

# ESC Advancement Committee Monthly Updates

August 12, 2017

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/advance-awards>

**Information for the 2017-2018 Scouting Year to keep you in the know!**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/category/advancement/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/category/camping/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/author/bwendell/>

<https://www.erieshorescouncil.org/event/2673/8882/2017-Merit-Badge-Boot-Camp--Merit-Badge-Boot-Camp>

Below are links to the **new Eagle Scout** Application and Workbook:

[http://ww.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728\\_WB\\_Fillable.pdf](http://ww.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_Fillable.pdf)

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/EagleWorkbookProcedures.aspx>

**Please do not use any previous version of the application.**

To check to see if you have the most current, look on the back in the lower right hand corner.

It must say April 2017.

Presentation of the rank may not be made until the Eagle Scout credentials are received by the BSA local council.



**NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION.** As an Eagle Scout, you may now join the National Eagle Scout Association, a fellowship of the top achievers of the Boy Scouts of America. Each Eagle Scout who applies for membership within six months of his board of review receives a \$15 discount off the regular five-year membership fee. Join TODAY at [www.NESA.org](http://www.NESA.org).

NESA membership fees go toward the production of the award-winning quarterly *Eagle's Call*, networking opportunities for Eagle Scouts, and support of NESA's many programs such as providing college scholarships.

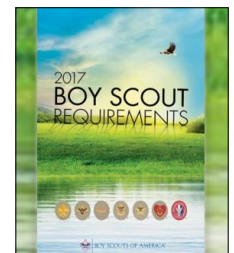
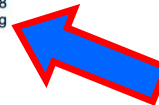
Lifetime NESA members are eligible to purchase the NESA life member square knot at their local Scout shops. It is the same as the Eagle Scout knot, but with a silver border, and it replaces the Eagle square knot on the uniform.

**Please use the most current application found at [www.scouting.org/media/forms.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/media/forms.aspx).**

Earlier printings will not be accepted.

If you have any questions please contact your district advancement chairman.

512-728  
April 2017 Printing



Also, according to Scout Wire, the four merit badges with major changes are:

- Radio
- Pioneering
- Hiking
- Disabilities Awareness.

There are also 32 merit badges with minor changes from last year. BSA prints an updated Boy Scout Requirements booklet every year (available at the Scout Shop) to help keep up with the changes

[http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/14/heres-a-complete-list-of-the-2017-boy-scout-requirement-changes/?utm\\_source=Employees&utm\\_campaign=e2d9c0a19d-](http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/14/heres-a-complete-list-of-the-2017-boy-scout-requirement-changes/?utm_source=Employees&utm_campaign=e2d9c0a19d-Employee_Newsletter_9_21_20169_21_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b9ab80fed4-e2d9c0a19d-204016893)

[Employee\\_Newsletter\\_9\\_21\\_20169\\_21\\_2016&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_b9ab80fed4-e2d9c0a19d-204016893](http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/14/heres-a-complete-list-of-the-2017-boy-scout-requirement-changes/?utm_source=Employees&utm_campaign=e2d9c0a19d-Employee_Newsletter_9_21_20169_21_2016&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b9ab80fed4-e2d9c0a19d-204016893)

The **Guide to Advancements** is required to be used by Scoutmasters and Merit Badge counselors in determining special circumstances for Scouts who attend various Scout and non-Scout camps across the nation. <http://www.scouting.org/Home/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors/MBCounselorGuide.aspx>

**New awards:** Honor Badge, Angling Awards, and National Outdoor Award Program:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/advancement\\_news/2017\\_Mar-Apr.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/advancement_news/2017_Mar-Apr.pdf)

**Merit badge** counselor training: <http://councils.scouting.org/scoutsource/Scouting/Training/Adult/Supplemental/MeritBadgeCounselorInstructorsGuide>

**Lion Cub Program** is being launched this month, in ESC. More program information is available at:

<http://scoutingwire.org/lion/>

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Lion\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Lion_FAQs.pdf)