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Dear Parent(s) of Life Scout,

In becoming a Life Scout and now reaching out for the Eagle Scout rank, your son has done very well. You certainly have been helpful in this process, but for his Eagle Scout Service Project, your involvement **should be minimal**. He must do all the planning and leadership himself. Following are a few **Do** and **Do Not** tips for you. Please help him by not being involved any more than permissible. Do not jeopardize his success with misplaced good intentions.

Do: Ask your son to completely review the **Life-to-Eagle Packet** before doing anything else. He should note everything he does not understand and get advice. You can help here, but be careful of offering advice better given by his unit leaders or District Advancement Chair.

Do: Encourage your son to pick a project that meets both his abilities and interests. He will perform much better with a project he really cares about. **His Unit (unit leader and unit committee chair) and District Advancement Chair must approve the project and SIGN the appropriate space in the workbook BEFORE he can begin.**

Do: Provide encouragement and timely reminders, as necessary.

Do: Discuss problems and suggest solutions. Only suggest. **Do not do the work for your Scout!**

Do: Encourage your son to communicate regularly with the unit leader and unit advancement chair.

Do Not: Push him into a project he does not have a good feeling about. This usually does not work to the Scout's advantage. It is whether he likes his project.

Do Not: Do any of the planning or the writing. It does not matter that his work is not as good as you would do. It matters that it is **his** best work.

Do Not: Take over **his** project. You can drive, handle power tools (if it is part of the approved plan), and work under his leadership, but **do not take over any part of his project.**

Your son is about to embark on an adventure he will remember all his life. It should be a positive, uplifting experience within his capabilities. If you have any questions regarding your son's project, please email your son's unit leader or the District Advancement Chair. You can find the contact details for all District Advancement Chair on the Far East Council website under Advancement / Eagle Scout.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edgar J. LaBenne".

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