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Fellow Sand Lake District Scouters,

Do you have boys in your Troop on the Road to Eagle? Would you like to be able to help Eagle Candidates through the process?

The Sand Lake District Eagle Committee is short volunteers and is experiencing difficulties in performing its function. The Eagle Committee is responsible for assuring that the Sand Lake District Eagle Projects and Eagle Board of Reviews meet the standards set forth by the national Eagle requirements.

The Committee needs to have members from a number of units so it can remain impartial -- a committee member may not actively participate in the approval process of a project nor attend the Eagle Board of Review for a boy of his/her own unit as the District representative. Our membership has become lopsided with one troop carrying the lions share of the load (Thanks T498!). Other troops need to stand up some representation.

The Eagle Committee is made up of adults who have at least two years experience as a Boy Scout leader (committee member, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, etc.) and have a good knowledge of the Eagle Candidate process. The position is ideal for those who would like to keep their hand in Scouting and influence the best that Scouting has to offer.

The Eagle Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month to review any projects submitted for the month. The monthly meeting has been a pleasure and source of Scouter fellowship. One member of the Eagle Committee must attend any Eagle Candidate Board of Review. As needed, the members of the Eagle Committee will also assist the Troop Advancement Chairman through the Eagle application process, mentor Scoutmasters with the Scoutmaster Conference for Eagle, and answer candidates questions regarding the Eagle process.

We urgently need to broaden the committee base. We need a member from every Troop to actively participate in this committee. It is clear that better Eagles come from troops who participate. Please respond to me by March 15th with the name and contact information for the person or persons from your Troop that might be interested and I would be delighted to encourage them from there.

Thank you for helping our Scouts on the Road to Eagle!

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