

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 278

Procedures for Advancing Rank

1. It is the Scout's responsibility to be familiar with the Boy Scout Handbook and the requirements for rank advancement. Read your book often and make opportunities for yourself to complete the requirements. If you have any questions or problems concerning requirements, consult the Assistant Scoutmaster for Advancement.
2. Whether you complete the requirements on your own or during troop activities, you must obtain the initials of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or a designated by leader such as the Senior Patrol Leader upon completion of each requirement. Your book with the initialed requirements is your primary record of advancement. Do not lose it.
3. Take your book to Troop Meetings. On occasion, the Assistant Scoutmaster for Advancement will need to see your book to update his advancement records.
4. When you have nearly completed the requirements for the next rank, present yourself in Class A uniform to the Scoutmaster and request a Scoutmaster Conference. It may be wise to tell the Scoutmaster about your need at the prior Troop Meeting.
5. When you have completed the requirements for the next rank, you will need to undergo a Board of Review. Study and practice your scouting skills before the Board of Review. The Board will consist of at least three adult leaders and they will question you on any or all of the requirements you have completed (for the current rank and for earlier ranks). The Board will decide if you are qualified to advance to the next rank based on your answers to their questions and the skills you demonstrate. If you pass, have a member of the Board initial your book.

Boards of Review will usually be available the first meeting of the month but may be held other times upon request. It is always best to schedule the Board of Review ahead of time. You **MUST** be in Class A uniform for the Board of Review.

6. Present your book to the Assistant Scoutmaster for Advancement so he can verify that you have completed the requirements. You will receive your rank at the first opportunity and will be formally recognized at the next Court of Honor.