



# Path from Life to Eagle



## Select (or be assigned) a Project Coach

Having a project coach for your Eagle project is a great idea! A project coach is a registered Scouting America leader who can provide process or technical expertise to help you execute a successful project and have a positive experience. If the troop does not provide a project coach, one will be assigned by the district or council at the time your Eagle project proposal is approved.

- Do you want or need expertise in a subject area that is key to your project?
  - a conservation area such as animal habitats or forestry?
  - a trade skill such as welding or woodworking?
  - familiarity with various grades and types of construction materials?
  - knowledge of required permits or other approval hurdles to execute the project?
- What are the attributes of a good project coach?
  - must be a registered adult who has completed SAFEGuarding Youth training
  - must be familiar with the Eagle project workbook and requirements
- What type of input might a project coach offer?
  - assessment of the project plan strengths and weaknesses
  - thoughts on the fundraising process
  - advice on health and safety issues
  - networking help in finding resources
  - review of the final project report
  - cautions to develop contingency plans
  - encouragement to make sound decisions for a positive outcome
- What would a project coach NOT do?
  - approve, deny, direct, or dictate changes to a Scout's project plan
  - take over the Scout's leadership and planning role
  - replace the longer term ongoing role between the Scout and Scoutmaster
  - contradict guidance from the beneficiary regarding what the organization needs
  - reach outside the project scope to other areas of Life to Eagle advancement
  - meet with a Scout without following SAFEGuarding Youth rules