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### **The process of choosing an Eagle Project**

My scoutmaster, Greg Taggart, recommended a grounds keeper who he thought had an eagle project I could do. I contacted the grounds keeper the following day who said I could replace 120 feet of hand rails that were too badly damaged to repair. Unfortunately the grounds keeper forgot that he already agreed to have another scout do that project, he mentioned this to me a week later. Mr. Taggart told me he had a friend, who, he thought, new about a project I could do, but that it would take several weeks to contact this friend and get the needed information to even consider starting the project. Given that my birthday is on November 7<sup>th</sup> I decided to look for a project that I could start right away in my area.

I noticed when I went to my local park that some areas of it had degenerated and that a few homeless people were living there. I called up the Sunrise Recreation & Park District and got transferred to Mr. Noe' Villa who had some experience at picked out scout projects during his years of work. I told Mr. Villa how some of the park was becoming dangerous for public use and I asked if there was anything, in the way of a project, I could do to improve it. Mr. Villa agreed with me on how the park had slowly become a haven for the homeless, and, in fact, how they were already planning on rebuilding and adding on to the park the following fall. He realized that I could not help them in there *current* plans to rebuild the park; reinstalling a 30'x 40' concrete pad and a few other equally challenging projects, not to mention I can't do an eagle project that is *already* part of a larger one where most of the planning will be done for me. Mr. Villa told me how there was an area of the park that could use a table and two barbeque stands where none of the planning or preparation was done. And that is how I got my project.