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Scoutmasters,

I have always felt that a Scout should be able to speak for - and advocate for - himself. This is especially true when he is advanced enough to be an Eagle Candidate. The maturity to be able to communicate with adults is a trait that I look for and expect in Eagle Scouts.

Most of my communication with Scouts on matters involving the Eagle Board is via email. I have tried to copy you on them, mainly so you would be aware of where your Scout is in the process when he needs your advice.

Recently, I renewed my Youth Protection Training. I have also read articles in the last few issues of Scouting magazine concerning communication with Scouts. BSA YPT policy states that no "one-on-one" contact is allowed in any form of communication.

By copying you on these emails, I might technically satisfy that requirement. But as a parent myself, I would want to know what my son is up to and who is communicating with him. I have come to the conclusion that the Scout's parent/guardian should also be "in the loop" with these emails.

**Therefore, I am asking that when you review your Scout's "Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal" paperwork - before you sign it and it's turned in to Trina - you should make sure that both the Scout's and the parent/guardian's email is included on the "Contact Information" page. The parent/guardian email should be typed or hand-written (legibly) at the top of the page as there is not a space for it otherwise.**

Thanks for your help in this matter.

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