



Advancement

For

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Agenda

- Purpose of the Course
- What is Advancement?
- Basic Scouting Advancement
- The Advancement Trail
- Scoutmaster Conference
- The Board of Review
- Really, Really Important Advancement Records

Purpose

- Provide an introduction and overview to those new to Scouting or transitioning from Cub Scouts to the Boy Scouts of America Advancement Program

What is Advancement?

- Advancement is one of the methods used to achieve the aims of Scouting in all four phases of the Scouting program.
 - Cub Scouting
 - Scouting
 - Varsity Scouting
 - Venturing
- The aims of Scouting are:
 - Building Character
 - Citizenship Training
 - Mental and Physical Fitness

What is Advancement? (cont.)

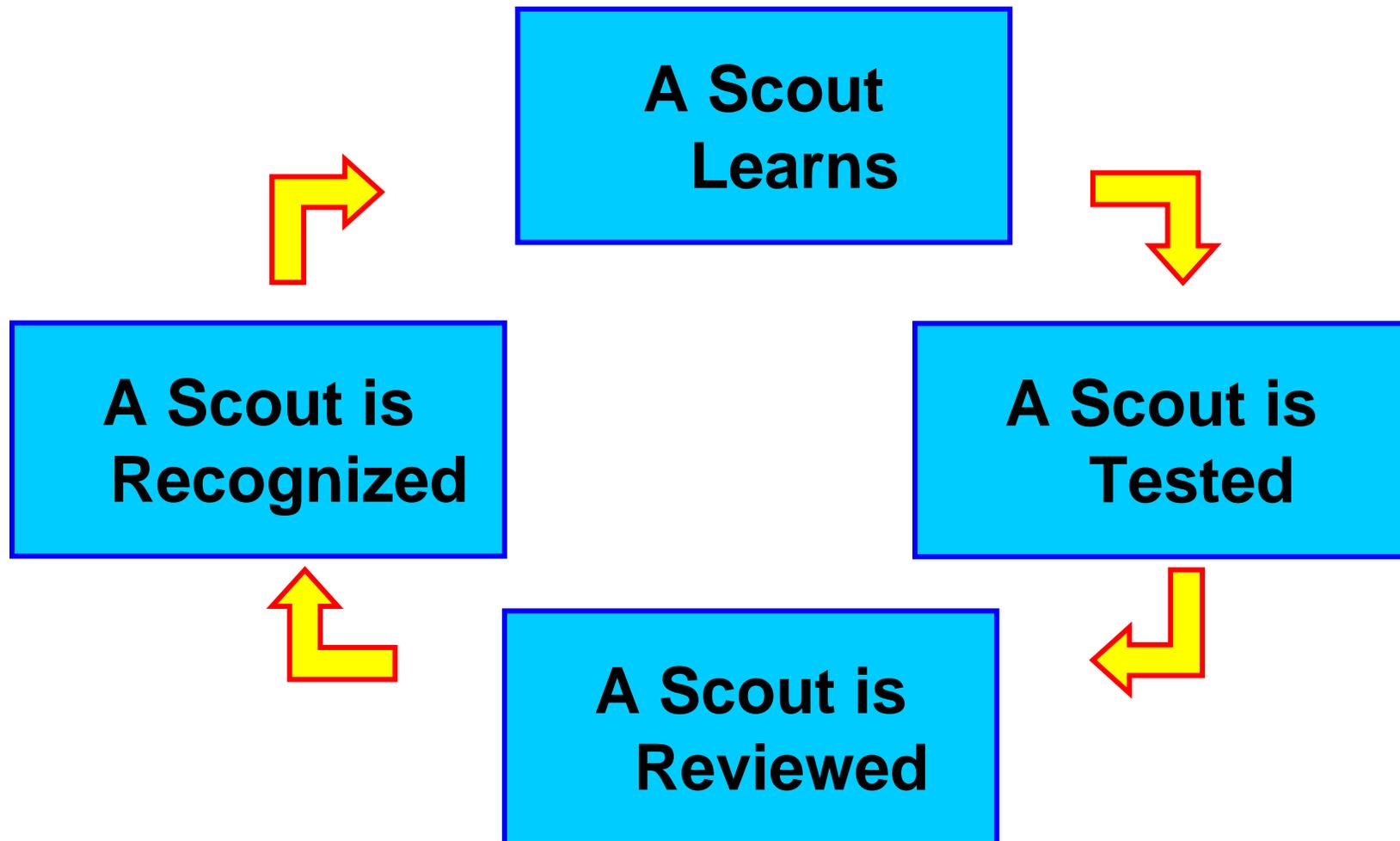
- The methods of Scouting are:
 - The ideals
 - The patrol method
 - The outdoors
 - **Advancement**
 - Associations with Adults
 - Personal growth
 - Leadership development
 - The uniform
- As one of the eight methods of Scouting, advancement is a natural outcome of the other seven.

