



Overview of Scouting Advancement



- The scouts of Troop 1028 advance at their own pace. While we strive to ensure that scouts advance as quickly as their initiative, skills, and understanding allow, our scouts “learn and earn” their skills, awards, and ranks. The Scouts BSA Handbook is the key advancement guide and should be brought to every meeting.
- Scouts progress according to their own pace within an encouraging, supportive structure. Whenever possible and feasible scouts teach their fellows, for this benefits both teacher and pupil.
- Fortunately, we benefit from the support of a diverse, skilled, and committed group of scouts and scouters. We are also very active. Our varied program provides scouts with lots of advancement opportunities. This makes it feasible for a scout to obtain their First Class rank within a year of joining... but only if the scout is motivated. As we like to say to all our scouts: **“It’s always your move!”**





Boy Scout Ranks: Scout to Eagle



Scout



Second Class



Star



Eagle



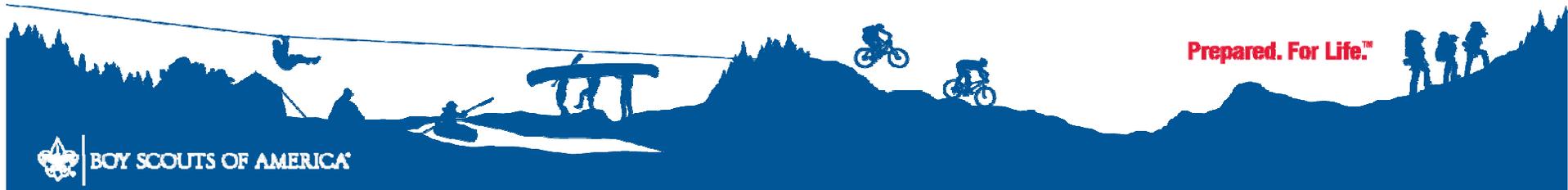
Tenderfoot



First Class



Life



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Introduction: Four Steps to Advancement



- You advance in rank by completing requirements with your Patrol and Troop, with your leaders, and on your own
- Much of your progress will be a natural outcome of the things you're doing in Scouting, such as going on campouts and helping with service projects
- Don't be surprised if a leader tells you you've completed a requirement you didn't even know you were working on !
- The Scouts BSA Handbook outlines four steps to advancement



Four Steps to Advancement



1. You learn

- At Troop meetings and on outings you learn and practice skills

2. You are tested

- When you are ready, a leader tests and passes you on your new skills for each rank requirement. When you finish all requirements for a rank, you sit for a Scoutmaster Conference.

3. You are reviewed

- You meet with a Board of Review to go over your achievements and you provide them feedback on your Scouting experience.

4. You are recognized

- You receive your award at the next Court of Honor (COH)



Scout Rank Requirements



Advancement

- The first rank is “Scout.” To earn this award, a new Scout must agree to live by the Scout Oath and Law and complete some basic requirements:
 - Learn the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code
 - Learn the Patrol method
 - Tie basic knots and whip a rope
 - Demonstrate pocketknife safety
 - Have a Scoutmaster Conference





Tenderfoot Rank Requirements



- Tenderfoot requirements offer a taste of the great adventures awaiting you in Scouting and can give you the basic skills you'll need to begin taking part in those adventures
 - Go on a campout
 - Assist with cooking on a campout
 - Learn care of knives, axes, and saws
 - Basic First Aid skills
 - Explain hiking buddy system
 - Practice good citizenship
 - Physical fitness testing





Second Class Rank Requirements



- Previous ranks have taught basic abilities in camping, first aid, and other core Scout skills. To earn Second Class, a Scout must learn and demonstrate more advanced skills:
 - Using a map and compass
 - How and when to build a campfire
 - Swimming safety
 - Wildlife identification
 - More advanced First Aid
 - Personal safety awareness





First Class Rank Requirements



- The founder of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell, said that all Scouts should earn First Class. Now you have tested yourself even more. You have tried greater adventures and practiced your Scout skills many times. With your confidence and knowledge you now have, people will expect more of you, and you will expect more of yourself. You are prepared to be more of a leader in your Patrol, your Troop, and your community.





Star Rank Requirements



- As you earn your Star Rank, you have more freedom to choose the directions that interest you. The focus shifts from basic Scout skills to earning the first six Merit Badges you will need for Eagle. Requirements now include service to others. The Star Rank also requires the Scout to be active in their Troop for at least four months. Of course, you may take longer if you wish. In addition, the Star Scout must serve their Troop in a position of leadership for at least four months and take part in at least one service project.





Life Rank Requirements



- The Life Rank is one of the rarest ranks. This is the last rank before Eagle. You could complete your Eagle Rank now in as few as 6 months. We congratulate you and encourage you to reach for that next step. You have earned more than half of the Merit Badges required for Eagle. The Life Rank also requires the Scout to be active in their Troop for at least six months, serve their Troop in a position of leadership for at least six months, and take part in at least one service project.





Eagle Rank Requirements



- The Eagle Rank is Scouting's highest award. Only a small percentage of Scouts have ever reached this lofty goal. Requirements for the rank of Eagle include:
 - Carry out an Eagle service project
 - Earn a total of 21 Merit Badges including 13 required badges
 - Serve in a core leadership position in the Troop
- The Eagle Rank is presented in a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor





Eagle Palm Requirements



- As rare as the Eagle Rank is, Eagle Palms are much more rare. Only one in ten of Eagle Scouts earn an Eagle Palm. Requirements for an Eagle Palm include:
 - Be active in your Troop
 - Live by the Scout Oath and Law
 - Earn five additional Merit Badges beyond those required for Eagle
 - Help to cultivate leadership in the Troop

