Life Rank — Detailed Requirements & UX Notes (as of 2025-10-24)

Purpose: Provide product-ready requirement text for **Life** rank (Scouts BSA), with clear descriptions, acceptance notes, and official citations that your Eagle Tracker UX can render as requirement cards. Paraphrased for clarity; link to source for exact wording.

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1) Direct Answer (concise)

Life emphasizes **sustained participation (6 months)**, **merit-badge progress (11 total; ≥7 from the Eagle list)**, **service (6 hours, ≥3 conservation)**, **leadership in an approved position (6 months)**, **personal safety awareness**, **Scout spirit**, and the required **Scoutmaster conference** and **board of review**. (Official requirements summarized below with citations.)

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2) Requirement List with Detailed Descriptions (product-ready)

Use in UI: Each bullet = one requirement card. Include fields: `status`, `date_completed`, `signed_by`, `evidence_link`, `source_url`. Group cards by headings to mirror the official layout.

PARTICIPATION & SCOUT SPIRIT

LIFE-1. Active in unit (6 months as Star)
- **Do:** Be **active in your troop** for **at least six months as a Star Scout**.
- **Accept:** Attendance/participation consistent with unit expectations (see **Guide to Advancement** on defining "active"). Link to calendar/check-ins.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 1.

LIFE-2. Scout spirit
- **Do:** As a Star Scout, **demonstrate Scout spirit** by living the **Scout Oath & Law**; **tell how** you have done your **duty to God** and lived these ideals **in daily life**.
- **Accept:** Conversation/reflection; not a retest of skills.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 2.

MERIT BADGES

LIFE-3. Eleven merit badges total (≥7 Eagle-required)
- **Do: Earn five additional** merit badges **(beyond Star)** for a **total of 11**, including **any three more** from the **Eagle-required list** (so that your **Star + Life total from that list is ≥7**).
- **Accept:** Scoutbook import or blue cards; mark Eagle-required badges distinctly.
- **Note:** You may use **any badges** from the Eagle list; those **previously earned** for Star **count** toward the

total of seven.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 3; Scouts BSA Requirements 2025.

SERVICE

LIFE-4. Service (6 hours; ≥3 conservation)
- **Do:** While a Star Scout, **participate in six hours of service** through one or more **Scoutmaster-approved** service projects. **At least three of these hours must be conservation-related.**
- **Accept:** Log hours, project type, and leader approval; tag which hours are conservation.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 4.

LEADERSHIP

LIFE-5. Position of Responsibility (6 months) OR leadership project
- **Do:** While a Star Scout, **serve actively for six months** in **one or more** approved **positions of responsibility OR** carry out a **Scoutmaster-approved leadership project** to help the troop.
- **Approved PORs (Scouts BSA troop):** patrol leader; assistant senior patrol leader; senior patrol leader; troop guide; OA troop representative; den chief; scribe; librarian; historian; quartermaster; bugler; junior assistant Scoutmaster; chaplain aide; instructor; webmaster; outdoor ethics guide.
- **Venturing crew equivalents:** president; vice president; secretary; treasurer; **den chief**; historian; guide; quartermaster; chaplain aide; outdoor ethics guide.
- **Sea Scout ship equivalents:** boatswain; boatswain's mate; purser; yeoman; storekeeper; crew leader; media specialist; specialist; **den chief**; chaplain aide.
- **Lone Scout:** leadership responsibility in school, religious organization, club, or community.
- **Important: Assistant patrol leader is *not* an approved POR** for **Star, Life, or Eagle**.
- **Accept:** Track start/end dates per POR; leadership project requires written plan & completion evidence.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 5 & POR footnotes.

PERSONAL SAFETY AWARENESS

LIFE-6. Youth protection—Parent's Guide & videos
- **Do:** With a parent/guardian, **complete the exercises** in **How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide** and **view the Personal Safety Awareness videos** (with permission).
- **Access issues:** If your family lacks internet access and none is readily available at school/public place/ device, the **video portion may be waived** by the **Scoutmaster** in consultation with your parent/guardian.
- **Accept:** Record completion dates and any waivers (if applicable).
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 6 & footnote.

