

Rank Advancement Overview

General

- You can work on most all requirements at any time for any rank, but you must advance rank in order, i.e. Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life and Eagle.
- There are sign-off boxes for each rank in the back of your *Boy Scout Handbook*, pp.438-449. Get your rank advancement requirements signed-off by Troop Adult Leaders or by other Scouts that are Life rank or Eagle rank. It is your responsibility to get requirements signed off.
- Set goals for yourself. Pick a target date to complete rank requirements for your next rank.
- Bring your Boy Scout Handbook to every Scout activity.

Lower Ranks

- Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class ranks are mostly about learning Scout skills. If you familiarize yourself with the requirements, then you can remember to get signed off as you routinely complete requirements at Troop meetings and outings.

Upper Ranks

- Star, Life, and Eagle ranks are mostly about leadership, service hours, and merit badges.
 - You can earn merit badges at any time (*see the Earning Merit Badges information sheet*).
 - Once you reach 1st Class rank, be sure that you always hold a leadership position (*elections are held in January and July*), otherwise you will not be eligible to advance in rank. Check the leadership requirements for each rank in the back of your *Boy Scout Handbook*.

Scoutmaster Conference

- After you complete all of the requirements for your next rank, you will need to have a Scoutmaster Conference to review with you what you have learned.
 - ✓ Make an appointment for a Scoutmaster Conference with your Scoutmaster.
 - ✓ Come in your full uniform (including neckerchief and slide).
 - ✓ You must show your current Boy Scout membership I.D. Card.
 - ✓ Bring your *Boy Scout Handbook*
 - ✓ Bring your 3-ring Scout Binder.
- Your Scoutmaster will sign-off the Scoutmaster Conference requirement when you successfully complete your Scoutmaster Conference.

Board of Review

- After completion of your Scoutmaster Conference, you must next pass a Board of Review. A Board of Review is not a test. Instead, it is a review of your accomplishments and certification that you completed all of the requirements. There is a Board of Review held on the second Monday of each month, except August when the Board of Review is held at summer camp.
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 - ✓ Bring your *Boy Scout Handbook*
 - ✓ Bring your 3-ring Scout Binder.

Court of Honor

- The Troop periodically holds a Court of Honor and dinner to recognize Scouts for their rank advancements, merit badges, and awards that have been earned. Be sure that you family comes to each Court of Honor.