



Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal



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Eagle Scout candidate's full legal name Alexander Kurian Seshan

Eagle Scout Service Project Name DSRP Chimney Swift Tower

Eagle Scout Requirement 5

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 must benefit an organization other than the Boy Scouts of America.) The project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook*, No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement.

Instructions for Preparing Your Proposal

Meeting the Five Tests of an Acceptable Eagle Scout Service Project

Your proposal must be prepared first. It is an overview, but also the beginnings of planning. It must show your unit leader, unit committee, and council or district that your project can meet the following tests.

1. ***It provides sufficient opportunity to meet the Eagle Scout service project requirement.*** You must show that planning, development, and leadership will take place; and how the three factors will benefit a religious institution, a school, or your community.
2. ***It appears to be feasible.*** You must show the project is realistic for you to carry out.
3. ***Safety issues will be addressed.*** You must show you have an understanding of what must be done to guard against injury, and what will be done if someone gets hurt.
4. ***Action steps for further detailed planning are included.*** You must make a list of the key steps you will take to make sure your plan will have enough details so it can be carried out successfully.
5. ***You are on the right track with a reasonable chance for a positive experience.***

When completing your proposal you only need enough detail to show a reviewer that you can meet the tests above. If showing that you meet the tests requires a lengthy and complicated proposal, your project might be more complex than necessary. Remember, the proposal is only the *beginnings* of planning. Most of your planning will come with the next step, preparation of your project plan.

If your project does not require materials or supplies, etc., simply mark those spaces “not applicable.” As a reminder, do not begin any work, or raise any money, or obtain any materials, until your project proposal has been approved.

Consider also, that if you submit your proposal too close to your 18th birthday, it may not be approved in time to finish planning and executing the project.

Working with Your Project Beneficiary

On the last two pages of this workbook there is an information sheet called, “Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project.” This is for you to print and give to the religious institution, school, or community that will benefit from your efforts. You should do this as part of your first meeting with your beneficiary and use the sheet to help explain how the Eagle Scout service project works. Be sure to read it carefully so you can explain what it says.

“Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project” will help you communicate a number of things to your beneficiary. For example, it provides thanks and congratulations for accepting the project; and it gives some background, discusses the requirements, and points out the responsibilities connected with approving your project proposal. It also explains that the beneficiary has the right to review, and also to require changes in your project plan.

Again, be sure to read carefully “Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project” so you will have a full understanding of the role of your beneficiary.

Next Step: Your Project Plan

Once your proposal is approved, you are ***strongly encouraged*** to prepare your project plan using the form in this workbook. Doing so increases the likelihood your project will be approved at your Eagle Scout board of review. As you begin preparing it, you should meet with a project coach. Check with the person who handled the approval of your project proposal to learn how coaches are designated in your community.

Your designated coach can help you avoid the common pitfalls associated with Eagle Scout service projects and be a big part of your success. You may also want to talk to your unit leader. There may be adults in your troop who are experts in conducting the kind of project you are planning. It's ok for you to work with them as well. The more coaching you get, the better your results will be.

Beginning Work on Your Project

Once your proposal has been fully approved and you have finished your project planning, only then, may you begin work on your project.

Contact Information

Eagle Scout candidates should know who is involved, but contact information may be more important to unit leaders and others in case they want to talk to one another. While it is recognized that not all the information will be needed for every project, Scouts are expected to provide as much as reasonably possible. Approval representatives must understand, however, that doing so is not part of the service project requirement.

Eagle Scout Candidate

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* BSA PID No., found on the BSA membership card

Current Unit Information

Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop <input type="checkbox"/> Crew <input type="checkbox"/> Ship	Unit Number: 280
Name of District: Sacred Springs	Name of Council: Capitol Area Council

Unit Leader Check one: Scoutmaster Crew Advisor Skipper

Name: Jaime Mitchell	Preferred telephone(s): 512-461-1596		
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Unit Committee Chair

Name: Heather Evans	Preferred telephone(s): 512-796-5367		
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Unit Advancement Coordinator (If your unit has one)

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Project Beneficiary (Name of religious institution, school, or community)

Name: City of Dripping Springs, Parks and Rec.	Preferred telephone(s): 512-858-4725		
Address: 511 Mercer Street	City: Dripping Springs	State: Texas	Zip: 78620
Email address: kscheidt@cityofdrippingssprings.com			

Project Beneficiary Representative (Name of contact person for the project beneficiary)

Name: Kelly Schmidt	Preferred telephone(s): 512-894-2400		
Address: 511 Mercer Street	City: Dripping Springs	State: Texas	Zip: 78620
Email address: kscheidt@cityofdrippingssprings.com			

Your Council Service Center

Contact name: Marisol Gonzales	Preferred telephone(s): 512-926-6363		
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Council or District Project Approval Representative

(Your unit leader, unit advancement coordinator, or council or district advancement chair may help you learn who this will be.)

