

**SCOUTS-L**

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**EAGLE BOARDS OF  
REVIEW**

**Date:** Wed, 26 Feb 1997 18:01:42 -0700  
**From:** Amick Robert <amick@SPOT.COLORADO.EDU>  
**Subject:** Re: Question and Intro

Jonathan,

First of all congratulations on reaching your goal. This will probably be one of the foremost memories of your life. Your Eagle Board should similarly be an affirmation of all you have achieved and a celebration of your Scouting career. It is your opportunity to express your feelings and impressions about many subjects. The style of an Eagle Board typically is for members to ask open-ended questions; there are no "right or wrong" answers. Typical topics may include questions about what you learned from managing your project about leadership, dealing with adversity and unforeseen problems, managing people, leadership styles, logistics, etc.

Other questions may include what merit badges you enjoyed the most; which ones were most difficult for you; which ones may have had an impact on your future career interests or hobbies. Similarly, you may be asked about the "mountain top" experiences of your Scouting career such as high adventures, jamborees, summer camps, or whatever was really memorable for you. If a particular leader had a major influence on your life, so too, you may wish to talk about that impact and benefit.

Still other questions may relate to world and national events and problems of society and what impacts these may have on the youth of today. There are a whole variety of questions that members of the board may ask you about, and it is your moment to "shine" and really say what is important to you and what Scouting has done for you, and perhaps what it has not. It is always good to give a constructive critique if you feel that things might be done differently to improve the program; what better source of information than an Eagle candidate who has been through the program and can offer ideas to make it better for those who follow.

I can still remember my Eagle Board as vividly as if it were yesterday, (but it has in fact been quite a few yesterdays since then). Carpe Diem and enjoy your moment of triumph and success. You have earned it and you certainly can share your jubilation with the Board, and most of all, when you can, give the benefits of your knowledge and experience back to those

who follow you on the Trail to Eagle; this is the greatest service that any Eagle can provide and will give you the greatest satisfaction of your life.

Sincere Congratulations and best wishes always,

Bob Amick, Explorer Advisor, High Adventure Explorer Post 72, Boulder, CO

On Wed, 26 Feb 1997, Jonathan R. Holman wrote:

> Hello everyone out there,

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> First off, my name is Jonathan Holman and a member of Troop 32 in State  
> College, PA. Some of you might remember me from about a year or so ago  
as I

> was on the list, but had to take myself off due to account chaos in my  
high

> school :) Currently I am a Life Scout with an Eagle Board of Review

> scheduled for this coming Monday. Which leads me into my next  
question...

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> Any advice? :) I've already been through a Scoutmasters Conference, but  
I'm

> wondering what I am getting myself into here. Now, I am very excited to  
do

> this, and I really want to finally receive this badge (It's going on two

> years now :) Any words of wisdom from the Scouts-L people out there?

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> Thanks for any help you can give me.

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**Date:** Sat, 22 Mar 1997 00:24:30 +0000  
**From:** "(MAJ) Mike Walton (settummanque, the blackeagle)"  
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**Subject:** Letter to School Administrator

(date)

(name of school administrator -- I use the Superintendent)

(address)

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**Fellow Educator:**

**My name is Mike Walton, one of many volunteers with the Four Rivers Council, Boy Scouts of America. We teach youth living within your community citizenship, character and personal fitness development. The Four Rivers Council, a United Way member, serves youth in twelve western Kentucky counties and the cities of Metropolis, Illinois, and South Fulton, Tennessee.**

**We have several young men this year whom are progressing toward the Eagle Scout rank. These young men, in addition to completing merit badge work and leadership within their units, must also show that they understand what it is to be a citizen of this nation and of their communities. They also must perform a service project which benefits a community need and NOT Scouting nor this Council.**

**This is where I need your help and the help of your teaching staff.**

**Each Life Scout must participate in an "Eagle Board of Review". This review determines the Scout's commitment to Scouting, and reviews what he has done to merit the Boy Scouts' highest advancement award. At the end of the review, approved applications are forwarded for final approval at the Boy Scouts of America's National Offices in Texas.**

**The board membership consists of adults whom hold the Eagle rank, myself as the advisor and chair representing the Four Rivers Council, and adults from the Troop or Post that the Scout belongs to. We also invite two educators to also ask open-ended questions of the**

**Eagle Scout candidate. The educators are there to ask questions of the Eagle candidate dealing with the community service project and his attitude toward community service. Note that the educators do NOT have to know anything about Boy Scouting nor the Eagle Scout badge. Your educators ask the Eagle Scout candidate to honestly explain to the forum how he came about finding, planning, coordinating, and implementing the service project, which organization or group it helped, and what lessons or morals did he learn from participating and leading others in the completion of the project.**

**I am asking you to please identify at least two educators to serve on a "Eagle Jury pool", to be notified and asked by our District Executive or myself to participate in this special part of the process in the "creation of an Eagle Scout". Again, the people you have selected do NOT have to be males nor former Scouts or Girl Scouts. The idea is to have a cross-section of the community's citizens to ask questions and determine if our Eagle candidates are indeed "Eagle Scouts".**

**Attached to this letter is a short flyer explaining the Eagle Scout process and a form letter to return to me with the names, schools and positions of your educators willing to assist us in this special learning process. You are welcome to locally duplicate this letter and the attachments to provide to anyone in your school system willing to assist us.**

**Thanks in advance for your consideration and for your commitment to education in your community. We of the Boy Scouts of America share with you hopes that our Scouts -- your students -- will become America's and your community's future leaders. With your educators' participation in the Eagle Board of Review process, together we will see our progress toward that important goal.**

**Yours in Scouting,**

**Mike Walton  
District Commissioner**

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**---FORWARD in service to youth ----**