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Happy New Year a bit late to everyone!

I am praying that this year is an improvement over last and we get back to normalcy as quickly as possible.

Speaking of getting back to normal, here are some comments from the Eagle Board:

- Please be aware that there is a new rev to the Eagle Work book. It is minor, going from rev b to rev c. Nonetheless, Scouts should always download the latest version from Scouting.org before beginning to fill out their workbooks, and not from other sources (<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/eagle-scout-workbook/>)
- The Eagle application verification process has changed at the council level, and from my perspective not for the better. What used to take Carol Swank a few minutes on the old system is now, for the most part, a manual process. I know that some of your Scouts have been waiting for their BOR longer than normal. Rest assured as soon as I have their confirmations I will get them scheduled.
- Speaking of BOR – We will be moving back to (mostly) in-person Eagle boards next month **as long as there is not an increase in the level of DE Covid restrictions**. We will be holding boards for the northern part of the district the first Tuesdays of the month at Ebenezer UMC, and the southern part at Cornerstone Church on the third Wednesdays of the month. However, a Scout may still request a virtual BOR if there is a scheduling conflict or other situations that will not permit an in-person board. We will observe DE Covid requirements during the in-person BORs.

Some reminders:

- I know Scouts would like to have an immediate response to their project review, but due to this being a volunteer process this is not likely to happen. I turn them around as quickly as possible. I ask our board members that are reviewers to try and have a response back to me within two weeks if at all possible. Sometimes I get them all back in a few days and sometimes not. I have had a number of Scouts after about a week ping me on where their project is in the process. I don't really mind responding, but please let your Scouts know it is not an immediate process – I checked with Amazon and they don't have an Eagle Scout Project Review selection yet, but they are working on it! 😊!
- I am still receiving emails from Scouts without a second adult addressed. I know that it is easy to forget, but try to remind your Scouts to observe YPT requirements.
- In the listing of phases for a project, please try to remind Scouts that they should always have lines for: 1) writing up their project summary, 2) having their beneficiary sign off on the project (yes some submit their Eagle applications missing this important signature), 3) Send out thank you notes to all volunteers and those involved in their project.
- Because of the way the new project workbook works, few Scouts will be able to include all of their work phases in the main workbook section and an attachment will be necessary. Please stress to them that just because there are not enough lines to not just stop listing the phases they will need. I have had 2 projects submitted where it was apparent that the Scout just ran out of lines and did not finish up!
- Also, almost all projects need to include sketches, photos, diagrams, etc. The new workbook does not allow non-text to be included directly in the workbook and separate attachments are needed! I will bounce back any projects lacking these details. So please make sure your Scouts are on top of the process.