



## What is Eagle Flight?

Eagle Flight is an elite program for the serious Boy Scout 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, and 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 and renew their desire to achieve the Eagle Scout rank. 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 only 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. Eagle Flight has monthly meetings that the counselors and the Scouts attend to discuss the 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 over 50 Merit Badges from qualified counselors with at least 16 Merit Badges sessions scheduled Monday through Friday.

Scouts to 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 February – March time frame.

And Eagle Flight is more than Merit Badges. Eagle Flight evening programs often include Tread Lightly, Scout Jeopardy, Knot Relays, Shooting Sports, and Search and Rescue Drills. We conclude the week with a “Life to Eagle” presentation and a special guest to remind the Scouts of their heritage.

Merit Badge counselors that 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

We 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.