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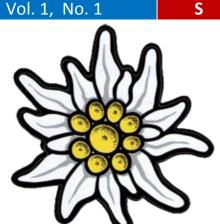
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# Edelweiss

## District Newsletter

**Lodge NEWS** 

BLACK EAGLE LODGE

**Black Eagle Winter** 

Banquet 2013 February 9 - Ramstein, Germany. For more information go to: http://tac-bsa.org/OA



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## **Congratulations Edelweiss!**

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## **Edelweiss District Earns Bronze for** 2012

Each Scouting District and Council throughout United States and abroad has been using the Journey to Excellence (JTE) to measure their performance. As with individual scorecards, the intent of JTE is to build both recognition and performance. The JTE scorecard is the resulting evaluation or "grade" of how the Scout unit, District, or Council is doing with the JTE Performance & Recognition Program. The primary focus of JTE is at the Unit level, and the Units have their own measures and scorecards custom tailored to their specific Unit type (Pack,

Troop, Crew Ship). However, the results of all Edelweiss Scout Units are tallied to the District level, and the performance of all Districts is tallied to the Transatlantic Council level. Therefore, individual Scout Unit performance is key to the success of not only the Unit, but also to the District and Council. In other words, Scout Unit performance has an impact at three (3) different "local" levels.

- Unit JTE measures provide good indicators for your Unit Leaders, Unit Commissioner, and Chartered Organization so that you can adjust your program to better suit your Scouts & Families.
- District select criteria of the Unit JTE measures

are tallied to the District scorecard and the District assesses its performance based on the results.

Council – as with the District scorecard, Council is also measured based in part by Unit-level performance. Additional Council-specific measures are added to the Council scorecard.

To learn more about the JTE please http://www.scouting.org/scouts ource/Awards/JourneyToExcelle nce.aspx



### Eagle Scout **Board of Review**

#### The particulars below pertain only to the Eagle **Scout Rank**

- 1. Council advancement committees must determine and make known — method(s) for conducting Eagle Scout boards of review: whether unit committees or the council or district advancement committees administer them, and also how board chairpersons are selected.
- 2. If conducted at the unit level, at least one district or council representative must serve as a member. If the unit requests it, more than one may do so.

3. There shall be no fewer than three and no more than six members, all at least 21 years

old. They need not be on an advancement committee or registered with the Boy Scouts of America, but they must have an understanding of the rank and the purpose and importance of the review.

- 4. A board of review may not occur until after the local council has verified the application.
- 5. The chair works with all involved parties to schedule the date, time, and place. Eagle boards are often held in more formal settings than a home or troop meeting site.
- 6. A board of review cannot be denied or postponed due to unresponsive references.
- 7. If a unit leader or unit committee chair fails to approve an application, the candidate is still granted a board of review, but the lack of approval may be considered in the
- 8. To go over the application, references, and service project workbook, members should convene at least 30 minutes before the scheduled board of review.
- Eagle boards generally last 30 minutes or somewhat longer. This is the highest rank a Scout may achieve; there should be a discussion of his successes, experiences, and future plans, but rarely should one last longer than 45 minutes.
- An Eagle candidate may have only one board of review. Subsequent action falls under the appeals process. The Eagle Scout medal or patch must not be sold or otherwise provided to any unit, nor should the court of honor be scheduled until after the certificate is received at the council service center from the national Advancement Team.

For further information on Eagle Board of Reviews, please contact Patricia Scharninghausen: (patricia.scharninghausen@us.army.mil)

## Order of the Arrow Unit Elections

Be sure to schedule elections for your Youth and Adults!

Wanted!

The Edelweiss District

**WANTS YOU!** 

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The Order of the Arrow is an honor campers' brotherhood chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. It recognizes those campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and, by such recognition, cause other campers to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant similar recognition, to promote camping, and to crystallize the habit of helpfulness as a life purpose. Each Unit with eligible Scouts may hold one election per year - in early spring. Time of election for any Unit should be before the District Camporee, where new OA candidates may be recognized in a Call-out ceremony.

## **Silver Beaver Award**

The Silver Beaver Award is presented by the BSA, to council, district or unit volunteers for Your Edelweiss District Committee is currently



distinguished service to youth. It is the highest award that a local council may present to a volunteer. The award consists of a silver beaver

suspended from a blue and white ribbon, worn around the neck. A blue and white square knot may be worn on the uniform as well. Nominate a Scouter today! Deadline is Jan. 24. Nomination **Form**: http://tac-bsa.org/Resources/Awards

A call-out at a District event is desired, but not required. OA candidates may be recognized at a troop meeting or court of honor. It is important to inform the candidates at least one month before the OA Ordeal. The date of the election is selected by the Troop Scoutmaster (within the recommended months provided by the Lodge By-Laws) who should obtain an election team from the Chapter or the help of OA members of other Troops in the area. For more info go to: http://tacbsa.org/OA/Elections

## **Scouter's Schedule**



#### upcoming Edelweiss and TAC events

- 03 February: Scout Sunday
- 03 09 February: Scout Week
- 09 February: OA Winter Banquet, Ramstein, Germany
- 01 03 March: Venture Adventure Weekend, Florence, Italy
- 01 03 March: Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), near Vienna, Austria
- 22 24 March: Scouter's Annual Conference (SAC), NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany

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# searching for motivated BSA members to fill

vacant positions. If you interested committee to better serve your District, please contact any one of the Edelweiss District 'Key Three.'