

TROOP 1776 -- SCOUT NOTEBOOK

RANK ADVANCEMENT & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

This section is intended to summarize the requirements and descriptions of the scout rank, troop leadership positions, and advancement criteria as documented in the various BSA publications. Additionally, procedures required by TROOP 1776 are documented.

The SCOUT must be aware of this information and must initiate both the ADVANCEMENT as well as LEADERSHIP process.

SCOUT RANK / OVERVIEW

There are six levels of scout ranks, they are as follows, in order of achievement:

- ☐ TENDERFOOT
- ☐ SECOND CLASS
- ☐ FIRST CLASS
- ☐ STAR
- ☐ LIFE
- ☐ EAGLE

The specific requirements for these ranks are described in the scout handbook.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS / PREREQUISITES

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster(s): ☐ Must be at least 16 years old and appointed by the SCOUTMASTER.

Senior Patrol Leader: ☐ Achieved the rank of Star,
☐ Been active in the troop for 1 year prior to the new term of office.
☐ Have held the position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or other Troop Leadership position
☐ Have completed the Junior Leadership Training for the previously held position.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s): ☐ Achieved the rank of Star,
☐ Been active in the troop for 1 year prior to the new term of office
☐ Have held the position of Patrol Leader or other Troop Leadership position
☐ Having completed the Junior Leadership Training for the previously held position.

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- Patrol Leader(s):** Be 12 years old
- Been active in the troop for 6 months prior to the new term of office
 - Achieved the rank of First Class, prior to the new term of office
 - Have held the position of Assistant Patrol Leader or other Troop Leadership position
 - Have completed the Junior Leadership Training for the previously held position.

The patrol leader for the 'NEW SCOUT' patrol should be selected as follows:

- The August - January term should be filled with a SCOUT from a regular patrol, as selected, by utilizing all of the normal requirements for a Patrol Leader
- The February - July term should be filled with a scout from the 'NEW SCOUT' patrol according to the regular requirements for a Patrol Leader, the age and rank prerequisites may be bypassed.

- Assistant Patrol Leader(s):** Should have meet the requirements as documented below.
- Has achieved the rank of First Class,
 - Except for the 'NEW SCOUT' patrol for which their is no prerequisite

The Assistant Patrol Leader for the 'NEW SCOUT' patrol should be selected as follows:

- The August - January term should be a filled with a SCOUT from the 'NEW SCOUT' patrol, selected by the new scouts

The February - July term should be filled with a scout from the 'NEW SCOUT' patrol utilizing the regular prerequisites as guidelines

- Den Chief(s):** Has achieved the rank of FIRST CLASS
- Troop Instructor(s):** Has achieved the rank of FIRST CLASS
- Troop Guide(s):** Has achieved the rank of FIRST CLASS

- Patrol Quartermaster(s):** No prerequisites
- Patrol Scribe(s):** No prerequisites
- Troop Bugler:** No prerequisites other than musical ability
- Troop Chaplain Aid:** No prerequisites
- Troop Historian:** No prerequisites
- Troop Librarian:** No prerequisites
- Troop Quartermaster:** No prerequisites
- Troop Scribe:** No prerequisites

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS / ADVANCEMENT

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There are Troop 1776 procedural guidelines that has been put in place to insure that various positions are filled by qualified scouts that will succeed in their positions.

The various positions that are covered by these guidelines are Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

The following chart depicts the troop guidelines that are in place in addition to the requirements as documented by the BSA:

Scout wants to hold the leadership position and must notify the SCOUTMASTER

Scout holds a current qualification rating for both TROOP 1776 TOTIN' - CHIP and FIREM'N - CHIT programs

Dues are current within last 30 days

Scout has attended 70 % of the troop activities within the last 6 month period

Scout has participated in a least 4 overnight troop activities within the last 6 month period

Scout has achieved the rank of FIRST CLASS

Scout has reviewed his requirements and desire for the position with his Assistant Scoutmaster

Scout has reviewed his requirements and desire for the position with the Scoutmaster

Scout will then be put onto the Scoutmaster's list of scouts that are eligible for the position of assistant Patrol Leader. The Assistant Patrol Leader(s) are selected from the Scoutmaster's list by the newly elected Patrol Leader, he can select two Assistant Patrol Leaders, if he feels it is needed to insure a successful patrol operation. The term of office will be as follows: February through July, including summer camp and August (after summer camp) through January.

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A scout should hold the position of Assistant Patrol Leader for one term prior to serving as the position of Patrol Leader. If more than one scout desires the position an election must be held. The Patrol Leader will select his Assistant Patrol Leader(s) from the SCOUTMASTER'S list of those eligible scouts. The term of office will be as follows: February through July, including summer camp and August (after summer camp) through January. The elections should be held in June and December.

A scout, to be qualified for the position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader should have held the position of Patrol Leader or other Troop Leadership position as well as having completed the Junior Leadership Training for the previously held position and achieved the rank of Star. The newly elected Senior Patrol Leader will select his Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. The term of office will be as follows: February through January so as to provide continuity of troop operations through the summer camp operation and change of Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol leaders after summer camp.

A scout, to be qualified for the position of Senior Patrol Leader, should have held the position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or other Troop Leadership position as well as having completed the Junior Leadership Training for the previously held position. If more than one boy meets the qualifications an election must be held: The term of office will be as follows: February through January so as to provide continuity of troop operations through the summer camp operation and change of Patrol Leaders Assistant Patrol Leaders after summer camp. Elections should be held in December.

