



Sweetwater District Eagle Scout Service Project New Procedures— Effective March 2019

Attn. Eagle Coaches, Advancement Coordinators and Scoutmasters:

All Eagle Scout Service Project (ESSP) Proposals will be reviewed and approved in person.

When a Scout submits his/her ESSP Proposal, it will be checked for missing items then sent to a review panel. The panel meets every month on the same date and at the same location as the Sweetwater Eagle Scout Boards of Review. He/She will receive an email reply confirming receipt of the proposal and informing him/her of their review date and appointment time. The Scout should “reply all” and confirm the receipt of this email to continue. The Scout should show up for the proposal review in full class A Field Uniform with two additional copies of the proposal. They do not need to be in a binder, etc. and are only for reference. He/she will discuss the project with the panel and they will suggest any needed changes and most projects will normally be approved on the spot. The project coach may sit in the review as an observer only and may not participate.

Always check the District website for changes before submitting: nega-bsa.org/sweagle

Common Questions and answers:

Why was the procedure changed?- The Northeast Georgia Council Advancement Team has spent considerable time researching the process in other Districts and this change brings standardization to the process for all NEGA Districts.

Have the Eagle BOR procedures changed too?- No. Eagle Boards are still scheduled and implemented as before. Eagle workbooks with all necessary paperwork are turned over to the Eagle Board Chairman approx. one week before the next scheduled EBOR date. Any that do not make the cutoff will be scheduled the following month.

Have Fundraising Application processes changed?- No, but here are some facts you may not be aware of: Fundraising must be approved by the local council except for contributions from the beneficiary, the candidate, the chartered organization, and the candidate’s parents, guardians, or relatives, as well as the unit or individuals in the unit. You may not request **monetary** donations from people or businesses outside of this group. You may not ask for **donations of materials or supplies** from any person or from any business not listed without a fundraising application approved by Council.

EXCEPTIONS: You may request a DISCOUNT from Home Depot or Lowes without a fundraising application, but no other donations may be solicited.