

Troop 259 Scout Activity Standards **Revised February, 2012**

Troop Activity Standards:

A scout will be considered "active" in Troop 259 for purposes of rank advancement to include Eagle Scout and Eagle Palms, based on the following standards:

A scout must attend at least 50% of troop meetings, attend at least 1 troop event (Examples include: merit badges, service projects, OA events, etc), and attend at least 1 camp-out (Troop, Council, Venturing, and OA) within a quarter (three months).

At the end of each quarter, a report will be generated from TroopMaster for each scout to confirm their status in the troop. If a scout has not met the minimum standards to be considered "active", they will be allowed to give an explanation to the scoutmaster on why they could not meet the minimum standard. If the scout gives a reasonable explanation, the scoutmaster can approve the scout to be considered active. If the scout cannot give a reasonable explanation, the scout will be considered "not active".

If a scout is considered "not active" the scout cannot advance in rank (cannot have a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review) until they move back into the "active" status. A scout can move back into "active" status once they have met the minimum standards for "active" in a three month period. The exception to these standards is when a scout is in a leadership role. In order to get credit for leadership, a scout must attend at least 60% of troop meetings, activities, and camp-outs during the time they are in the leadership position. If a scout does not meet the minimum standard, they can have their time reviewed by the SPL. The SPL can make a recommendation to the scoutmaster to give a scout credit for time in leadership if the scout came close to meeting the minimum standard. However, the scout must have a reasonable explanation for not meeting the standard for leadership.

Changes in Eagle Scout requirements (as of 2012):

Eagle Scout Requirement # 5 states:

While a Life Scout, plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.) A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, your unit leader and unit committee, and the council or district before you start. You must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, BSA publication No. 512-927, in meeting this requirement. (To learn more about the Eagle Scout service project, see the Guide to Advancement, topics 9.0.2.0 through 9.0.2.15.)

To meet this requirement, a scout trying to make Eagle Scout, must have their pre-workbook completed and approved to start the project a minimum of 60 days before the scout turns 18 years of age. The scout will not be allowed to move forward with requirement number 5 if they have not obtained all the required signatures 60 days prior to turning 18. The leadership of Troop 259 feels that a scout needs a minimum of 60 days in order to adequately plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project. A scout may appeal this decision through Tidewater Council.

In addition to the above minimum standard, the Eagle Candidate must complete a detailed version of the pre-workbook. Although not required by BSA, it is highly recommended that the candidate use the detailed workbook provided. This detailed workbook must be submitted at the Scoutmaster Conference and at the Board of Review.