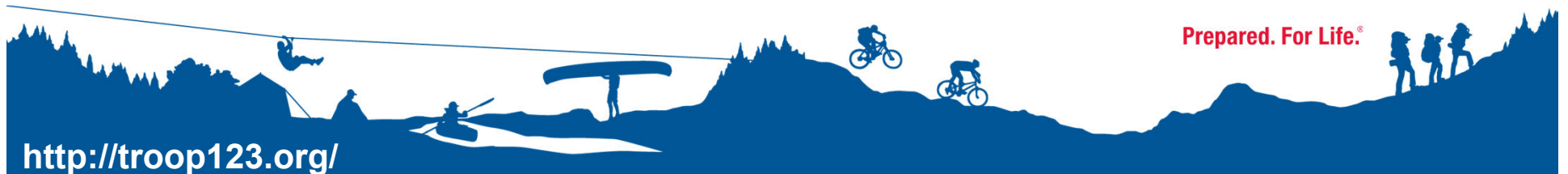




TROOP 123 GUIDE TO ADVANCEMENT – 2020



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- ♣ Why Advancement?
- ♣ New Rules as of...
- ♣ The Ranks
- ♣ Board of Review
- ♣ Court of Honor
- ♣ Troop 123
Philosophy



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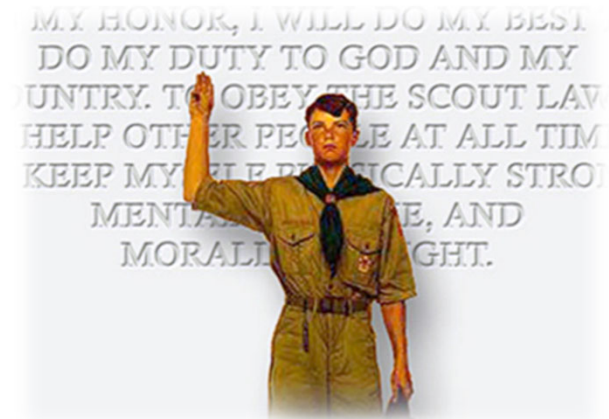
WHY & HOW OF ADVANCEMENT?

♣ Mission Statement

- The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

♣ The Aims of Scouting

- Character development
- Citizenship training
- Mental and physical fitness



Advancement is one of the eight methods of Boy Scouting used by Scout leaders to fulfill the aims of the BSA.



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WHY & HOW OF ADVANCEMENT?

♣ 4 Steps

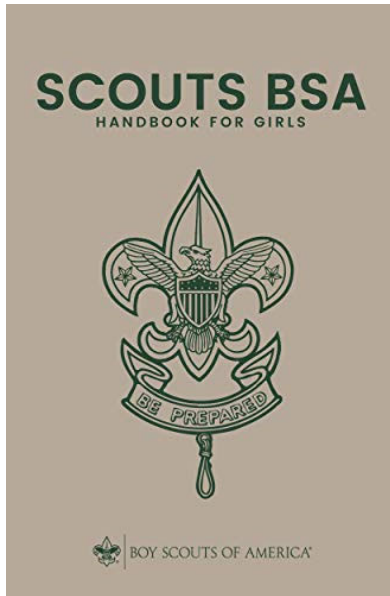
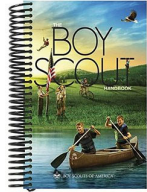
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- Test
- Review
- Recognize



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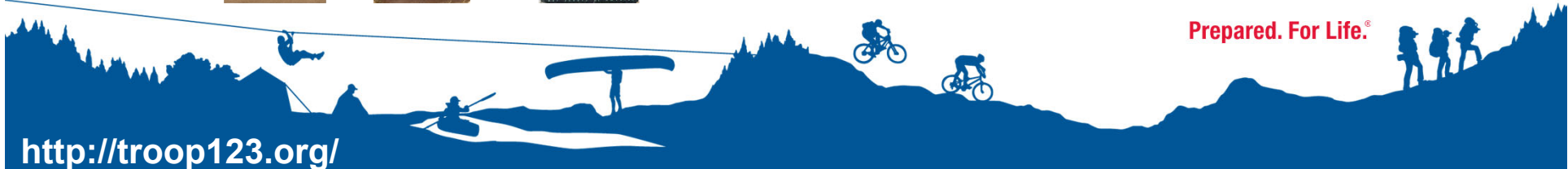


ADVANCEMENT: NEW RULES



- ♣ Adopted 2015
- ♣ 2016 transition year
- ♣ 2017 in full effect
 - All Scouts must use these requirements regardless of previous advancement progress
- ♣ Scout now a true “Rank”

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RANK: GETTING STARTED

♣ Scout

- 7 Requirements
 - Oath, Law, Pledge...
 - Boy Lead Troop
 - Patrol Method
 - Basics Knots
 - Knife Safety
 - Youth Protection & Cyber Chip
 - Scoutmaster Conference
- No minimum time requirement



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RANK: SCOUT SKILLS

Requirement	Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class
Aquatics		✓	✓
Camping & Outdoor Ethics	✓	✓	✓
Citizenship	✓	✓	✓
Cooking	✓	✓	✓
Emergency Preparedness		✓	✓
First Aid	✓	✓	✓
Fitness	✓	✓	✓
Hiking	✓		
Leadership	✓		✓
Nature	✓	✓	✓
Navigation		✓	✓
Personal Safety Awareness		✓	
Scout Spirit	✓	✓	✓
Tools	✓	✓	✓
Scoutmaster Conference	✓	✓	✓
Board of Review	✓	✓	✓
No minimum time requirement	✓	✓	✓



