

Margee's Musings -- November 2017

I can't believe I've been 'musing' for 3 years! You would think that I had covered everything by now. But it never hurts to review.

1. If a Scout is to claim a position of responsibility in a Crew or Ship, the date became a Venturer or Sea Scout must be entered on page one.

2. 6 references are required (5 if not employed) This is not optional. Also, complete contact information should be provided. Use the school address and phone if the teacher does not wish to give personal information. The reference cannot be a building or a company; it must be a person who can write a letter.

3. Don't forget the unit numbers next to each merit badge.

4. Cross out badges not earned for # 7, 8, and 10.

5. Positions of Responsibility never prior to the date of Life Scout.

End date of Position of Responsibility cannot be on or after the 18th birthday.

End date should not be after the date the Scout signed the application. He is attesting to the correctness of all information. He cannot attest to a future date.

6. Grand Total of Hours. Teach about 'billable hours' or man-hours. Don't let the Scout short-change the value of his project.

7. Give me some time. Most reviews are completed within 24 hours. But don't count on it. Don't schedule the board of review for the same evening that you submitted the ESRA for verification. Have Pity!

8. Scans of Scans of Scans often cannot be read. They will be rejected. Please try to meet personally with the Scout to get the DER initials. He sees the Scoutmaster every week and usually also the committee chair. Getting original signatures on the original ESRA should not be a problem. But if I cannot read the ESRA, there is a problem.

9. Only the ESRA need be submitted for the records verification. Nothing more. Please, nothing more.

10. Make sure the Scout is using the most current ESRA. Only the most current ESRA will be accepted.

a. Fill out electronically

b. Begin filling out early so dates and unit records can be cross-checked for accuracy.

c. Be thinking about who the references might be.

11. Project workbook; use the most current, but if the format changes the Scout has the choice of continuing with the original, or moving into the new format.

12. Personally invite units to your Life to Eagle Seminars, especially those that did not attend the last session.

13. Thank you for all you do for Scouting.