

## **What Every Scout Should Know**

### **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.

### **Scout Law:**

As 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.

### **Outdoor Code:**

As an American, I will do my best to --  
Be clean in my outdoor manners,  
Be careful with fire,  
Be considerate in the outdoors, and  
Be conservation-minded.

## **Eagle Rank**

The Board of Review for the Eagle Rank is different from the other Boards of Review in which the Scout has participated. The members of the Board of Review are not all from his Troop Committee. Introductions are essential, and a few "break in" questions may be appropriate.

At this point, the goal is to understand the Scout's full Scouting experience, and how others can have similar meaningful Scouting experiences. Scouting principles and goals should be central to the Scout's life; look for evidence of this.

Although this is the final rank, this is not the end of the Scouting trail; "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle". Explore how this Eagle Scout will continue with Scouting activities, and continued service to his home, church, and community.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 30 - 50 minutes.

### **Sample Eagle Questions:**

1. What would you suggest adding to the Scout Law (a thirteenth point)? Why?
2. What one point could be removed from the Scout Law? Why?
3. Why is it important to learn how to tie knots, and lash together poles and logs?
4. What is the difference between a "Hollywood hero" and a real hero?
5. Can you give me an example of someone who is a hero to you? (A real person, not a character in a book or movie.)
6. Why do you think that the Family Life merit badge was recently added to the list of required merit badges?
7. What camping experience have you had, that you wish every Scout could have?
8. Have you been to Philmont or a National (International) Jamboree? What was your most memorable experience there?
9. What is the role of the Senior Patrol Leader at a troop meeting (campout, summer camp)?
10. If you could change one thing to improve Scouting, what would you change?
11. What do you believe our society expects from an Eagle Scout?
12. The charge to the Eagle requires that you give back to Scouting more than Scouting has given to you. How do you propose to do that?
13. As an Eagle Scout, what can you personally do to improve your unit?
14. What will you be doing in your unit, after receiving your Eagle Rank?
15. Tell us how you selected your Eagle Service Project.
16. From your Eagle Service Project, what did you learn about managing or leading people? What are the qualities of a good leader?
17. What part of your Eagle Service Project was the most challenging? Why?
18. If you were to manage another project similar to your Eagle Service Project, what would you do differently to make the project better or easier?
19. What are your future plans (high school, college, trade school, military, career, etc.)?
20. Tell us about your family (parents, siblings, etc.). How do you help out at home?
21. What do you think is the single biggest issue facing Scouting in the future?
22. How do your friends outside of Scouting react when they learn that you are a Boy Scout? How do you think they will react when they learn that you have become an Eagle Scout?

23. Why do you think that belief in God (a supreme being) is part of the Scouting requirements?
24. How do you know when a Scout is "active" in his unit?
25. You have been in Scouting for many years, sum up all of those experiences in one word. Why?
26. What one thing have you gained from your Scoutmaster's conferences over the years?
27. How does an Eagle Scout continue to show Scout Spirit?
28. If the Scout is a member of the Order of the Arrow:

What does OA membership mean to you?

How does OA help Scouting and your unit?

29. Who brought Scouting from England to the United States? [Answer: William D. Boyce]
30. [Traditional last questions] Why should this Board of Review approve your request for the Eagle Rank? or Why should you be an Eagle Scout?

## More Eagle Questions

1. What unit are you registered in?
2. How old are you?
3. With whom do you live?
4. What do you do to make your home a happy place to live?
5. Who do you feel is responsible for your being before us today?
6. Was the personal interview with your Scoutmaster of help to you?
7. What school do you attend?
8. What subjects interest you the most?
9. Do you participate in any school activities?
10. What do you do in your spare time outside of Scouting?
11. How do you earn your spending money?
12. What religious activities do you participate in?
13. Do you hold any offices in religious activities?
14. Are you working on the religious award of your faith?
15. What does "A Scout is Reverent" mean to you?
16. What do you consider is your greatest weakness?
17. What are you doing to overcome this weakness?
18. What do you consider your greatest strength?
19. Are you able to share this strength?
20. Are you able to analyze your own shortcomings?
21. What do you plan for your future after your schooling and Scouting days are over?
22. Suppose you had a very good friend on drugs and you just found out about it. What would you do to help him?
23. If you make Eagle, you will get your picture in the paper. How will you respond to the different types of remarks and comments you will receive?
24. What do you consider the purpose of the merit badge program?
25. What badge interested you the most and why?
26. Which badge was the hardest for you to earn and why?
27. Which badges were you least interested in?
28. What further responsibilities does the earning of 21 merit badges, especially the required badges, place upon you as a citizen?
29. Why do you want to be an Eagle Scout?
30. Why did you become a Scout?
31. What do your friends say about you being a Boy Scout?
32. Not counting your troop camping trips, what is the best thing you have done as a Scout?
33. What does the Scout "Good Turn" mean to you?
34. Do you feel that becoming an Eagle Scout puts any obligation upon your future?
35. What is an Eagle Scout's duty to his country?
36. What place in society should an Eagle Scout assume after you are finished with school and are out of Scouting?
37. As an adult, what position should you, as an Eagle, assume in the community?
38. Have you been carrying any additional responsibilities in your troop since becoming Life Scout?
39. What do you do personally to make your troop a better troop?
40. What do you do to help younger Scouts along the trail?
41. Have you noticed any weaknesses in any of the patrols in your troop?

42. Have you any suggestions that might help those patrols?
43. What do you think makes your troop operate so well?
44. If you could change the merit badge program, what would you do to make it better?
45. What do you do to help younger Scouts get started on the merit badges?
46. Do you intend to earn any Eagle Palms?
47. What do you think the purpose of the merit badge program is?
48. Have any of your merit badges sparked an interest that might lead you into a career in life?
49. How do you pass on the skills you have learned in the merit badge program to help the younger boy in the troop?
50. Do you feel that the personal growth agreement plan has helped you to be able to set goals, and then try to reach those goals?
51. What type of books-do you like to read? Can you give the name or title of the last book you have read?
52. How do you keep yourself "physically strong?" "Mentally alert?"
53. Do you think that you will be able to remember the obligation of a Scout "to help others at all times" as you grow into an adult? What will help you remember this fundamental?
54. Do you feel that becoming an Eagle will change you in any way?
55. In the different Scouting leadership positions you have held, do you feel that you did your best at all times to make that job operate the best you could?
56. Do you think your teachers will expect more of you as an Eagle?
57. Did you have any difficulty planning a service project? How did you choose your project?
58. What help did you have to have in order to complete your project? Who?
59. Did your service project benefit any specific group? How?
60. Will the benefit last a long time or was it a temporary thing?
61. Do you have any suggestions for other Eagle candidates for service projects?