



# News From the Trailhead



## From the President

Dear Eagle Scouts,

Your National Eagle Scout Association Committee has unanimously approved an initiative to focus Scouts, local councils, and the general public on one of the tenets of the Scouting movement—service to others. That, of course, is demonstrated by the more than 50,000 Eagle Scouts—and hundreds of thousands of supporting volunteers each year—who work to complete Eagle Scout leadership service projects. The leadership service project is a great example of an individual living the Scout slogan, “Do a Good Turn Daily,” which implies a life of service to others.

This initiative, called the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award, will be a competition to identify and honor the most outstanding Eagle Scout leadership service projects on three levels: council, regional, and national. Nominations can be made by the Eagle Scout, a parent, friend, Scout volunteer, or the organization for which the service project was performed.

The national winner will be honored at the Americanism Breakfast hosted by NESA at the BSA’s National Annual Meeting, and will receive a framed certificate, a silver device to wear on his Eagle knot, and a cash award of \$2,500 to be used for educational purposes or to help cover costs associated with attending a BSA national high-adventure base, jamboree, or other major Scouting event. In addition, the local council of the national winner will receive \$2,500.

This is a fantastic initiative that will honor outstanding service by selected Eagle Scouts. Please visit [www.nesa.org](http://www.nesa.org) for the specific rules, regulations, and forms needed to nominate a worthy Eagle Scout for this award.



Yours in Scouting,

Glenn A. Adams  
President

### New Name, New Look

As you probably have noticed right away, *Eagletter* has a dynamic new look, and a new name—*Eagle Scout Magazine*. We hope you enjoy the same signature sections, such as Awards and Recognitions, Eagle Scouting Is a Family Affair, and For God and Country. *Eagle Scout Magazine* will continue to provide stories that inform, entertain, and serve Eagle Scouts. The new e-mail address for the magazine is [eaglescoutmag@scouting.org](mailto:eaglescoutmag@scouting.org).

## From the Director

Last year, we conducted the first nationwide search and found half of the living Eagle Scouts. We now have a database with more than 600,000 Eagle Scouts! Now we want to find the rest of them.

We’re planning to conduct another search in 2010. All Eagle Scouts in our database, and those additional ones found, will be invited to submit a short Scouting story and a photo to be published in a coffee table-style book entitled *Scout Stories: Tales From the Trails of Scouting’s Highest Rank*.

For many years, the publication of NESA has been named *Eagletter*, but it’s now called *Eagle Scout Magazine*. We’ve updated the look, added more feature articles, and are now publishing it four times a year instead of three. We want to make it more worthwhile than ever to join NESA.

I appeal to you to spread the good word about NESA. Encourage your Eagle Scout friends to join. We will keep adding valuable membership benefits that will only get better. We’re a brotherhood—a very special one—and we should help those young Eagles who are facing the modern world.



Yours in Scouting,

C. William Steele  
Director

