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To the Eagle Scout Candidate:

Congratulations! You've submitted your Eagle Scout Rank Application, Statement of Ambition and Life Goals, and your Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook for review by the council advancement team. Shortly, you'll be called for your Eagle Scout board of review – a major milestone!

So now what's next? Hopefully you've already contacted those who know you personally and asked them to provide a recommendation on your behalf (Requirement #2). As part of that contact, you may provide a copy of the recommendation solicitation letter available from the council web site via: <http://www.vccbsa.org/advancement>. This is one of the methods permitted by the 2013 Guide to Advancement, Topic 9.0.1.7 (see <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/GuideToAdvancement/EagleScoutRank.aspx> if you would like to check the Eagle Scout section from the Guide to Advancement).

You or your parents may have additional questions about what happens after this. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

Question: How many references do I need and do they have to be those listed on the application?
Answer: It is advisable to have as many references as listed on the application. If you are not employed, you may provide an alternate name or leave it blank. If you do not belong to an organized religion, a parent or guardian provides this reference in addition to the first one. (Guide to Advancement Topic 9.0.1.3)

Question: Besides asking for recommendation letters, do I also need to collect them?
Answer: No. Once you've asked for the letters, your work is done. It is the responsibility of the district advancement committee to collect them for your board of review. (Guide to Advancement Topic 9.0.1.7)

Question: When will my Eagle Scout board of review be? How will I know?
Answer: There are a couple of steps required before your Eagle Scout board of review can be scheduled. The first is your application needs to be checked against the council records. If there is a problem, you or your unit will be asked to provide suitable proof that merit badges or rank were earned and that the dates are accurate. Once your application has been "vetted" your district advancement committee will be contacted that your materials are ready to be picked up. A member of the committee will pick up the materials from the council service center and sign a check-out sheet stating that they've taken them. Your board of review will take place within 90 days of submitting your materials. This gives the committee time to obtain your reference letters and to assemble the board members. Your Eagle Scout board of review chair will contact you with the time and place of your board. (Guide to Advancement Topic 9.0.1.6 and 9.0.1.7)

Question: Can I or my parents call the district or Eagle Scout board chair to find out when my board will be?
Answer: It is advisable to wait for them to contact you.

Question: Can I or my parents, at least, call the council service center to see if anyone has picked up my Eagle Scout materials?
Answer: Yes. Vangie has graciously said that she will check the log to verify that your materials have been picked up by your district advancement committee. But, please, don't ask her when your board will be held. She won't know!

Hopefully, this answers your questions, but if it does not, you may contact the council service center at: (805) 482-8938 and if they don't know the answer immediately, they can contact me. GOOD LUCK ON YOUR EAGLE SCOUT BOARD OF REVIEW.

Yours in Scouting,

Council Advancement & Recognition Chair

Date materials submitted to council: _____

Received by: _____

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