CONFERENCE & BOARD OF REVIEW

LIFE-7. Scoutmaster conference
- **Do:** While a Star Scout, **participate in a Scoutmaster conference**.
- **Policy:** A conference is **not a retest** of other requirements.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 7; Guide to Advancement 2025.

LIFE-8. Board of review
- **Do: Successfully complete** your **Life board of review**.

- **Appeal:** If not approved, the decision **may be appealed** per **Guide to Advancement 8.0.4.0**.
- **Source:** Life Rank PDF (2024), Req 8; Guide to Advancement 2025.

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3) Acceptance & Policy Notes (for implementers)

- **Active participation (Req 1):** Follow **Guide to Advancement** definitions for "active"; units may **not** impose extra attendance quotas beyond policy.
- **Merit badge tracking (Req 3):** Distinguish **Eagle-required** badges; accept the three **choose-one** groups (E-Prep/Lifesaving; EnvSci/Sustainability; Swim/Hike/Cycle) as Eagle-list badges. Validate **Star+Life Eagle-list count ≥7**.
- **Service (Req 4):** Require tagging of **conservation** vs **other** hours; enforce **≥3 conservation hours** within the six.
- **Leadership (Req 5):** Enforce **assistant patrol leader excluded**; support multi-POR accumulation to reach **6 months total**; include alternative **leadership project** pathway with artifact upload.
- **Conference/BOR:** Track conference date and committee BOR outcome; remember BOR is **not a retest**.

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4) Data Model Suggestions (UX)

- **Requirement fields:** `id` , `title` , `detail` , `status` , `date_completed` , `signed_by` , `source_url` , `evidence_link` , `subtasks[]` , `notes` .
- **Merit badge schema:** list of 11 with flag `is_eagle_required` ; validate `count(is_eagle_required) ≥ 7` .
- **POR schema:** role, start_date, end_date, unit_type (troop/crew/ship/lone), leadership_project (bool + artifact).
- **Service schema:** hours, project(s), approval, **conservation_flag** per hour entry.
- **Safety schema:** parent_guide_done (date), videos_done (date), **waiver_flag** with reason.
- **Audit fields:** `version_checked = 2025-10-24` , `source_urls[]` for each card.

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5) Uncertainty Box

- **Unknowns:** Mid-year edits to online wording; composition of the Eagle list can change (confirm at time of advancement).
- **Assumptions:** The **2024 Life Rank PDF** equals the current online requirement text; **Scouts BSA Requirements 2025** is consistent.
- **Data quality:** High (official PDFs & policy guide).
- **Reduce uncertainty:** Link directly to the **Life PDF**, **Requirements 2025**, and **Guide to Advancement**; show "last verified" timestamp in-app.
- **Confidence: High** (checked **2025-10-24**).

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6) Citations (official)

1) Scouting America. *Life Rank Requirements (official PDF — effective Jan 1, 2024).* 2024-01. https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Life-Rank-requirements.pdf
2) Scouting America. *Scouts BSA Requirements — 2025 edition (3321624).* 2025-04. https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/3321624-Scouts-BSA-Requirements.pdf
3) Scouting America. *Guide to Advancement 2025 (33088).* 2025. https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf
4) Scouting America. *Advancement & Awards — Scouts BSA (hub).* 2025. https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/

7) Evidence Table (claims → sources)

#	Claim	Source(s)	Pub date	Checked	Notes
1	LIFE-1 through LIFE-8 accurately paraphrase current Life requirements.	1, 2	2024–2025	2025-10-24	Exact wording in source PDF.
2	Assistant patrol leader is not an approved POR for Star/Life/Eagle.	1	2024	2025-10-24	Footnote in rank PDF.
3	Service must total 6 hours with ≥3 conservation hours.	1	2024	2025-10-24	New since 2024 update; enforce via flags.
4	BOR is not a retest; appeals via GTA 8.0.4.0.	3	2025	2025-10-24	Policy guidance.

Ready to proceed

If this meets your needs, I'll produce **Eagle** next with the same structure (requirement cards, UX fields, and sources).