



Department of Tennessee Eagle Scout Certificate Program

The Department of Tennessee has an Eagle Scout Certificate Program in place that recognizes the achievement of our SE VA/TN youth who have attained Scouting's highest award. The information below will give your Detachment guidance in starting and running this program.

1. Each Detachment Commandant shall appoint/select a Boy Scout Committee Chairperson for his/her Detachment. This Chairperson does not have to be active in the Boy Scout program, but rather interested in making certain that tomorrow's leaders are being recognized for their efforts. It is easier to get someone who is already affiliated with the Boy Scout program to undertake the job as Chairperson if you have such a member.
2. Once a Detachment Chairperson is designated, he/she should contact the Department's Boy Scout Committee Chairperson. This will assist the Department in maintaining accurate records on the number of awards given by each Detachment throughout the Department of Tennessee. To assist Detachments in making contact with the appropriate Council within your area to setup your programs see Enclosure (1).
3. This new chairperson should then make liaison with their local area Boy Scout Council, identify themselves and asked to be put on the list of organizations who are to be notified when new Eagle Scouts have been selected. (Some council's may not be aware of the Marine Corps League's Eagle Scout Certificate Program.) If there are other MCL Detachments located within a specific Councils area you should coordinate your efforts and split the Councils area with different detachments being responsible for specific counties. This Chairperson may need to specify what Districts and/or Counties within their Council his/her Detachment is willing to support, due to overlapping areas between MCL Detachments. (As a general rule, in order for the Marine Corps League to cover the entire State of Tennessee, your Detachments covered area should be, to the County line that is the closes point midway between your Detachment and another Detachments geographical location.

Keep in mind this may also require your Detachment to also support more than one Boy Scout Council.)

4. Reports of those Scouts receiving the certificate should be made by the Detachments Boy Scout Committee Chairman in his/her Bi-Annual Report's due January 1 and July 1 of each year and should be e-mailed to the Department Boy Scout Chairperson in the appropriate format (See Enclosure (2)). This timeline must be met so that, on or about July 7 of each year the Department Boy Scout Chairperson can send an end of the year report to the Department of Tennessee, Commandant and the National Chairperson or the Boy Scouts Committee in time for the annual National Convention (See Enclosure (3)). Whatever is reported to the Department Boy Scout Committee Chairman will be reported to National.

5. The only expense is that of the certificate (currently \$2.00 each and available from the Ship's Store at National) and the time taken by the Detachment Marine to make the presentation to the new Eagle Scout. See and order certificate here:

[Http://www.mcleague.com/shipsstore/product_info.php?cPath=137_37_117&products_id=57](http://www.mcleague.com/shipsstore/product_info.php?cPath=137_37_117&products_id=57)

It is also recommended that completed certificates be placed in a clear plastic document protector for presentation.

6. To provide maximum coverage among all the Boy Scout Councils within the State of Tennessee each Detachment Commandant is to provide the name of their "Detachment Coordinator" for the Marine Corps League's Eagle Scout Certificate Program to the Department Commandant and the Department Boy Scout Committee Chairperson. Provide the following point of contact information annually after each Detachment Officer Installation or at any time that your coordinator information changes:

Detachment Name and address:

Local Area Boy Scout Council(s) supported:

List all Counties your Detachment supports:

Detachment Coordinator Name:

Detachment Coordinator Address:

Detachment Coordinator Phone No's:

Detachment Coordinator E-mail:

7. If you have questions, contact Marine Benjamin Kemker, Department Boy Scout Committee Chairperson at 901-412-4198 or via e-mail at drkemker@bellsouth.net

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**David R. Hatfield
Commandant
Department of Tennessee**

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA COUNCIL CONTACTS WITHIN TENNESSEE

Middle Tennessee Council

3414 Hillsboro Road
Nashville, TN 37215-0409
Phone: 615-383-9724
Web site: <http://www.mtcbsa.org>

Sequoyah Council

129 Boone Ridge Drive
Johnson City, TN 37615
Phone: 423-952-6961
Web site: <http://www.scbsa.org>

Cherokee Area Council

6031 Lee Highway
Chattanooga, TN 37421-2930
Phone: 423-892-8323
Web site: <http://cherokeearabsa.com>

Chickasaw Council

171 S. Hollywood Street
Memphis, TN 38112-4802
Phone: 901-327-4193
Web site: <http://www.chickasawbsa.org>

Great Smoky Mountain Council

1333 Old Weisgarber Road
Knoxville, TN 37909-1284
Phone: 865-588-6514
Web site: <http://www.bsa-gsmc.org>

West Tennessee Area Council

1995 Hollywood Drive
Jackson, TN 38305-4325
Phone: 731-668-3787
Web site: http://www.wtacbsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=2347

Enclosure (1)



**DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
SCOUTING REPORT**

Date: _____

To: Don Elseroad Department Chairperson 355 Beaverview Drive, Bristol, VA 24201

From: Detachment

Subject: Bi-Annual Report for Eagle Certificates Presented

This report may be emailed to 53usmc73@bvunet.net

Check below with an appropriate (X) for the report being submitted

() Report for period the period July 1 through December 31

() Report for period the period January 1 through June 30

The following is a report of the activity the Detachment has completed during the period indicated above.

List the following information for the certificates you have presented.

SCOUTS NAME

COUNCIL NAME

Name of Detachment MCL member submitting report

Enclosure (2)



**DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE
MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
BOY SCOUTS COMMITTEE**

July 7, 2009

To: National Boy Scouts Committee Chairman, Thomas Minchin, 304 Sarhelm Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112-3343

From: Don Elseroad, Chairperson, Boy Scouts Committee

Subject: Year-end Report for Eagle Certificates Presented

The following is the report of activities for the Department of Tennessee during fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

<u>DETACHMENT'S NAME</u>	<u>NO. OF EAGLE SCOUTS AWARDS PRESENTED</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>
Tri-Cities Detachment # 969	123	Sequoyah
BG Austin Shofner Detachment # 1128	10	Middle TN

TOTAL AWARDS for 2008-2009: 133 EAGLE SCOUTS

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Don Elseroad

CC: David Hatfield, Commandant Department of TN

Enclosure (3)