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Scoutmasters,

The Eagle Board has decided to implement a new procedure.

We know that being a Scoutmaster is one of the most demanding jobs in scouting. It is also one of the most rewarding, as you get to know the scouts and to watch them grow and advance through the ranks.

Unlike you, we are totally unfamiliar with your candidate when he comes before us to propose a project. Our task in that meeting is not only to evaluate the worthiness of the project, but to try and judge whether the scout will be tested by it, and is capable of successfully completing it in a manner befitting an Eagle Scout.

We are asking for your help in doing this. Starting immediately, in addition to attending our meetings to introduce your Scout and observe his interaction with us; the Board would like for you to take a few minutes at the beginning of the meeting, without the Scout present, to tell us about him. We would like to know what you feel are his strengths and weaknesses. We would also like to know if there are any family situations, health concerns or other special needs that affect his scouting experience and may affect his ability to complete his project.

And because the members of his Eagle Board may not be the same members that learned about him at his project proposal, we would ask that you do the same thing when he comes back before the Eagle Board; adding any concerns or kudos that you would like to share about his scouting experience and especially his work towards his Eagle rank.

We highly value your opinion and wish to support you in your work with the scouts.

Thanks for all you do for scouting, and especially for helping us with this.

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