

Recommendations for New Eagle Project Proposals

As the timeframe for continuation of pandemic precautions is highly uncertain, the Hudson Valley Council Advancement Committee advises all Life Scouts to make every effort to select service projects that can be conducted in accord with the current safe social distancing guidelines – and the practical challenges of facility closures. This may require a “back to the drawing board” effort in some cases. We strongly advise all Life Scouts turning 18 in 2020 and early 2021 to exercise due diligence in selecting “doable” service projects in light of current pandemic safety guidelines. Although 3-month extensions may be requested by Life Scouts if their projects are delayed solely due to COVID-19, these extensions are intended for projects that were approved prior to the pandemic. New projects should address the COVID-19 precautions in their contingency planning so they can be completed on-time. See the BSA’s website page [COVID-19 FAQ](#) for more information.

Due to social distancing restrictions, limits on in-person meetings, and other precautions set by the local, state, and federal authorities for prevention of the spread of COVID-19, it is going to be difficult for Life Scouts to complete typical construction-type projects until the restrictions are lifted in our area. See also [Restart Scouting Checklist](#) for additional guidance. We are going to have to think-outside-the-box to find service projects that can be completed within the new health guidelines. Eagle Candidates are encouraged to lead other Scouts and adults via remote means. Examples of possible projects include:

- Projects of a virtual nature:
 - Create a database
 - Digitize files (scan files)
 - Create an informational video or webinar or audio tour
- Projects that can be completed by many individual Scouts and their families at their homes (build many of 1 or 2 items):
 - Birdhouses
 - Personal Protection Equipment for Covid-19 like masks & face shields,
 - Storage boxes
 - Planting trees
- Outdoor projects that can be completed in stages by one family working on-site at a time:
 - Landscaping in stages
 - Cemetery clean-up
- Construction projects that can be completed in stages, different stages completed either at families’ homes or on-site by individual families working one at a time. This would be the most difficult type of project to coordinate. The size and weight of materials must be considered when moving them from one home to another. Some stages could include: Shopping for materials, Carpentry work (all tool use in compliance with the Guide to Safe Scouting [Age Guidelines for Tool Use and Work at Elevations or Excavations](#)), Sanding, Assembly, Preparing the site, Digging a foundation, Pouring a footing or foundation, Painting, Finishing, Clean-up, etc.