What is Advancement?

- Advancement provides a series of obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method.
- The Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge.
- The Scout is rewarded for each achievement which helps him gain confidence.
- The steps in the advancement system help the Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Basic Scouting Advancement

Advancement Cycle



Basic Scouting Advancement

- To advance in Scouting, the Scout will:
 - Complete the specific requirements for each Rank
 - Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference
 - Participate in a Board of Review

The Advancement Trail (cont.)

- Requirements for each Rank

Rank	Skill	Service	Leadership	Merit Badges
 Scout	----	None	None	Elective
 Tenderfoot	Basic	None	None	Elective
 2 nd Class	Basic	1 Hour	None	Elective
 1 st Class	Basic	None	None	Elective

- The Basic Scouting Skills provide the Scout with a solid grounding in the skills that will allow him to take advantage of Scouting adventures.

The Advancement Trail (cont.)

- Specific Requirements for each Rank (cont.)

Rank	Skill	Service	Leadership	Merit Badges
 Star	MB Elective	6 Hours	4 Months	6 (4 Req.)
 Life	MB Elective	6 Hours	6 Months	11 (7 Req.)
 Eagle	MB Elective	Eagle Project	6 Months	21 (12 Req.)
 Eagle Palms	MB Elective	None	3 Months	5 More, Ea.

- The Merit Badge program introduces the Scout to :
 - Life long hobbies
 - Possible careers

Eagle Required Merit Badges

-  Camping
-  Citizenship in the Community
-  Citizenship in the Nation
-  Citizenship in the World
-  Communications
-  Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
-  Environmental Science

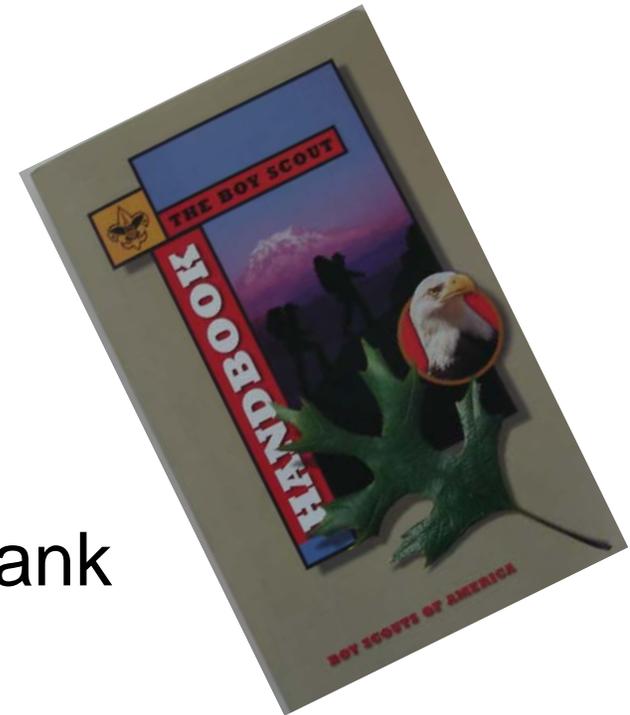
-  Family Life
-  First Aid
-  Personal Fitness
-  Personal Management
-  Cycling or Hiking or Swimming
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The Eagle Project

- For a service project to qualify as an Eagle Scout, while a Life Scout, the candidate must:
 - Plan
 - Develop
 - And give leadership to others
 - Service project benefiting any religious institution, school, or community

Where do I Find the Requirements?

