

Eagle Scout Procedure

for CASA of Madison County

1. All new Eagle Scout volunteers should be oriented to CASA programs both by Volunteer Services Coordinator, Amber, on phone or in person and also by Eagle Scout visiting the website.
2. All new Eagle Scout volunteers must fill out a volunteer application from the website and fill out all forms including a waiver form, and be given a copy of CASA's Volunteer Do's and Don'ts. Eagle Scout himself should make appointment with Amber at the CASA office for a discussion of project options.
3. Upon submitting the volunteer application, the Eagle Scout will be presented with the Alabama Good Samaritan Act. This act applies to CASA volunteers in the sense that they must, as representatives of CASA, act in good faith and earnest to perform duties as are helpful to the client.
4. All new Eagle Scout volunteers should be provided an introduction to other CASA staff members that are present when making the initial office visit.
5. Amber retains copies of any paperwork signed during all stages of Eagle Scout Project.
6. Both the Eagle Scout and Amber decide upon a project and planning begins at least 3 months out. This means that **the Eagle Scout application is due into CASA 3 months before the deadline.** This timeframe allows for both Amber and the Eagle Scout himself preparation for such an undertaking.
7. All communications should be made between Amber and Eagle Scout via email or in person as much as possible, in order to keep communications as clear as possible and provide the scout with a thorough project management experience.

Options for Eagle Scout Projects

Ramp building (see below)

House painting

Large projects at the CASA Community Garden

Ramp painting

Yardwork

CASA volunteers build wheelchair ramps for individuals who are wheelchair bound regardless of age or income and are at no cost to the client. Home ramps are vital to providing wheelchair bound clients with a means of safely exiting and entering their homes with little or no assistance. CASA ramps are built specifically for each home, and all ramps are built to American Disabilities Act (ADA) and American National Standard Institute (ANSI) per *The Federal Registry*.

WHEELCHAIR RAMP BUILD GUIDELINES

- Ramps will be built to CASA Specs only and are overseen by a qualified ramp team leader (an individual approved by the CASA Wheelchair Ramps Committee as “CASA Certified”)
- CASA standard ramp materials range in cost from \$200-\$1000 and average around \$400. *This cost can be graciously assumed by Eagle Scout if he so chooses. And CASA is more than willing to work with him in this effort.*
- This program is the most time intensive for CASA staff to arrange and should be initiated at the beginning of the 3 month Eagle Scout-CASA timeframe.
- Because of CASA design, CASA ramps can be built and painted in the same day and are encouraged to do so.