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The new Eagle Project Book is welcomed, and I do not particularly like change but is long over-due. Some of us old timers have been informing National of the problems we have been dealing with. We always had to help scouts through the process since the old book was really too open ended. The New one is more fill in the blank and guides scout much better, it is just a little more writing but the same thing, and is like three books in one. The changes look like many, but it the same thing we have been doing all along in Tequesta, just in another book and the scouts will not miss things required as easily. The implementation period is almost done and over with, required to be in place by January 1, 2012, it is somewhat short timing, I'll work with and will be flexible. I am required to implement accordingly and I did voice my concerns for us. For those know me, we were granted a transition period. This is a work book in process implementation so I feel it is possible, they did promised the fillable PDF for the book.

If project was already approved in the old format, the final will be permitted in the old format. Be smart do the step 1 & 2 of the new book as our old draft was and get Project approved. Remember the more information up front the better your plan, so do not try to do just part one so we sign off. Even if this is something not like the new process is trying to implement. The idea is to increase the amount of eagles so the approval process has been change, to expedite thing. Some approvals are no longer required at Troop and even District level so the scouts may be in the dark and then have problems in the end, this is not the intent. Certain new requirements have been added, like approval of donation list and fund raisers, and permits filed for dates for the volunteers work dates. I will approve them (as part of the Eagle project book) that need the forms, read this area carefully, note they may not need them. If questioned and if needed, I will forward information to Council for approval, but not as an extra step.

They added Safety I used to call it their Safety Speech, so no big deal. Community has been re-defined as Community in the World. Some Troops add items like table of content, I liked them (teaches organization but not required), so if a scout does not provide one, you cannot deny project. No one can add more requirements, please. One example made was of a Project for a Blood drive, well this opened up a potential for problems, but I still do not think they are feasible so avoid them.

I like the new book and it has been in the making for a long time, and it is welcomed. The forms are ready for implementation. We did not make these changes; we just have to follow them.

Yours in Scouting

Jorge L. Montes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jorge L. Montes", written over a large, stylized blue oval scribble.

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