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Scout Badge

Tenderfoot

Second Class

First Class

Star Scout

Life Scout

Eagle Scout

Four Steps of Advancement

A Boy Scout advances from Tenderfoot to Eagle by doing things with his patrol and his troop, with his leaders, and on his own. It's easy for him to advance if the following four opportunities are provided for him.

1. The Boy Scout learns. A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in ability to do his part as a member of the patrol and the troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others; and in this way he begins to develop leadership.

2. The Boy Scout is tested. A Scout may be tested on rank requirements by his patrol leader, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, a troop committee member, or a member of his troop. The Scoutmaster maintains a list of those qualified to give tests and to pass candidates. The Scout's merit badge counselor teaches and tests on the requirements for merit badges.

3. The Boy Scout is reviewed. After a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, he has a board of review. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Palms, the review is conducted by members of the troop committee. The Eagle Scout board of review is conducted in accordance with local council procedures.

4. The Boy Scout is recognized. When the board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This should be done at a ceremony at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his new rank may be presented later at a formal court of honor.

Troop 243 Rank Advancement Procedure

1. A Boy Scout should have his handbook with him at all scouting events.

2. When he is ready to have a requirement signed off in his scout handbook, it is the scout's responsibility to get a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster's initials and the date completed in the BACK of the handbook. Also, if a scout is being trained by other scouts, a patrol leader, the senior patrol leader or the assistant senior patrol leader can sign off on the requirement in the FRONT of the handbook only. The scout shows the initialed requirement to a Scoutmaster to have the requirement validated in the BACK of his handbook. A new scout who has completed his Scout rank can work on requirements from Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class at the same time; however the ranks must be completed in order.

3. When all requirements for a rank have been initialed in his handbook, the scout is ready for a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review. He needs to e-mail a request for a Scoutmaster Conference to the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will then schedule a time to meet with the scout for his Scoutmaster Conference. Prior to meeting with the scout, the Scoutmaster will print a copy of the scout's advancement record and update the record at the time of the Scoutmaster Conference. The updated record is given to the Advancement Chairman for entry into Troopmaster.

4. After the Scoutmaster Conference, if the Scoutmaster feels that the scout has met all of the requirements for the scout's next rank, he will sign his handbook. The scout should then contact the Advancement Chairman for a Board of Review by e-mail.

5. The Advancement Chairman will set up a meeting time with the scout for a Board of Review. At least 3 and no more than 5 adults (troop committee members) are present for a Board of Review. The Advancement Chairman tries to chair all Boards of Review.

6. A scout must have his handbook with him and be in complete Class A uniform for his SC and BoR. He may be asked to recite the Oath and Law, Motto, Slogan and the Outdoor Code. If he does not wear a uniform or have his handbook with him, he will have to reschedule his advancement appointments.

7. When a scout passes his Board of Review, his handbook is signed off and his rank advancement is recorded. In order to reward him right away, he is awarded his rank patch at the next meeting. His troop family recognition is done at the next scheduled Court of Honor.