



Would you like to have one of the best experiences in Scouting here in San Diego?
Now's your opportunity!
Become an Eagle Board Member!

Who's Eligible to sit on a board you ask?

Well, I would be happy to share that any registered scouter, parent (registered or not) or community member 21 years or older can sit on a board. Here is the quote from BSA's Guide to Advancement - " There shall be no fewer than three and no more than six members, all at least 21 years old. They need not be on an advancement committee or registered with the Boy Scouts of America, but they must have an understanding of the rank and the purpose and importance of the review."

Here's the nitty gritty:

Dear Eagle Board Member,

I hope you're having a great summer! Thank you for your time and effort to support this essential service to our scouts. I know that many Board Members have been unable to participate in the videoconference version of our boards for technical reasons and I hope you will standby for the day that we can return to in-person boards.

Please consider trying to sit on a videoconference Eagle Board this year, as I am barely meeting the smaller than usual number of Eagle Candidates each month. If you would like to try and are unsure how, I'm available to talk you through the setups and a practice session. Just let me know what's convenient for you.

The next videoconference Eagle Board will take place on Thursday, August 25th starting at 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, and 8:15 PM using the Skype application.

Let me know if you're available or not for the Thursday evening 8/25/2022 date and times. I need up to 8 Board Members and 4 Leads. Please respond as soon as possible so I can complete the assignment and testing phases.

I have FOUR Eagle candidates that are ready for their Eagle Board:

Please contact me (**Ken Brinkman** kenebob@yahoo.com) as soon as possible with "available" or "not available" (no explanation necessary if not). Keep in mind that a board member cannot sit on a board for a scout if you are an active member of their troop or know them personally.

Those members who contact me with "available" will receive a return email whether or not you will be needed for this Eagle Board. If you are assigned to this board, I will send you a Dropbox link of all the scanned documents that are used in a regular Eagle Board for you to download to your computer or device for review prior to the videoconference. Please review the

documentation and write down questions for the candidate prior to the videoconference. The boards will be conducted in the same sequence as they were in person. Using this format, board leads will finish their boards after I get them started. I will provide more detailed information to Eagle Board Members assigned to videoconference Eagle Boards in advance of the board.

Here is a link that explains a videoconference Eagle Board:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/>

Here is a link to the Skype application:

<https://www.skype.com/en/get-skype/>

Here is the Skype link to our test meeting for practice any time:

<https://join.skype.com/QwfqyoGTgfY5>

Skype works on all platforms, is free to use, provides us with up to 4 hours of videoconference time per session, 10 hours per week, and 100 hours per month. If you have any questions about how to use Skype or Dropbox, give me a call and I'll try to work with you.

Here is a link to the Dropbox application:

[Login - Dropbox](#)

Dropbox is free for the first 2 GB of storage and works on all platforms.

I have now performed many Eagle Boards of Review this way and know it works for our Eagle Candidates to complete their Eagle Boards of Review, at least until we can return to our new home at Madison High School. I hope you can participate in this electronic version of our Eagle Boards. It's interesting how close to our original format they actually run. The difference is that the boards operate sequentially, with me on a tight schedule in between getting them started.

This format limits us to four candidates in an evening, but with the slower pace of candidates, it has been sufficient to keep up with the demand.

Please be safe and thank you for being an Eagle Board Member!

Yours in Scouting,

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