

# The Unit Eagle Mentor

## Patriots' Path Council, BSA

The Unit Eagle Mentor Coach is assigned by the Unit Leader to mentor the Life Scout, guide him in his advancement to the Eagle Rank, and assist him in developing and carrying out his Eagle Scout Service Project.



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In BSA literature, you will hear about both Eagle Mentors, and Eagle Project Coaches.

In Patriots Path Council, these functions are undertaken by the Unit, and generally the person who is the Eagle Mentor, will also be the Project Coach. In this class, we will use the terms interchangeably.

Is there anyone here who is NOT from Patriots Path Council?

# The Mission and Aims of the Boy Scouts of America

## Mission of the BSA

*“...prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.”*

## Aims of Scouting

- ♣ *Character Development*
- ♣ *Citizenship Training*
- ♣ *Mental and Physical Fitness*



Many of you are familiar with the mission and aims of the Boy Scouts of America. You've read them in our literature and you may have heard about them at training sessions. The importance of the mission has not only to do with making ethical and moral choices, but that this should be done over one's *lifetime*. We're looking for long-term improvement here: *life* lessons. The Eagle Scout service project experience is one of these. What the Scout gets out of the project and takes with him through his life, is a great deal more important than the project itself.

You've probably heard about the aims of Scouting, too. If not, jot them down. And as we go through this presentation, think about how the various parts of the service project apply to the aims. At the end we'll close the loop on that, and see how we did.

# The Scout Oath and Law

## The Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

**To help other people at all times;**

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, **helpful**, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



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The concept of service to others is embedded in both the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The helpfulness we pledge is important in the Eagle Scout service project, but these values we express—especially those found in the Scout Law—can also provide some guidelines on how Scouts and Scout leaders, and Eagle Scout service project coaches, should approach the project process.

***Ask: Which Scout laws are the most important in the process, and to whom are they important?***

*Discuss the answers until it's clear everyone understands that mentors should live the law as they work with Scouts. For example, "courteous," "kind," and "friendly," mean that mentors are not overbearing, and that they try to keep their egos out of the way. It means they treat Scouts and parents with dignified respect. "Obedient" means that mentors work within the policies and procedures as set forth in the Guide to Advancement, and do not make up their own requirements or reinforce those inappropriately set forth by others.*

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# The Methods of Boy Scouting



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