



Eagle Flight

What is Eagle Flight?

Eagle Flight is an elite program for the serious BSA Scouts determined to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. The program is modeled after the “Trail to Eagle” program offered by the Detroit Council and incorporated the Trail to Eagle program offered at Babcock-Hovey in the past.

Our program, developed and started in 2009, is designed for the very active Scout that is busy with school, sports, and other extracurricular activities. The program is also especially suited to the Scout that has not been actively participating but wants to earn his Eagle Scout rank. The Eagle Flight administration team felt the Council needed a program for the super achievers and the Scouts that have “lost their way” to EARN the required Merit Badges.

We often hear our Eagle Flight graduates that came preoccupied by “perfume & gasoline” go back to their Troops a different and energized participant. Unlike the routine summer camp environment, Eagle Flight utilizes Council approved adult Merit Badge counselors that are available for at least 1 month prior to the “camp” portion of the program. Some are available 3 months in advance and this allows for the 90 day required badges to complete in compliance with BSA rules. All Counselors are available after the camp week to complete any partials.

Eagle Flight has monthly meetings that the counselors and the Scouts attend to discuss their progress and provides the Scout with a familiarity to the counselors prior to the camp portion of the program. While at Eagle Flight camp, the program is far more intense than summer camp. Eagle Flight offers about 50 Merit Badges from qualified counselors with at least 16 Merit Badges sessions scheduled Monday through Friday. Scouts sign up for 10 Merit Badges and complete most of them. In some years, a few Scouts have completed 16 Merit Badges. But Eagle Flight is not a Merit Badge factory. That level of success requires the Scouts to begin working on their badges in the March time frame.

And Eagle Flight is more than Merit Badges. Eagle Flight evening programs often include Scout Heritage, Scout Jeopardy, Knot Relays, and First Class Drills to retrain those skills needed to help their home troops.

Merit Badge counselors have no qualms about issuing a “partial” if that is what the Scout earned. The Eagle Flight Program staff maintains these high standards so Local Troop Scoutmasters have comfort in knowing that the Scout EARNED each of his badges

The leadership of Eagle Flight are looking every day for new adults with the will and the skill to be one of our Scoutmasters or Merit Badge counselors. Our team is dedicated to the Boy Scout program and volunteers their time. Many team members no longer have Scouts in the program but return because of the satisfaction and gratitude of our Eagle Flight Scouts. Our mature team helps us keep our standards and expectations high.