



FPDKC Eagle Scout & Gold Award F.A.Q.

The Forest Preserve District of Kane County (FPDKC) is happy to support the Boy Scouts and Girls Scout of America with one of their core activities, allowing troop members to earn their Eagle Scout and Gold Awards. One of the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout and Gold Award service project is to demonstrate and hone, or learn and develop, leadership skills by identifying a need within the community that the scout can address throughout the project. Related to this is the motivation in learning important lessons in project management, taking the responsibility for a significant accomplishment, and securing adequate funding for the project.

The following information will assist you to get your project started with the District.

Getting Started

Please complete the Eagle Scout/Gold Award Project Application [LINK], which will provide us with necessary information about your proposed project and will help ensure that the project is started in a timely manner.

PLEASE NOTE: the District is unable to consider projects for individuals who are within six (6) months of their 18th birthday.

Return the completed application to:
Forest Preserve District of Kane County
Attn: Volunteer Coordinator
1996 S. Kirk Rd, Suite 320, Geneva, IL 60134

Or email the application to the Volunteer Coordinator at cleaverobb@kaneforest.com.

Keys to a Successful Project

Upon approval of your application, the District will contact you with further information concerning the scope and details of the project and other requirements of the project.

The District wants you to be successful at completing your project. To ensure that this happens, you will need to make frequent contact with the staff member who has been assigned to your project. The Volunteer Coordinator will provide you with the person's contact information.

For general questions about the project or program, feel free to contact the Volunteer Coordinator at cleaverobb@kaneforest.com or 630-762-2741.

Funding the Project

Fundraising for the Eagle Scout or Gold Award is 100% the responsibility of the Scout. The District does not assist with funding any scout project. Scouts should attempt to secure support for the project through donations of time, material and/or money from members of the community and local business fundraisers, whenever possible.

Project Ideas

The District receives many requests each year to provide Eagle Scout and Gold Award projects. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept/approve every project proposal. Please remember, it is the responsibility of the Scout, in keeping with the spirit of the project, to approach the District with their own idea for a project and then work closely with the District to implement the proposal. Proposed projects should be mutually beneficial to the Scout and the District and address an identified need for the community. We invite you to tour the District, looking for areas that need improvement and identifying where you can make a difference.

The project ideas below are samples of previously completed projects and are very general, with the intention to encourage the Scout to recognize and identify the multitude of possibilities available.

Examples of Projects Previously Completed:

- Tree planting
- Build a bridge crossing over a creek
- Fish Cribs / Habitat
- Cultural and Historic structure rehabilitation
- Build and install benches along hiking trails
- Owl / Bat nesting boxes