After a scout has held one of the following leadership positions and is at least 16 years old:

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Senior Patrol Leader
Instructor

he will be qualified for the position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. The term of office is undefined and assigned by the SCOUTMASTER.

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The Advancement Guidelines as documented by the BSA point out that one of the greatest needs of boys during their growth years is confidence. There are three confidences that are needed: confidence in themselves, confidence in their peers, and confidence in their leaders. Confidence in themselves and their peers comes from the growth of the boy within his environment. Confidence in leaders comes with consistency in measurement, when leaders use a single standard of fairness.

There are three different types of consistent review that each boy will participate in to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout:

1. **SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE**, before each rank advancement
2. **BOARD OF REVIEW**, before each rank advancement
3. **EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW**, before advancement to the rank of EAGLE

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE:

When a scout feels that he has completed all of his requirements for advancement he should review his work with his Assistant Scoutmaster, for completeness, and then request a SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE with the SCOUTMASTER.

The SCOUTMASTER will utilize the conference to evaluate the progress and accomplishments of the scout. New goals are also discussed and agreed upon at this time by the scout and the SCOUTMASTER. The scout is responsible for keeping track of his rank advancement requirements and requesting the conference. The Patrol Leader as well as the Troop Guide(s) should encourage scouts to request a conference when they feel a scout has satisfied his requirements for advancement as documented.

The SCOUTMASTER may delegate the responsibility of conducting the 'SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE' to an Assistant Scoutmaster or a Committee member but every effort should be directed at having the SCOUTMASTER conduct the conference.

Should the scout not be ready, for advancement, according to the SCOUTMASTER, or his delegated representative, the scout is informed of the situation during the conference and is not eligible for a BOARD OF REVIEW. The scout must then agree to correct the problems as discussed, with the SCOUTMASTER, work toward correcting the problems, and then request a new SCOUTMASTER'S CONFERENCE.

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BOARD OF REVIEW:

General Information (Refer to attached Form 19 and Form 20)

When a scout has completed all of his requirements for advancement to the next rank and has had his SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE 'signed-off' in his handbook he is then ready for his BOARD OF REVIEW.

The BOARD OF REVIEW is conducted by members of the Troop COMMITTEE with the Advancement Chairman being the chairman of the review process. One Senior scout should also be present during the review of a scout for advancement to the rank of **TENDERFOOT, SECOND CLASS, or FIRST CLASS.**

The Senior scout is present so as to gain experience with the process but not to participate in the review. There are additional requirements, for advancement to the rank of EAGLE, documented separately. When the BOARD OF REVIEW has certified advancement, the scout should be informed, recognition should be accomplished at the next Troop meeting, and formal recognition should be presented at the next COURT of AWARDS.

A review can also be conducted for scouts that are not advancing according to their schedule and goals that they had previously agreed to with the SCOUTMASTER.

The review is not an examination or test, it is to be a review to determine that the scout's attitude toward Scouting and his acceptance of Scouting's ideals is correct.

The **object of the review** is:

- ☐ Insure that all of the requirements are documented
- ☐ Verify the experiences that the scout has had with the Troop are positive
- ☐ Provide encouragement to the scout for future advancement

The **Format of the Review** is as follows:

- ☐ Scout is presented to the BOARD OF REVIEW by either the SCOUTMASTER or an Assistant Scoutmaster. The scout should be properly uniformed.
- ☐ The scout presents his advancement record, for the board to review.
- ☐ The board will proceed to ask questions of the scout so that they are satisfied that the scout has:
 - **learned from his work**
 - **reviewed his experiences**
 - **is encouraged to seek additional advancement**

The scout will then leave the room and the board will then discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the scout's eligibility. The decision of the board must be unanimous. Should a problem exist an additional adult may be asked to review the situation. The scout candidate should then be called back into the room and informed of the decision of the board.

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The scout should be congratulated by the board, if advancement is approved, and the scout should be informed as to when he will receive his formal Troop recognition. If advancement is denied the scout should be informed immediately and he should be informed of the specific problems that the board had with approving advancement.

A minimum of three and a maximum of six adults should be present

The SCOUTMASTER is informed of the results of the board, which members were present, and any comments that the board discussed with the scout.

The Troop Advancement Chairman is informed of the results of the board if he was not present.

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW:

The review for the advancement to the rank of EAGLE should proceed as any other review with the following changes:

- ☐ A Council or District representative must be present and serve as the Chairman of the review.
- ☐ The Troop Advancement Chairman must be present
- ☐ A minimum of three and a maximum of six adults should be present

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There is an additional opportunity available to the SCOUT who needs to satisfy a 'LEADERSHIP' requirement for the advancement to the RANK of STAR and or LIFE. The opportunity is defined as a 'LEADERSHIP PROJECT' within the BSA SCOUT HANDBOOK. The SCOUT can complete a 'LEADERSHIP PROJECT' that meets the following criteria rather than a 'LEADERSHIP POSITION':

FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE RANK OF STAR

- ☐ The project has to be of help to the TROOP
- ☐ The project has to be of sufficient detail so as to be completed within a four month period
- ☐ The project has to be approved by the SCOUTMASTER

FOR ADVANCEMENT TO THE RANK OF LIFE

- ☐ The project has to be of help to the TROOP
- ☐ The project has to be of sufficient detail so as to be completed within a six month period
- ☐ The project has to be approved by the SCOUTMASTER
- ☐ The project can not satisfy the leadership requirements **for advancement to the rank of EAGLE.**

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