



Boy Scouts of America
Troop 24
St. James White Oak



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Dear parents of a new Life Scout:

Congratulations on your son's successful scouting career! The fact that he has reached this point speaks very highly of him, but the best lies ahead.

The best advice I can give to you is to avoid pressuring your son into earning the Eagle Badge. It should be something he does because he wants to, not because you want him to. Nearly every boy I've ever seen earn his Eagle stops to catch his breath after reaching the rank of Life Scout. So long as he finishes all the requirements before his 18th birthday, there is nothing to worry about. I earned the rank of Life Scout at age 16 but didn't earn my Eagle until 6 months before my 18th birthday. If you do have any concerns feel free to give me a call.

You will probably want to read the requirements for the Eagle Badge yourself (pg. 595-596 of the Boy Scout Handbook) so that you can fully understand the process. By now, your son has received a letter detailing this process as part of his Life to Eagle Packet. Feel free to browse through this as well.

If at any time you or your son has any questions, please call me at home (XXX-XXXX) or at work (XXX-XXXX). If I'm not in please leave a message. If you spend time online my email address is xxx@yyy.com.

We both want to see your son earn his Eagle. He has made it this far using his God-given talent and the skills he has learned through scouting. With the support of you, me and every other scout and adult he can make it!

Yours in Scouting,

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