

Eagle Scout Project Policy

Purpose

The Forge Charitable Adventures (TFCA) supports Scouts in completing meaningful Eagle Scout service projects that align with our mission to restore and preserve nature, promote environmental stewardship, and provide access to outdoor education and recreation. This policy outlines the process, requirements, and expectations for Scouts interested in completing their Eagle Scout projects at the Heritage Quarries Recreation Area (HQRA).

Eligibility

- The project must be led by a Life Scout working toward the Eagle Scout rank.
- Projects must be sponsored by a recognized Scouting America troop and approved by the Scout's local leadership.
- The Scout must have an adult mentor or project coach (e.g., a troop leader or parent) involved throughout the process.

Project Criteria

To align with TFCA's mission, approved projects should focus on one or more of the following areas:

- Environmental Conservation & Restoration (e.g., habitat restoration, invasive species removal, pollinator gardens, trail restoration)
- Outdoor Education & Accessibility (e.g., interpretive signage, benches, educational programming)
- Community Engagement & Recreation (e.g., picnic areas, wayfinding markers, nature play areas)

Projects must:

- Provide long-term value to HQRA and its visitors.
- Be realistic and sustainable (not requiring excessive ongoing maintenance).
- Follow local, state, and federal environmental regulations.
- Not conflict with HQRA land use agreements or other ongoing projects.

Approval Process

1. Initial Inquiry – The Scout (or their troop leader) submits a Project Proposal Inquiry Form to TFCA, outlining the basic concept.
2. Preliminary Review Meeting – The Scout meets with a TFCA representative to discuss feasibility and alignment with HQRA's needs.
3. Formal Proposal Submission – The Scout submits their official BSA Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, including:

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- a. Project description
 - b. Timeline
 - c. Budget and materials list
 - d. Safety plan
 - e. Maintenance considerations
4. Final Approval – TFCA reviews and provides official approval. If necessary, the project may need modifications before approval.
 5. Scout Council Approval – The Scout secures approval from their district/council.

Project Execution Requirements

- Volunteer Supervision: The Scout must ensure proper adult supervision, per BSA's Youth Protection Guidelines.
- Safety Compliance: All volunteers must follow TFCA's safety protocols, and necessary permits must be secured if applicable.
- Project Timeline: The project should be completed within 6 months of approval unless an extension is granted.
- On-Site Coordination: The Scout must coordinate workdays with a TFCA staff member or designated project advisor.

Funding & Materials

- Scout Responsibility: TFCA does not provide 100% of the funding for any project. TFCA may offer guidance on fundraising or in-kind donation opportunities and will contribute to project fundraising goals.
- Material Approval: Any materials used must meet environmental sustainability and safety standards.
- Leftover Materials: Scouts must properly dispose of or donate leftover materials as per TFCA guidelines.

Post-Project Requirements

Final Report & Documentation: Upon completion, the Scout must submit:

- A brief impact summary with photos
- Before and after project photos
- A list of volunteers and hours contributed

Project Review & Recognition: TFCA will conduct a final project walkthrough and may recognize the Scout's contribution in community newsletters, social media, or public events.

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Contact Information

Scouts or troop leaders interested in proposing a project should contact:

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