

**Guidance to Scouts in the Denver Area Council for Conducting
Blood Drives as Eagle Scout Service Projects
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The Denver Area Council Advancement Committee has worked with Bonfils Blood Center to allow Scouts to plan and execute blood drives as Eagle Scout Service Projects. Conducting a blood drive will require that you work with both your Unit Leader and Bonfils' Blood Drive Coordinator to develop an Eagle Scout Service Project proposal that describes how you will plan and market the blood drive to meet the donor goals, and how you will provide leadership of others during execution of the project. **Your blood drive goal should be at least thirty confirmed donors.**

A blood drive is a complex project requiring a significant time commitment to properly plan and execute. Before deciding to conduct a blood drive as your Eagle Scout Service project, you should first meet with your Unit Leader to discuss and better understand the requirements of a successful blood drive. You will need to plan for significant time to complete this project. We advise that you meet with your Unit Leader to start planning the blood drive at least eight months prior to your 18th birthday.

The Denver Area Council Advancement Committee and Bonfils together have prepared a supplemental guidance document on blood drives that is intended only for review by Unit Leaders and Eagle Advisors to help the Scout successfully plan and execute a successful project. The supplemental guidance document is an advisory resource that is not a modification or addition to the Eagle Scout Service Project requirements. Ultimately, the blood drive project proposal, to be approved by a District representative, must meet Eagle Scout Requirement 5, and the five tests of an "Acceptable Project", as described in the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. In addition, the Eagle Board of Review must approve the impact and leadership demonstrated by your project as described in your Eagle Scout Service Project Report.

The Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook has specifically addressed blood drives as Eagle Scout Service Projects: *"Your project must present an opportunity for planning, development, and leadership. For example, if a blood drive is chosen and the blood bank provides a set of "canned" instructions to be implemented with no further planning, the planning effort would not meet the test. You may need to meet with blood bank officials and work out an approach that requires planning, development, and leadership. This might involve developing and carrying out a marketing and logistics plan, reaching a challenging collection goal, or coordinating multiple blood collection events."*

Bonfils has identified a Blood Drive Coordinator for all Eagle Scout Service Project blood drives in the Denver Area Council. The Blood Drive Coordinator will schedule the blood drive at Bonfils, and, as the representative of the beneficiary, sign the Project Proposal before the project begins and the Project Report after the project is complete. The Blood Drive Coordinator will coach Scouts on how to setup and use the Bonfils online systems, monitor the Scout's progress, and help with any questions or challenges the Scout may face. The current Blood Drive Coordinator is Amy Russell. She can be reached at (720) 363-0450 and amy_russell@bonfils.org. But, first, meet with your Unit Leader before contacting Bonfils.