

NAME _____ CURRENT RANK _____

Rank Advancement: Checklist

In order to advance in Boy Scout rank, scouts need to complete the items identified on this checklist. **Before** asking the Scoutmaster for a **Scout Master’s Conference**, Please check the following items.

	Check that all requirements for the rank are completed, signed by a SM, and dated in your scout handbook
	Prepare for your Scout Master Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure you are familiar with the items in the (SMC) worksheet (from your scout guide book or the advancement chairman.) for the next rank; filling out the worksheet is not required for a Scoutmaster review.
	Schedule SMC with your Scoutmaster (Just ask and he’ll schedule one for you, maybe the same day)
	At the SMC, have the Scoutmaster sign & date your handbook.

Before asking Advancement Chairman to schedule a **Board of Review (BOR)** for you, please check on the following items and take care of them.

		Responsible Person	Signature & date
	YOU have no Troop equipment checked out, or if you do, YOU and the QM are aware of the equipment.	Quarter Master	Signature: Date
	You have no outstanding dues.	Treasurer	Signature: Date
	Ensure you have marked the requirements complete in Scouttrack for advancement with the proper dates.	Advancement Chairman	Signature: Date
	At least 1 week before the review, turn in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. this sheet and 2. your scout handbook to the Advancement Chairman for review (they may not be returned for a week).	Advancement Chairman	Signature: Date

If you have accounted for all items on the sheet, and if all items are checked off and signed, you may **sign up for a board of review**.

At the Board of Review, you will need to:

- **Dress in full Class A uniform**
- **Bring your Scout Handbook, and this form**
- **Know the Scout oath, law, outdoor code, motto, and slogan**

For Advancement Chair Use: Earliest Board of review date: _____



Scout Badge Joining Requirements Checklist



No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in [Boy Scout Requirements](#) (Pub. 33216 – SKU 34765).
The requirements were last revised in 2005 • This workbook was updated in October 2013.

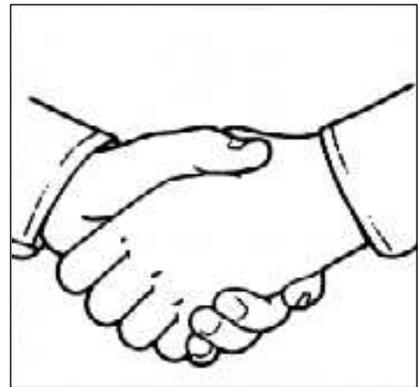
Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

<http://www.USScouts.Org> • <http://www.MeritBadge.Org>

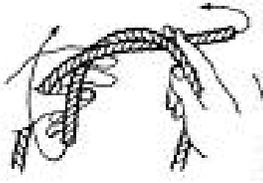
- 1. Meet the age requirements. Be a boy who is 11 years old, or one who has completed the fifth grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but is not yet 18 years old.
- 2. Complete a Boy Scout application and health history signed by your parent or guardian.
*(Editor's note: With parent or guardian supervision...
The BSA Youth Application can be downloaded here: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf>
The Health History form can be downloaded here: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/parts_ab.pdf)*
- 3. Find a Scout troop near your home.
*(Editor's note: **With parent or guardian supervision...** to find a troop that's nearby, you can use this link: <https://beascout.scouting.org/>. Alternatively, the council name, address and phone number can be found on the BSA's council locator page: <http://www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx>.)*
- 4. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

*I pledge allegiance to the flag
of the United States of America
and to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

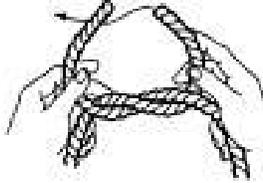
- 5. Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake.



6. Demonstrate tying the square knot (a joining knot).



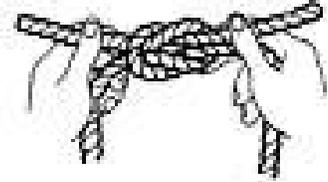
Right over left



Left over right



makes a knot



tidy and tight.

7. Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, motto, and slogan, and the Outdoor Code.

The Scout Oath:

On my honor ...

By giving your word, you are promising to be guided by the ideals of the Scout Oath.

I will do my best ...

Try hard to live up to the points of the Scout Oath. Measure your achievements against your own high standards and don't be influenced by peer pressure or what other people do.

To do my duty to God ...

Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings every day and by respecting and defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs.

and my country ...

Help keep the United States a strong and fair nation by learning about our system of government and your responsibilities as a citizen and future voter.

America is made up of countless families and communities. When you work to improve your community and your home, you are serving your country. Natural resources are another important part of America's heritage worthy of your efforts to understand, protect, and use wisely. What you do can make a real difference.

and to obey the Scout Law; ...