- The Boy Scout Handbook
 - Contains all the information required for a boy to get started along the Scouting Trail
 - Requirements for each Rank advancement
 - Information required for to complete rank advancements from Scout through 1st Class



Where do I Find the Requirements?

- Merit Badge Pamphlet
 - Over 100 topics covering all kind of careers and hobbies
 - Contains all the information a Scout must have to complete the merit badge



The Advancement Growth Process

- Advancement growth process

Rank

- Cub Scouting
- Webelos
- Scout
Tenderfoot
Second Class
First Class
- Star
Life
- Eagle

Approval

- Mom & Dad
- Unit Leader with some by Mom & Dad
- Scout Leader

- Merit Badge Counselors

- Merit Badge Counselors
- Develop project, present project to Committee, carry out project

The Scoutmaster Conference

What is a Scoutmaster Conference?

- A Scoutmaster Conference is a visit between the Scoutmaster and a Scout that is held each time the boy completes the requirements for a rank
 - Opportunity for a Scoutmaster to discuss with each scout his:
 - Activity in the Troop
 - His understanding and practice of the ideals of Scouting
 - Together they can set goals not only in Scouting but also in his family, school and community

The Scoutmaster Conference (cont.)

- The Scoutmaster encourages a boy's advancement in Scouting by reviewing the requirements for the next rank
- The Scoutmaster conference is also used as a counseling tool at anytime for a variety of other reasons

The Board of Review

What is a Board of Review?

- After a Scout has completed all of the requirements for any rank from Tenderfoot through Life and has had a Scoutmaster conference for that rank, he appears before a board of review.
 - The board is composed of 3 to 6 members of the troop committee.
 - The board of review for an Eagle Scout candidate is determined by local council policy.

The Board of Review (cont.)

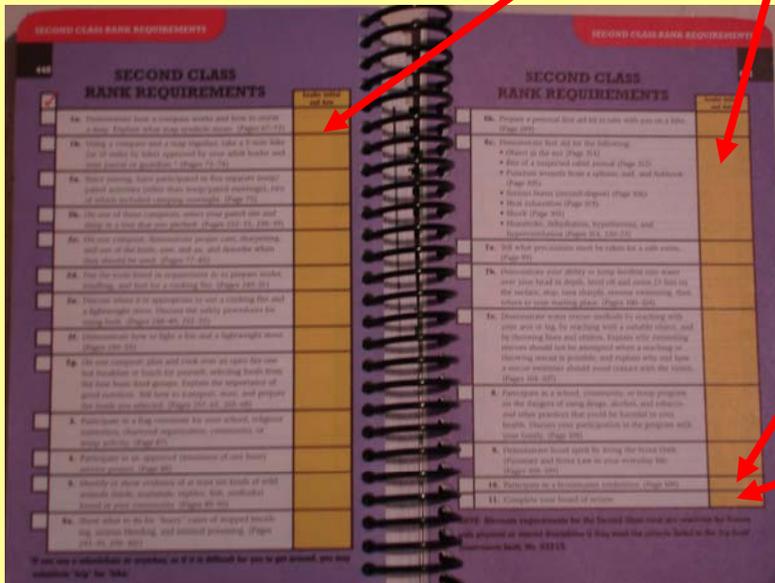
- Purpose of the Board of Review:
 - It is ***not to retest*** a Scout
 - Ensure that he has completed all of the requirements
 - Determine the quality of his troop experience
 - Encourage him to advance toward the next rank

Really, Really Important Advancement Records

- The Scout Handbook records :



Completion of requirements for the rank of Scout through the rank of Eagle



Record of Scoutmaster Conference

Completion of Board of Review

Really, Really Important Advancement Records

- The Blue Card records:

The Merit Badge completed

Identifies registered Merit Badge Counselor

The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)

Merit badge _____

Name of counselor _____

Address of counselor _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number of counselor _____

Signature of counselor _____ Date _____

Checked and recorded:

