

From the Robert E Lee Council, and the Great and "Legendary" **Shawondassee** District

You were a Webelos Scout,

You are about to cross a Bridge into Boy Scouting.

You were able to master the challenges of Webelos Scout.

When you step over, you will enter into a new arena of personal skill attainment.

Can you achieve the next step.

You turned, and saluted your Cub Master goodbye, at the base of the Bridge.

Flashes of Joy, as moments of fun were reflected upon.

You Turn, and Step up to the first tread of the Bridge,

You glance ahead, There are others awaiting you at the other end of the bridge.

Is this where the eagle is waiting?

You step off the bridge, you salute and ask permission to join the new Troop.

As you greet the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster of your Troop,

You have taken the first challenge of Boy Scouting,

You have ventured beyond, on your own.

Will all of your next challenges be this successful?

The next path you choose will include many new Skills.

The path you choose can be fun or frustrating.

Some skills will need bravery as if stepping across the bridge.

Other skills require practice to achieve mastery.

However, not all challenges in Boy Scouts will need to be on your own.

Attached is your Lifeline to Eagle.

There may be several occasions ahead for you to use this line.

Such challenges should be Taught, Practiced, and Tested.

Someday this line might save a life, or help you build your own Bridge.

Wear the line proudly on your uniform, Ready to Be Prepared.

Would it be a great thing when you attain your Eagle,

to give back your lifeline to your Scoutmaster.

You can Thank him for his efforts of leading you down the right path

You have obtained from him the Skills necessary to step into the Future,

Where you will venture beyond, all on you own.

From Jim Richards - Mr. Pioneering.

## How to untie the Lifeline to Eagle?

Hold the Lifeline by the loop. At the bottom is a figure eight knot. Grab the figure eight knot and then the base of the spiraled knots, pull on the figure eight knot. Once pulled out the line will want to kink up, pull through the line several times to allow the line to untwist.

## How to Tie the Lifeline to Eagle?

Actually this is very simple. A figure eight knot in one end, then form a 9 inch long loop, and then add many layers of half hitches.

Key Words:

Bitter end: the short end of a line.



Working end: the long end of a line.

Overhand loop: the bitter end makes a circle and crosses over the working end.

Underhand loop: the bitter end makes a circle and crosses under the working end.

## How to tie a Figure Eight knot

About 6 inches from the end of the line, form an overhand loop, take the bitter end and pass it under the loop, then over and through the overhand loop. Can you see the Eight?

## What is a long Loop?

From the figure eight knot, take the working end of the line, measure out 9 inches, and then lead back to the base. You have used 18 inches of line.

## What is a half hitch? An underhand loop using the working end.

Pinching the base of the long loop (and figure eight knot) in one hand, Take the working end of the line, form an underhand loop,

Place the loop over the long loop and down to the base,

Pull the working end to take up the slack,

Once firm (not tight), release hold of the long loop.

Now make another underhand loop,

And place over the long loop,

Down to the base,

Pulling firm.

Continue this until the entire working end of the line is used up.

Hang from the exposed end of the long loop. It will not untie by itself.