The twelve points of the Scout Law are guidelines that can lead you toward wise choices. When you obey the Scout Law, other people will respect you for the way you live, and you will respect yourself.

To help other people at all times; ...

There are many people who need you. Your cheerful smile and helping hand will ease the burden of many who need assistance. By helping out whenever possible, you are doing your part to make this a better world.

To keep myself physically strong, ...

Take care of your body so that it will serve you well for an entire lifetime. That means eating nutritious foods, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly to build strength and endurance. It also means avoiding harmful drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and anything else that can harm your health.

mentally awake ...

Develop your mind both in the classroom and outside of school. Be curious about everything around you, and work hard to make the most of your abilities. With an inquiring attitude and the willingness to ask questions, you can learn much about the exciting world around you and your role in it.

and morally straight.

To be a person of strong character, your relationships with others should be honest and open. You should respect and defend the rights of all people. Be clean in your speech and actions, and remain faithful in your religious beliefs. The values you practice as a Scout will help you shape a life of virtue and self-reliance.

The Scout Law***A Scout is Trustworthy.***

A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is Loyal.

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

A Scout is Helpful.

A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is Friendly.

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

A Scout is Courteous.

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is Kind.

A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

A Scout is Obedient.

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

A Scout is Cheerful.

A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is Thrifty.

A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is Brave.

A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is Clean.

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is Reverent.

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

The Scout motto,***Be Prepared.***

Be prepared for life - to live happily and without regret, knowing that you have done your best. That's what the Scout motto means.

The Scout slogan,***Do a Good Turn Daily.***

A Good Turn is more than simple good manners. It is a special act of kindness.

The Outdoor Code.

As an American, I will do my best to –

- ***Be clean in my outdoor manners.***

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.

I will take care of it for myself and others

I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

- ***Be careful with fire.***

I will prevent wildfire.

I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.

When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out.

I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

- ***Be considerate in the outdoors.***

I will treat public and private property with respect.

I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

- ***And Be conservation minded***

I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.

I will urge others to do the same.

8. Describe the Scout badge.

Shape - The three-point design of the top half is like the north point of an old sailor's compass. This shows that a Scout is able to point the right way in life as truly as the compass points it in the field.

Three Points - The three points of the trefoil are like the three fingers used in the Scout sign. They stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath: duty to God & country; duty to others; duty to yourself.

Eagle and Shield - The eagle and shield, national emblem of the US, stand for freedom and a Scouter's readiness to defend that freedom.

Two Stars - The two stars stand for truth and knowledge of the Scouting movement. They guide you by night and suggest a Scout's outdoor life

Scroll - The scroll is turned up at the ends to remind us of the corners of a Scout's mouth raised in a smile as he does his duty. The Scout motto is printed across the scroll.

Knot - The knot attached to the bottom of the scroll represents the Scout slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily.



9. Complete the pamphlet exercises. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet

How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide.

The pamphlet may be found online at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/ypt/pdf/100-015.pdf>

10. Participate in a Scoutmaster conference. Turn in your Boy Scout application and health history form signed by your parent or guardian, then participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

BOY SCOUT CANDIDATE _____ DATE _____

This conference can be short, and no Board of Review is required. A Webelo who earned his Arrow of Light should pretty well know the checklist, and is sometimes brought into the Troop as a Boy Scout. Even if the boy's answers are far from perfect, he can be passed, with comments to review and know specific items better for Tenderfoot. Boy Scout is a joining level, not a rank, and thus should not take much time.

Use the Checklist Sheet to guide answers, or train the items.

CHECKLIST

1. Scout Sign Can he demonstrate these? Does he know
2. Scout Salute what all three mean?
3. Scout Handclasp
4. Tie a square knot--- it is a symbol of joining.
5. Scout Oath--- does he know and understand most of it?
6. Scout Laws--- does he know and understand most of them?
7. Scout Badge--- explain it to him, if he doesn't know it
8. Does he have a book--- it should be with him.

Why did he join the Troop?

What does he want to do in Scouting? Probably have fun!

He and his parents should have reviewed and signed the Child and Drug Abuse Pamphlet in the front of his book.

Does he have any other questions about the Troop? He should have received an Information Packet or other discussion with his application prior to joining.

Review the Tenderfoot Requirements briefly, but don't dwell on them. Ease any fears by stating that most of these can be met with regular participation in meetings, campouts, and other Troop activities.

CONCLUSION

OKAY FOR BOY SCOUT _____

NEEDS MORE WORK ON ITEMS WITH (*), RE-DO CONFERENCE _____ WHEN? _____

SCOUTMASTERS _____