



Changes to Eagle Scout Reference Check Procedures October, 2011

As many of you know, the Seneca Waterways Council Advancement Committee has amended the procedures for conducting Eagle Scout reference checks. This has been done to create one unified procedure for all members of Seneca Waterways Council that meets BSA standards. The initial procedure adopted by the committee last spring and going into effect last month has been changed. Effective immediately the procedure listed below will be used by the entire council.

1. Reference checks are done using the enclosed Recommendation for Eagle Scout Applicant form.
2. This is the only form to be used. There is no longer a separate form for the school reference or Scoutmaster. Unless the Eagle Candidate chooses to list his Scoutmaster as a reference, the Scoutmaster should not complete a recommendation form.
3. It is the Eagle Candidate's responsibility to distribute the recommendation forms to the individuals listed as references on the Eagle application. It is suggested the troop include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the form.
4. The troop is responsible for collecting the recommendation forms and submitting the un-opened forms to the Board of Review.
5. The troop should designate to whom the completed forms should be returned and provide that name and address to the Scout. It is recommended that this be the troop advancement chair or Eagle advisor, but any member of the troop committee may be designated.
6. The troop is also responsible for following up on recommendation forms not received. Every effort should be made to see that all of the forms are returned. However, no Scout will be denied a Board of Review for the failure of a reference to return a form.
7. If the troop conducts a "practice" Board of Review the referral letters are not to be used by the troop.
8. The Eagle Scout Board of Review will be scheduled once the Eagle Scout Rank Application, Leadership Service Project Workbook and recommendations forms have been received.

Thank you for your cooperation. The SWC Advancement Committee put considerable effort into creating this procedure and is open to your feedback. If you have procedural questions, please feel free to contact me.

Steve Weisenreder
Seneca Waterways Council Program Director

Eagle Scout Candidate's Name: _____

Troop _____

Recommendation for Eagle Scout Applicant

The Boy Scouts of America represents a high standard of character and citizenship. An Eagle Scout should embody that high standard. As someone who knows this Scout well, we welcome your opinions regarding his character. Your opinions will be kept confidential and will only be shared with the Eagle Scout Board of Review. Please return this form using the instructions on the reverse side. You may also enclose a short letter of recommendation in addition to or in place of this form. The Scout Oath, Law, Slogan, and Motto are printed on the reverse side for your information.



Would you rate this boy based on your personal experiences. The rating should be a comparison with other boys of his age	Not Known	Unfavorable	Average	Above Average	One Of The Best
1. Honesty, Integrity, Trustworthiness					
2. Personality- Cheerful, Friendly and Courteous					
3. Initiative and motivation					
4. Helpfulness					
5. Leadership					
6. Concern for others					
7. Reverence to God					
8. Commitment and responsibility					

Are there any particular aspects of the boy's performance or character, which you feel the Board of Review should emphasize during its interview with the boy?

I recommend ☐ (Or) I do not recommend ☐ this candidate for the Eagle Scout Rank.

Date _____ Signature _____

Print Name _____

Relationship to applicant _____

The Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my Country; and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly

Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful

Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily

Please forward completed recommendation in a sealed envelope to my troop at this address:

Questions or concerns may be forwarded to advancement@senecawaterways.org
Please include Eagle candidate's name in the subject line.