Name: William Jackson	Preferred telephone(s): 831-750-0223		
Address:	City:	State: Texas	Zip:
Email address: wrejack@earthlink.net			

Project Coach (Your council or district project approval representative may help you learn who this will be.)

Name: Nathan Miller	Preferred telephone(s): 512-748-4995		
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Email address: natehelp@yahoo.com			

Project Description and Benefit

Briefly describe your project.

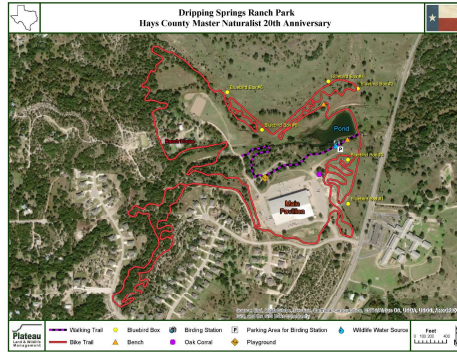
I will be building a chimney swift tower at DSRP. A suggestion by a Hays County Master Naturalist.

Attach sketches or "before" photographs if these will help others visualize the project.

Please click below to add images (JPEG, JPG, BMP, GIF, TIF, PNG, etc.)



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Tell how your project will be helpful to the beneficiary. Why is it needed?

Chimney Swift towers will attract chimney swifts which are a threatened species. They also eat bugs that are harmful to the environment. The swift also eats invasive species such as the red imported fire ant and the clover leaf curculio.

When do you plan to begin carrying out your project? As soon as I get permission from the Parks and Rec committee.

When do you think your project will be completed? Depending on when I get approved, late March early April

Giving Leadership

Approximately how many people will be needed to help on your project? At least 6 but I could use the whole troop.

Where will you recruit them (unit members, friends, neighbors, family, others)? Explain:

From my troop and my family members will also help. Some of my friends might also attend when I invite them.

What do you think will be most difficult about leading them?

Having multiple people cooperate on the same task.

Materials

Materials are things that become part of the finished project, such as lumber, nails, and paint.

What types of materials, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required. For example, for lumber, include basic dimensions such as 2 x 4 or 4 x 4.

In attached file. (These are uncut and some of them we would have to cut)

Supplies

Supplies are things you use up, such as food and refreshments, gasoline, masking tape, tarps, safety supplies, and garbage bags.

What kinds of supplies, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list or exact quantities, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

Bottles of water, snacks, tarps, trash bags, tape measure, working gloves, goggles and scrappy clothes. Lunch would be provided

Tools

Include tools, and also equipment, that will be borrowed, rented, or purchased.

What tools or equipment, if any, will you need? You do not need a detailed list, but you must show you have a reasonable idea of what is required.

Hammer, square, drill/screwdriver, saw, cement mixer.

Other Needs

Items that don't fit the above categories; for example, parking or postage, or services such as printing or pouring concrete, etc.

What other needs do you think you might encounter?

I need a way to transport 1600 Lbs. of quick dry cement.

I need enough scouts or adults that are old enough to use a drill and table saw.

Permits and Permissions

Note that property owners should obtain and pay for permits.

Will permissions or permits (such as building permits) be required for your project? Who will obtain them? How long will it take?

I need permission from the DS Parks and Rec committee which I will obtain in order to go through with the project.

Preliminary Cost Estimate

You do not need exact costs yet. Reviewers will just want to see if you can reasonably expect to raise enough money to cover an initial estimate of expenses. Include the value of donated material, supplies, tools, and other items. It is not necessary to include the value of tools or other items that will be loaned at no cost. Note that if your project requires a fundraising application, you do not need to submit it with your proposal.

