout, and of sufficient magnitude to afford the Scout the opportunity to demonstrate his leadership skills. The project may not be routine labor defined as “a job or service normally rendered”.

This Scout has been involved in a number of service projects before, but until now only as a participant. The significant difference in this project is, the Scout is now the one responsible for its planning and development. To that end please allow this Scout to do as much of the planning and development as possible. Tell the Scout what you want done and let him figure out how to do it. Let him figure out what materials he will need, how much materials will cost, how they will be paid for, where the labor is coming from, and so on. If some of materials are to be donated by you, he can still figure out how much of it he will need to complete the project to your satisfaction. Bear in mind that this is a learning experience for the Scout and he may still need your guidance.

For most Scouts, this project is the culminating activity in their Scouting career. It gives him a chance to use in a meaningful way, the leadership skills the Scouting program has taught him over the years. Thank you again for giving this Scout a chance to “show his stuff.”

Yours in Scouting,

Detroit Area Council Advancement Committee