

Advancement Review Process

Scoutmaster Conferences

The Scout must request a conference from the Scoutmaster. He will be placed on a list by time-requested if needed. The Scoutmaster may assign the conference to an Assistant Scoutmaster or JASM.

Troop Records will need to be checked before all Scoutmaster Conferences – Scouts will be told the Conference will be the following week if all requirements are met.

Frequently Scouts ask for a Conference and they are not ready when the Conference agreed time arrives. They must be in full Field Uniform (Class A), have their Scout Book, and have all task requirements for the rank completed & signed off in the book. Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class also have pages within the book that need to be filled out.

Scout, Tenderfoot, & Second Class Conferences are generally arranged on trips, Troop meetings, and Patrol nights. These Conferences are relatively short and the Scouts are still learning about advancement practices.

First Class, Star, & Life Conferences are generally arranged on trips and Patrol nights. These Conferences are somewhat longer since more information needs to be reviewed; and are typically done on trips for both available time and because the Scout must be active in the Troop as one of the requirement. It is strongly recommended that Scouts plan ahead and have Blue Cards signed off in advance of trips & summer camp – they should not bring Blue Cards on trips and summer camp to avoid potential of losing them.

Eagle Conferences are frequently performed on weekends and trips by two adults, the Scoutmaster and an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Update 2017

All Scouts now fall under the 2017 Rank Requirements.

Major changes include:

- All ranks – Duty to God is a part of Scout Spirit
- Tenderfoot-First Class – More camping trips
- Star – Cyberchip now required
- Life – Conservation service now required

All of the lower task ranks have both shuffled requirements and new requirements.

Boards of Review

After a successful Scoutmaster Conference, the Scout must request a Board of Review from the Committee Chair or their designee. He will be placed on a list by time-requested if needed.

Scouts should be familiar with their Troop & Patrol activities, be in full Field Uniform (Class A), have their Scout Book, and other requested documentation with them.

Boards of Review for all ranks, other than Eagle, are generally whenever three Committee adults are available. They are performed on trips, meetings, Senior Leadership nights, and PLC nights. Boards require three Committee adults.

Eagle Boards of Review are set at the discretion of the District Advancement Committee. Eagle Boards require three to six adults (BSA registration is not required).

Many Troops do not perform Scoutmaster Conferences or Boards of Review at Summer Camp – Troop 944 does both. Scoutmasters (& Ast. Scoutmasters) and Board of Reviews Committee do not evaluate their own sons/relatives.