## **Allegheny County Parks Foundation**

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For decades, Eagle Scouts have delivered hundreds of improvement projects to benefit the Allegheny County Parks. Project examples include wheelchair ramps to facilities, bridges over creeks, benches, a solar panel installation, trail mapping and trail blazes. Boy Scouts have long been involved with the County Parks using park facilities for meetings and campouts. Boy Scout 4) cabins are located in North Park and South Park. This award program provides funding for Eagle Scout projects in the nine county parks.

As a requirement for a Scout to become an Eagle Scout, he must complete an Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. This project is usually in the Eagle Scout's community and is for the public good. The Eagle Scout is responsible to plan, organize, raise funds, lead, and manage his project to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community. Boyce Park is named after the founder of the Boy Scouts of America, William D. Boyce.

The Eagle Scout Award Program is an opportunity for an Eagle Scout to receive a reimbursement award for project expenses in the amount of up to \$175 from the Allegheny County Parks Foundation. He will also receive the Eagle Scout Award Kit with the medal and pins for this accomplishment valued at \$25. To receive the award, the scout must follow the award procedure, the project must be approved by the Parks Department and be located in one of the nine Allegheny County Parks.

## **Procedure for Eagle Scout Park Project and Award:**

- The Eagle Scout Candidate should contact the Deputy Director, Allegheny County Parks Department via e-mail or phone to describe his preliminary project idea. If the scout needs assistance in project idea development, the Deputy Director will connect scout with a park expert. Preliminary project idea to be approved by Deputy Director before moving to next step.
- 2) The scout should send a letter to the Allegheny County Parks Department with the Eagle Scout project overview including project description/scope and budget to:

Allegheny County's Parks Department
Deputy Director
County Office Building – Room 211
542 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
412-350-2478

- 3) The Deputy Director will send an acknowledgement letter to the scout. After review, the Deputy Director will approve project, request additional information or decline the request. Upon project approval, the Deputy Director will assign a park staff member to oversee the project. The Parks Foundation will receive a copy of the letter to the scout.
- When the scout completes the project and county completes final review, the scout should send the application to the Foundation for the reimbursement award. Reimbursement for materials and supplies are eligible. The scout must provide receipts or documentation of out-of-pocket expenses based on the project budget and used on the project. Donated materials, supplies, equipment rentals, and services are not eligible for reimbursement.

Scout to send application and documentation to:

Ron Schipani
Capital Projects and Program Manager
Allegheny County Parks Foundation
535 Smithfield Street, Suite 525,
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
412-281-5595

- 5) Once approved by the Foundation, the Foundation will send check of up to \$200 including up to \$175 for reimbursement and \$25 for the Eagle Scout Award Kit (current cost \$24.49) to the Boy Scouts of America Laurel Highlands Council.
- The Council will deliver award to the scout.
- 7) The Parks Foundation will place a small plaque on project when possible with name of Eagle Scout, troop and date.





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Please attach copy of project approval letter from Allegheny County. Contact the Allegheny County Parks Foundation with questions at 412-281-5595 or e-mail <a href="mailto:info@parksfoundation.org">info@parksfoundation.org</a>.