Date _____ Initials _____

Certificate and badge presented _____ Date _____

Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name _____

has given me his completed application for the _____

Merit badge _____

Completed on _____ / _____ / _____ by _____

Signature of counselor _____

Signature of unit leader _____

NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant _____

Troop
 Team Unit number _____
 Crew

Merit badge _____

Date completed _____ / _____ / _____

Remarks: _____

It is suggested that the counselor keep this record for at least 1 year in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

Really, Really Important Advancement Records

Scout's Portion

Merit Badge Counselor's Signature

The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)

Merit badge _____

Name of counselor _____

Address of counselor _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number of counselor _____

Signature of counselor _____ / _____ Date

Checked and recorded:

Date _____ Initials _____

Certificate and badge presented _____ Date _____

Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name _____

has given me his complete application for the _____ Merit badge _____

Completed on _____ / _____ / _____ by _____ Date

Signature of counselor _____

Signature of unit leader _____

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant _____

Troop Team Unit number _____

Crew

_____ Merit badge _____

Date completed _____ / _____ / _____

Remarks:

It is suggested that the counselor keep this record for at least 1 year in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

NOTE TO BOY SCOUT VARSITY SCOUT, OR PERMA-

Merit Badge Counselor's Portion

Really, Really Important Advancement Records

- What happens to the Scouts portion of the Blue Card?

Applicant turns in to unit leader for record posting. →

Applicant maintains for his records.

The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)

Merit badge _____

Name of counselor _____

Address of counselor _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone number of counselor _____

Signature of counselor _____ Date _____

Checked and recorded:

Date _____ Initials _____

Certificate and badge presented _____ Date _____

Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name _____

has given me his completed application for the

Merit badge _____

Completed on _____ / _____ / _____ by _____

Signature of counselor _____

Signature of unit leader _____

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Really, Really Important Advancement Records

- Blue Cards are turned in with the Eagle Rank application
- Trading Card sheets work great for keeping track of Blue Cards.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name _____

has given me his completed application for the _____

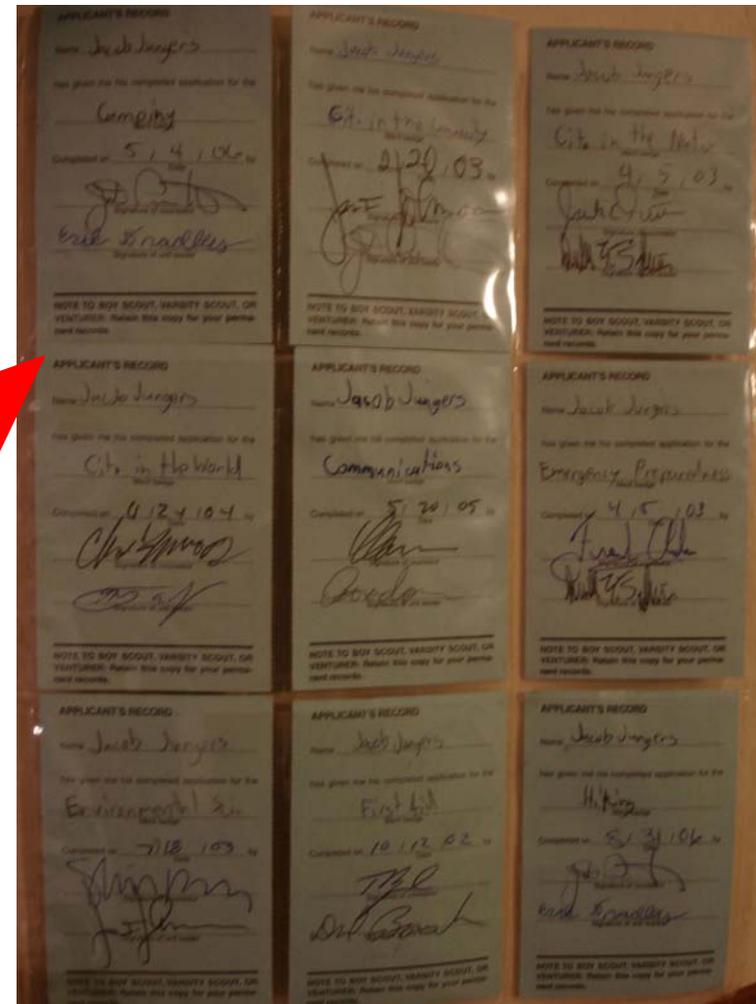
Merit badge _____

Completed on ____ / ____ / ____ by _____

Signature of counselor _____

Signature of unit leader _____

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Really, Really Important Advancement Records

- Merit Badge Blue Cards are the record that the Scout has complete the requirements.
- Merit Badges are listed on and submitted with the Eagle Scout application.
- Signatures are check to verify date the merit badge was earned.
- Verify that the merit badge was signed by a valid merit badge counselor.