Enter estimated expenses below: <i>(Include sales tax if applicable)</i>		Fundraising: Explain how you will raise the money to pay for the total costs. If you intend to seek donations of actual materials, supplies, etc., then explain how you plan to do that, too.
Materials:	\$650.00	
Supplies:	\$150.00	
Tools:		
Other:		
Total costs:	\$800.00	

Project Phases

Think of your project in terms of phases, and list what they might be. The first may be to prepare your project plan. Other phases might include fundraising, preparation, execution, and reporting. You may have as many phases as you want, but it is not necessary to become overly complicated; brief, one line descriptions are sufficient.

1. Planning - Planning out the how, where, why, and who
2. Preparing - Looking at materials and supplies, going into deeper researching
3. Paperwork - Getting all papers signed and filled out so the project is ready to move.
4. Groundwork - Getting everything ready to bring to DSRP, eg. cutting lumber
5. Framework - Bringing everything to DSRP and getting a working area set up
6. Building - Putting everything together and getting the chimney swift tower up
7. Inspection - Getting inspected by the Parks and Rec Committee, making sure everything is good
8. Completion - Filling out the ending paperwork and closing out the project

Logistics

How will you handle transportation of materials, supplies, tools, and helpers?

Because of Corona there will be no car pooling so everyone will drive to DSRP which is a fairly short drive from the Parish Hall. I will bring the materials, supplies and tools in cars and I might have to ask to borrow trucks from a troop member to make it in 1 trip, if I'm not able to get a truck I'll take a couple trips to bring everything in a car.

Safety Issues

The Guide to Safe Scouting is an important resource in considering safety issues.

Describe the hazards and safety concerns you and your helpers should be aware of.

We will be using saws, drills and drivers which require gloves and glasses.

We are also operating during a pandemic so attendees will have to bring a mask along with gloves.

Make sure to wear closed toed shoes and stay hydrated because we will most likely be working in the sun depending on the weather.

Project Planning

You do not have to list every step, but it must be enough to show you have a reasonable idea of how to prepare your plan.

List some action steps you will take to prepare your project plan. For example "Complete a more detailed set of drawings."

Get a good idea of where exactly in DSRP the Chimney Swift tower will be.

Draw a blueprint of the tower and where it goes.

Get a list of all the materials that I'll need.

Candidate's Promise* *Sign below before you seek the other approvals for your proposal.*

On my honor as a Scout, I have read this entire workbook, including the "Message to Scouts and Parents or Guardians" on page 5. I promise to be the leader of this project, and to do my best to carry it out for the maximum benefit to the religious institution, school, or community I have chosen as beneficiary.

Signed

Alexander Seshan

Date

11/22/2020

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Unit Leader Approval*

I have reviewed this proposal and discussed it with the candidate. I believe it provides impact worthy of an Eagle Scout service project, and will involve planning, development, and leadership. I am comfortable the Scout understands what to do, and how to lead the effort. I will see that the project is monitored, and that adults or others present will not overshadow him.

Signed

Date

Name (Printed)

Unit Committee Approval*

This Eagle Scout candidate is a Life Scout, and registered in our unit. I have reviewed this proposal, I am comfortable the project is feasible, and I will do everything I can to see that our unit measures up to the level of support we have agreed to provide (if any). I certify that I have been authorized by our unit committee to provide its approval for this proposal.

Signed

Date

Name (Printed)

Beneficiary Approval*

This service project will provide significant benefit, and we will do all we can to see it through. We realize funding on our part is not required, but we have informed the Scout of the financial support (if any) that we have agreed to. We understand any fund raising the Scout conducts will be in our name and that funds left over will come to us if we are allowed to accept them. We will provide receipts to donors as required.

Our Eagle candidate has provided us a copy of "Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project, Information for Project Beneficiaries."

Yes

No

Signed

Date

Name (Printed)

Council or District Approval

I have read topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15, regarding the Eagle Scout service project, in the *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088. I agree on my honor to apply the procedures as written, and in compliance with the policy on "Unauthorized Changes to Advancement." Accordingly, I approve this proposal. I will encourage the candidate to prepare a project plan and share it with the designated project coach.

Signed

Date

Name (Printed)

While it makes sense to obtain approvals in the order they appear, there shall be no required sequence for the order of obtaining those approvals marked with an asterisk (). Council or district approval, however, must come after the others.