

Troop 888 Rank Advancement Procedures

Each Boy Scout can earn successive ranks by working on requirements in his patrol, in his troop, in summer camp or on his own. The requirements for each rank are in the Boy Scout Handbook. It is important to know that any scout can fulfill a requirement for any rank regardless of the rank that they have already earned. Any Scout can also earn merit badges that count toward Eagle Scout requirements, so get started!

The Trail to First Class

Each scout should pay careful attention to the requirements ahead of him to gain the next rank. As you master each requirement, you must discuss and demonstrate your knowledge with an older scout (Star rank or above) who will initial and date your Handbook next to each requirement completed.

Once you have completed all of the requirements for a rank you will schedule a Scoutmaster Conference with Mr. Thabault or an adult leader he designates. Bring a filled out Scoutmaster Conference Form with you to the Conference (this form is found on the troop website [here](#)). Except for the rank of Scout advancements also require a Board of Review to be completed after your Scoutmaster Conference. This conference should be scheduled with Mr. Hunt, the Troop Advancement Chair. Bring with you your signed Scoutmaster Conference Form and a Board of Review Form found [here](#) [HERE](#) on the troop website.

You will receive your rank badge soon after completion of these steps and will receive recognition at the next scheduled Court of Honor.

In January of 2016 certain rank requirements changed. Any scout who started requirements for any rank from Scout through 1st Class before January 2016 can continue advancing through 1st Class under the old requirements. However, all advancements earned after the end of 2016 must comply with the new requirements found [here](#).

The Trail to Eagle

Requirements for the ranks of Star through Eagle are focused on leadership skills, earning merit badges, providing service to the troop and community and demonstrating the principles of Scouting in your everyday life. When all of the requirements in the Boy Scout Handbook for Star or Life ranks have been completed then a Scoutmaster Conference (form [here](#)) is required to review your accomplishments with Mr. Thabault. After successful completion of the Conference a Board of Review may be scheduled. You will receive your advancement soon after completion of these steps and will receive recognition at the next scheduled Court of Honor.

As you approach Eagle Scout you will coordinate closely with Mr. Thabault and Mr. Beese to complete your Eagle Project and other steps required to attain the rank of Eagle.