PID No. _____ (Required)

EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICATION

FOR COUNCIL USE ONLY
COUNCIL NO. _____ TYPE OF UNIT _____

REGION _____ NATIONAL NO. _____
C, N, S, W _____
NAME ON OFFICIAL REGISTRATION _____

TO THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK APPLICANT: This application is to be completed after you have completed all requirements for the Eagle Scout rank. **Print in ink or type all information.** List the month, day, and year for all dates. When using computer date blocks list the date July 8, 1970, as 07 for July 08 (for day) 70 (for year). When you have completed this application, sign it and submit it to your unit leader.

LIST YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME (UP TO 30 CHARACTERS ONLY):

Street or R.F.D. Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Telephone (including area code) _____
Troop, Team, Crew, or Ship _____ Local No. _____
City, State, Zip _____

Date joined a Boy Scout troop _____
Date became a Varsity Scout _____
Date became a Venturer _____
Date of First Class Scout board of review _____
Date of Star Scout board of review _____
Were you a Cub Scout? Yes No
Were you a Webelos Scout? Yes No
Did you earn the Arrow of Light Award? Yes No
Had you completed fifth grade upon joining? Yes No

AGE REQUIREMENT ELIGIBILITY: Merit badges, badges of rank, and Eagle Patches may be earned by a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer. He may earn these awards until his 18th birthday. Any Venturer who achieved the First Class rank as a Boy Scout in a troop or Varsity Scout in a team may continue working for the Star, Life, and Eagle Scout ranks and Eagle Patches while registered as a Venturer up to his 18th birthday. Scouts and Venturers who have completed all requirements prior to their 18th birthday may be reviewed within three months after that date with no explanation. Boards of review conducted between three and six months after the candidate's 18th birthday must be preapproved by the local council. A statement by an adult explaining the reason for the delay must be attached to the Eagle Scout Rank Application when it is submitted to the Eagle Scout Service. The Boy Scout Division at the national office must be contacted for procedures to follow if a board of review is to be conducted more than six months after a candidate's 18th birthday.

A Scout or Venturer with a disability may work toward rank advancement after he is 18 years of age. See Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures for details.

REQUIREMENT 1: Be active in your troop, team, crew, or ship for a period of at least six months after you have achieved the rank of Life Scout.

REQUIREMENT 2: Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. List the names of individuals who know you personally and would be willing to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

Name	Address	Telephone
Parents/guardians _____	_____	_____
Religious _____	_____	_____
Educational _____	_____	_____
Teacher (if any) _____	_____	_____
Two other references _____	_____	_____

Date of birth: _____
Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
Date of Life Scout board of review: _____
Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

REQUIREMENT 3: Earn a total of 21 merit badges (required badges are listed). List the month, day, and year the merit badge was earned.

MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.	MERIT BADGE	DATE EARNED	UNIT NO.
1 CAMPING			8 FIRST AID		15			
2 CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY			19 CYCLING OR HORSE DRIVING		16			
3 CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION			10 PERSONAL MANAGEMENT		17			
4 CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD			11 PERSONAL FITNESS		18			
5 COMMUNICATIONS			12 FAMILY LIFE		19			
6 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS OR LIFESAVING			13		20			
7 ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE			14		21			

Cross-out badges not earned. If a crossed-out badge was earned, it may be reentered in 13 through 21.
Four of these required merit badges were earned for the Star Scout rank and three more were earned for the Life Scout rank.
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Summary

- Advancement helps each scout achieve the aims of Scouting.
 - Building Character
 - Citizenship Training
 - Mental and Physical Fitness
- Through advancement, the Scout grows in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Summary (cont.)

Questions?