

## **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 will 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 the Scoutmaster or an adult leader he designates. Bring a filled out Scoutmaster Conference Form with you to the Conference (this form is found on the Advancement Page on the troop website [here](#)).

Except for the rank of Scout (the first rank you will earn) all advancements also require a Board of Review to be completed after your Scoutmaster Conference. This Board of Review should be scheduled with the Troop Advancement Chairperson. His or her contact information is on the Advancement Page of the Troop Website. Bring with you to the Board of Review your signed Scoutmaster Conference Form and a Board of Review Form found [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. All rank advancements must now comply with the new requirements. If you have an old Scout Handbook (Pre-2016) you can find all current advancement requirements [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 for Star or Life ranks have been completed then a Scoutmaster Conference (form [here](#)) is required. Schedule this Conference with the Scoutmaster when you are ready. After successful completion of the Conference, a Board of Review may be scheduled with the Advancement Chairperson. You will receive your new rank badge 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 the Scoutmaster and other adult leaders to complete your Eagle Project and other requirements to attain the rank of Eagle.