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RANK: JOURNEY TO EAGLE

Requirement	Star	Life	Eagle	Bronze Palm	Gold Palm	Silver Palm
Eagle Scout Service Project			✓			
Leadership Skills				✓	✓	✓
Merit Badges	2	2	4	5	5	5
Merit Badges - "White Ringers"	4	3	6			
Scout Spirit...	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Service hours	6	6				
Teaching with EDGE Method		✓				
Troop Position	✓	✓	✓			
Youth Protection & Cyber-Chip	✓					
Scoutmaster Conference	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Board of Review	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Time in Rank	4 months	6 months	6 months	3 months	3 months	3 months



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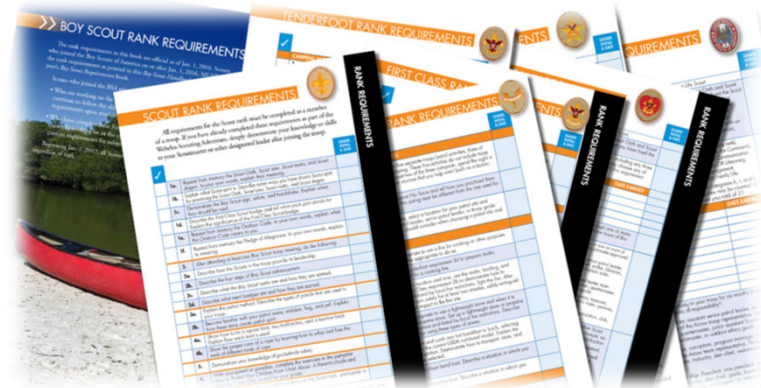
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IMPORTANT RECORDKEEPING

Scout's responsibility to track:

- Rank requirements
- Days camped
- Miles hiked, backpacked, biked, or floated
- Service projects/hours
- Leadership positions
- Blue Cards, Merit Badge Cards, & Rank Cards



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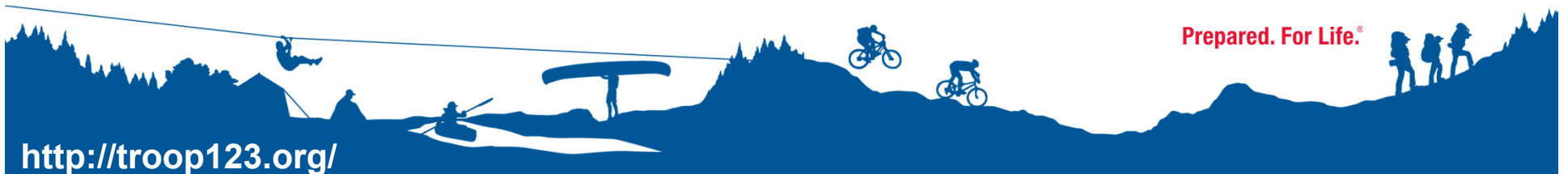
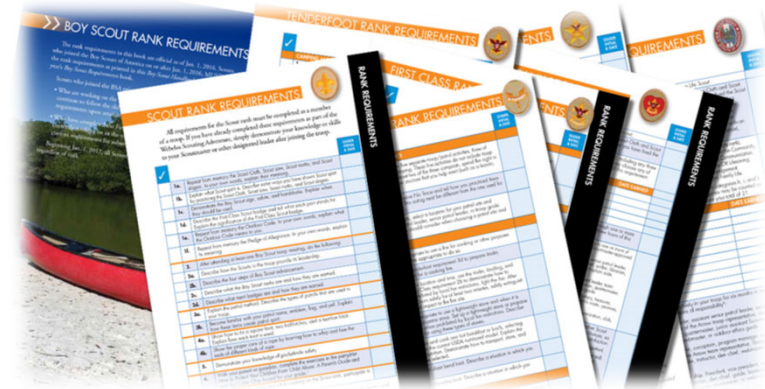
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IMPORTANT RECORDKEEPING

Who signs off?

- Rank:
 - Troop Guide
 - Senior Patrol
 - Adult Leaders
- Merit Badges:
 - Merit Badge Counselor
 - Scoutmaster
 - Advancement Chair



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BOARD OF REVIEW

- ♣ **Scoutmaster Conference**
- ♣ **Meet with 3 – 6 troop leaders**
 - Full Class A uniform
 - Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan
 - Discuss how you completed the rank requirements
 - Discuss role within Troop
 - Unanimous decision
 - 15-30 minutes



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COURT OF HONOR

- ♣ **A time to honor our Scouts' accomplishments**
 - Rank advancements, Merit Badges, awards and leadership installations
- ♣ **Quarterly**
 - September – “the Big One”
 - December, March & June in place of weekly meeting
- ♣ **Eagle CoH separate and planned by Scout and his family**



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ADVANCEMENT: OUR PHILOSOPHY

- ♣ While this Scout cannot wait, we feel strongly that for a Scout to have truly completed his journey to Eagle they really need to be at least 16.



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THE PARENT'S ROLE

- ♣ Be your Scout's cheerleader
- ♣ Encourage and motivate him
- ♣ Know that this is not a race...it is about having fun, developing life-long skills, and learning to become a good citizen and leader
- ♣ Ask to see his book & know who needs to sign off on requirements
- ♣ Make sure he attends meetings and events



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