



Boy Scouting advancement



Four Steps of Advancement

A Boy Scout advances from [Tenderfoot](#) to [Eagle](#) by doing things with his patrol and his troop, with his leaders, and on his own. It's easy for him to advance by utilizing the following four steps.

1. The Boy Scout learns. A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in ability to do his part as a member of the patrol and the troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others; and in this way he begins to develop leadership.

2. The Boy Scout is tested. A Scout may be tested on rank requirements by his patrol leader, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, a troop committee member, or a member of his troop.

- When a requirement is complete, Scout must ask an Adult Leader (not their parent) to sign off on the requirement.
- Scouts have **30 days** from date of completion to get the requirement signed off.
- When requirements are completed and signed off on the book, Scouts must email the Advancement Coordinator in order to record in Troop Master. Advancement Coordinator for Troop 51: Sandra Fallgatter sandrafallgatter@hotmail.com

3. The Boy Scout is reviewed. After a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, he has a [board of review](#). For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Palms, the review is conducted by members of the troop committee. The Eagle Scout board of review is conducted in accordance with local council procedures.

- Boards of Review (BOR) for Troop 51 are held each month typically on the 2nd or 3rd. Thursday of the month (check Troop 51 Calendar)
- Scouts are required to sign up for BOR by deadline established by the Advancement Coordinator. Failure to sign up can result in scout not being included on that particular month's BOR.
- All scouts participating in COH must wear the full official BSA dress uniform: Scout socks, Scout pants or Scout shorts (no jeans), Scout belt, Official BSA uniform shirt (tan button down shirt) with red or green epaulets, BSA or Troop neckerchief and slide Merit badge sash (if at least one merit badge has been awarded) or Order of the Arrow sash. Sash must include all merit badges earned to date.

4. The Boy Scout is recognized. When the board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This should be done at a special ceremony called formal [court of honor](#).

- Troop 51 conducts Courts of Honor quarterly. Scouts must check activity calendar for COH dates.
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