

How to earn Rank Advancements



From Scout through 1st Class....

The Scout attends our Trail to First Class (TFC) program and works with the assigned Troop Guides (TG). TG's are older Scouts that are appointed by the Scoutmaster to guide the younger Scouts to work on rank requirements. As requirements are completed, they are signed off by the TG in the Scout's book. These requirements are verified and recorded by the TFC adult advisor. As soon as a Scout completes the requirements for a rank, except for the Scoutmaster Conference (SMC) and Board of Review (BOR) portions, he needs to schedule a Scoutmaster conference. **It is the Scout's responsibility** to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference. **This needs to be done at the start of a meeting** so that there is adequate time to complete the SMC and BOR during the meeting. There is a SMC binder that is kept at the front of the room where the Scout can request a SMC.



"I like a Board of Review when we know more than the Scout."

In order to take part in a SMC,

the Scout must be in complete uniform and have his Scout book. Once he has completed a SMC, the Scoutmaster will convene a BOR for the Scout.

A BOR consists of 3 or 4 Scout Leaders reviewing what the Scout has learned. This is NOT a re-test and the Scout should not be nervous. Once the BOR has been completed the Leaders will sign his book. **The Scout needs to immediately present his book to the Advancement Chair**, who will then record the rank and present him his rank patch at circle up.

Star and Life....

After he has reached the rank of 1st Class, it is the Scout's responsibility to complete the rank requirements for Star and Life **under his own motivation**. This will require staying active in the Troop, showing Scout spirit, earning merit badges, completing service hours, teaching younger Scouts, holding positions in the Troop and completing his Cyber Chip. Please go over the "How To Earn A Merit Badge" handout with your Scout. It can be downloaded from the Troop Website (57Rocks.org) or the Advancement Chair can print one for you. It is still the Scout's responsibility to schedule and complete a SMC and a BOR, and present his book to be recorded so that his rank patch can be awarded just like the lower ranks.



Eagle....

Just like Star and Life, a Scout must continue to be active in the Troop and demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath, the Scout Law and continuing to earn Merit Badges. He must also plan, lead and complete an Eagle Scout Project along with a few more requirements. Please download and review the handout "How to Complete the Rank of Eagle" from the Troop website (57Rocks.org)