

# **Advancement Committee of the Denver Area Council, Centennial District, Boy Scouts of America**

## **Policy on Eagle Scout Service Project Coaches**

### **Issue**

The Guide to Advancement (2019) section 9.0.2.9, describes the Eagle Scout Service Project Coach. However, Boy Scouts of America has not assigned a position code so there is no way to track them.

### **Background**

The Denver Area Council Advancement Committee on January 20, 2016 adopted the following policy: Under the authority of The Guide to Advancement (2015), Para. 9.0.2.9, the Denver Area Council Advancement Committee herein authorizes each District Advancement Committee to create its own District policies regarding Eagle Scout service project coaches. Each District Advancement Committee may determine whether to require service project coaches to submit an application to the District, including whether to use the sample application form provided by the National Council or to design a different form for use in its District, and the frequency of submission such application form for renewal (e.g. annually, bi-annually). Each District Advancement Committee is delegated the authority to approve or reject any application for Eagle Scout service project coach. Each District Advancement Committee is delegated the responsibility for keeping a current list of approved Eagle Scout service project coaches in their District.

Each District Advancement Committee is authorized to assign a service project coach to each Scout who has submitted a project proposal for approval. However, it is the Scout's decision whether to work with a coach.

District policies regarding Eagle Scout service project coach must conform with the Guide to Advancement and any other guidelines published by the National Council or Denver Area Council.

Eagle Service Project Coaches must be "registered with the BSA and be current in BSA Youth Protection Training." (See Guide to Advancement, Para. 9.0.2.9, p. 71 (2015))

### **Policy**

Under the authority of the Guide to Advancement (2019) and the policy adopted by the Denver Area Council Advancement Committee, the Centennial District adopts the following policy for Eagle Scout Service Project Coaches (Reference Guide to Advancement, section 9.0.2.9.).

To qualify as an Eagle Scout service project coach in the Centennial District

- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America in any adult position, if not registered in any other adult position code, the coach will register as a District Member at large and will be required to take that training.
- Be current in BSA Youth Protection training.
- Be knowledgeable about the Eagle Scout service project process.
- Submit an application for Eagle Scout service project coach.
- Be willing to work with and coach Scout-age members.
- View the "The Eagle Scout Service Project Coach" advancement educational presentation either on-line or in an instructor-led presentation.
- Be approved as an Eagle Scout service project coach, by the district advancement committee.
- Once approved as an Eagle Scout service project coach, the coach will become part of the districts Eagle advancement committee.

Assignments and authorizations:

- Any member of the Centennial District Eagle Advancement Committee may have signature authority for approving an Eagle Scout Service Project proposal.
- The proposal approving Centennial District Advancement Committee person may not be the Scout's coach or a member of the Scouts unit, except under rare situations (as determined by the Centennial District Eagle Advancement Committee Chair or Centennial District Advancement Committee Chair).
- The coach assigned will work with the Scout (at the Scout's decision) throughout the project planning, execution and reporting.
- The coach assigned will represent the Centennial District as a representative on the Scout's Eagle Board of Review (unless the relationship of the coach to the Scout is so close that an exclusion of the coach from the Eagle Board of Review be necessary).
- Exceptions to this policy will be made by the Centennial District Eagle Advancement Committee Chair or the Advancement Committee Chair.

Eagle Scout service project coach must agree to:

- Follow BSA policies and procedures as described in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and in section 9 of the Guide to Advancement.
- Follow BSA Youth Protection policies at all times.
- Use the BSA method of positive adult association, logic, and common sense to help the candidate make wise decisions.
- Help Scouts develop their project plan by discussing strengths, weakness, and risks without dictating changes, withdrawing approval, or taking any other such directive action.

This policy will be in effect until such time that the National Council or Denver Area Council issues guidelines that supersede this policy.

This policy is effective as of 15 April 2020

**Approved by:**

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