

Troop 181 Advancement

New scouts should strive to complete 1st Class rank in their first year. Emphasis should be on scout skills, not merit badges during the first year. Scouts are responsible for their advancement. Be sure to save all rank advancement cards, merit badge cards and merit badge blue cards.

Scout (Boy Scout requirements)

- Complete troop registration paperwork.
- Parents and patrol leader prepare new scout for Scoutmaster Conference.
- Understand Scout Oath and Promise
- Parents sign off pamphlet exercises only
- Scoutmaster conference only

Tenderfoot Rank

- Scout skills – Only patrol leader may sign off skill requirements
- Memorize Scout Oath and Promise.
- Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review.

2nd Class rank

- Scout skills – only patrol leader may sign off skill requirements
- 5 troop/patrol activities (2 camping) that have been approved for rank credit.
- 1 hour service project approved by Scoutmaster
- Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review

1st Class Rank

- Scout skills – only patrol leader may sign off skill requirements
- 10 troop/patrol activities (3 camping) that have been approved for rank credit.
- Requirement 9c. has been moved to Swimming merit badge
- Scoutmaster conference and board of review.

Star, Life, Eagle ranks

- Time in rank
- Merit Badges
- Service project approved by Scoutmaster (since date of rank)
- Leadership position (since date of rank)
- Only advancement chairman signs off requirements
- Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review

Other Awards

- Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit
- BSA Lifeguard, Snorkeling, Mile Swim
- World Conservation Award, Den Chief Service Award, Religious Emblem

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Scoutmaster Conference

- Scout (not parents) should contact Advancement Chairman to schedule meeting
- Full Class A uniform and scout handbook are required.
- Discuss rank requirements and scouting in general
- Scout Spirit

Board of Review

- Meet with 3-6 members of the Troop Committee (monthly)
- Discuss the scout's troop experience
- Make final decision on rank award

Court of Honor

- Every 4 months, rank patches awarded as earned
- Merit badges, scout/adult service stars, all other awards

Eagle Court of Honor

- As needed, organized by family
- Troop awards custom merit badge plaque, Eagle neckerchief/slide, membership in NESAs, and engraved name on Roll of Honor

Merit Badges

- Must have registered merit badge counselor
- Scoutmaster must approve blue card prior to starting merit badge
- Generally, only 1st Class scouts should attempt Eagle required merit badges
- Partials should be completed as soon as possible

Summer Camp

- Some camps offer "Trail to 1st Class" program.
- New scouts should work on fun merit badges that they can complete.
- Swimming merit badge now requires completion of all 1st/2nd Class swimming requirements

Bead Tradition

- Beadmaster distributes fobs to new scouts
- Beads typically distributed at end of a campout

Troopmaster Software

- Scout (not parents) should keep Advancement Chairman updated on advancement
- Advancement reports are available on Troop 181 web site