Eagle Scout Program

The Marine Corps League, Department of Florida, has an Eagle Scout Program, which recognizes the achievements of our youth, who have attained the Boy Scouts of America highest rank. This information will give your Detachment the guidance in starting and running this recognition program.

1. Detachment Commandant’s shall appoint/select an Eagle Scout Chairperson for their Detachment. This Chairperson does not have to be active in the Boy Scout Program, but rather be interested in making certain that our leaders of tomorrow are being recognized for their achievements. It may be easier to get a Detachment member who is already affiliated/familiar with the Eagle Scout Program to undertake the position of Chairperson, but not a requirement.

2. Once a Detachment Eagle Scout Chairperson is designated, he/she should contact the MCL Dept of FL Eagle Scout Liaison. This will assist the Dept. in maintaining accurate records on the number of awards given by each Detachment throughout the Dept of FL. The Liaison will assist the Detachment in making contact with the appropriate BSA Council in your area to setup your program.

3. The Eagle Scout Chairperson would then contact their local area BSA Council and request to be added to the list of organizations to be notified when new Eagle Scouts prepare for their Eagle Court of Honor. The Dept of FL has developed an application form for Detachments to forward to the local BSA Council/Troops requesting that it be included within the Eagle Scout packet. Some Troops may not be aware of the Marine Corps League’s Eagle Scout Certificate Program. When other Detachments are located within a specific Council’s area, the Detachment Chairpersons would coordinate their efforts and split the Council’s area, being responsible for specific counties. Due to the overlapping areas between Detachments, Chairpersons need to identify what BSA Districts and/or counties their Detachment will support. As a rule, a Detachment’s covered area would be to the county line that is the closest point midway between your Detachment and another Detachment’s geographical location. Keeping in mind this could require a Detachment to also support more than one Boy Scout Council.

4. Chairpersons are to prepare and send a Quarterly Report to the Department Eagle Scout Liaison for any/all Detachment Good Citizenship Certificates presented to Eagle Scouts during the Quarter. A final Scouting Program Report is prepared by the Department Eagle Scout Liaison for presentation at the annual National Convention.

5. The only expense to the Detachment is that of the Certificate & Red Presentation Folder, currently available from the Semper Fi Store at National, and the time taken by the Detachment to make the presentation to the new Eagle Scout. The Certificate is a Good Citizenship Award for the Boy Scout, who has attained the most significant Honor a boy can earn, in or out of Scouting. Each Detachment should keep a supply of these Certificates & Folders in stock for presenting to the Scout at his Eagle Court of Honor.

6. To provide maximum coverage among all Boy Scout Councils within the state of Florida, each Detachment Commandant is to provide the name of their Detachment Chairperson for this program to the Department Eagle Scout Liaison.

   Provide the following point of contact information annually after each Detachment Officer Installation or at any time the Chairperson for your Detachment changes:
   - Detachment Name & Address
   - Chairperson’s Name
   - Chairperson’s Address
   - Chairperson’s Email Address
   - Chairperson’s Phone #

   Names of all Counties supported by Detachment

For any questions or assistance, contact:
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