

NEW SCOUT PAPERWORK:

A Boy Scout Registration form , BSA Medical form, Troop Resource Survey form must be fully completed by the scout's parents in order to join Troop 122. These forms contain essential information needed for running the Troop program.

UNIFORMS:

There are several different combinations of uniforms that we use in the troop. Uniform classifications are listed below. All Scouts who have been members of the troop for three (3) months are expected to have a full uniform. Uniform classifications are as follows:

CLASS "A" - (full dress) - consists of Scout Shirt, Scout Trousers, Scout Socks, Scout belt, Troop Neckerchief, Troop Hat and Merit Badge Sash (if they have one). All patches and insignias to be correct and current.

CLASS "B" - Troop meetings - consists of blue Troop "T" Shirt, Scout Trousers/Shorts, Scout Belt and Troop Hat.

CLASS "C" Street clothes - consist of no uniform - used on some camp outs and family trips.

Uniform check at each troop meeting generates points towards the Scout of the Year.

CAMPING:

It is impossible for a Scout to advance in rank unless he goes camping. Camping also provides an opportunity for individual **growth**. The most important part of growing is to build his self-reliance. This can only be accomplished when the Scout **works with his patrol to learn outdoor skills and how to care for himself as he grows**.

Signed permission slips are required for each camp out and activity. The slip includes a waiver of liability and medical and transportation information. **Slips must be returned to the adult leader running the camp out/activity by the date shown on the permission slip**, usually about Two weeks before the trip. This time then allows the leaders and Scouts to properly plan for the transportation, nutrition, health and safety of those attending. **\$15.00 cash must be stapled to the permission slip to cover the cost of meals.**

ADVANCEMENT:

BASIC SCOUT SKILLS: When a young man joins the Scouting program he works on becoming an outdoorsman. The skills he learns pertain to taking care of himself in the outdoors. Programs to help him learn the use of woods tools, compass, maps, first aid, swimming, nature, and camping skills are some of the things he will learn. New members of the Troop will fall under the watchful eye of the Troop Guide who is a coach/counselor for them until they complete their first year as scouts. **One or more adult leaders will be assigned to work with new Scouts until they reach the rank of First Class.** Active Scouts will advance to First Class within 1 1/2 years.

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM: Merit Badges are earned by Scouts by participating in a program for the badge he desires to work for. The principle of the merit badge program is that the boy chooses a subject that interests him and **requests an approval and blue card for that merit badge from the Scoutmaster**. The Scoutmaster assigns an approved and registered counselor from a list provided by the Advancement Chairman. **The boy will then make an appointment** with an adult who he may not be familiar with, keep that appointment, discuss the topic which is of mutual interest to them, leave and proceed to do the requirements in the manner consistent with his discussion with the assigned counselor. Youth Protection guidelines are to be followed at all times. **It is important to remember that it is the Scout's responsibility to make the arrangements with the Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor. Scouts must make the calls to the Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselors. Work on the merit badge requirements cannot begin until the blue card, signed by the Scoutmaster, has been obtained and the requirements have been discussed with the Counselor.** Scouts who have not yet reached First Class rank will usually be limited to taking one merit badge at a time

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE:

The Scoutmaster conference will take place as determined by the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster conducting the conference. The conferences for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class will be conducted by the Assistant Scoutmaster responsible for that rank. Star, Life, and Eagle conferences are conducted by the Scoutmaster, or Assistant responsible for the requirement. **When attending a Scoutmaster conference, Scouts must be in full Class A uniform and have their Scout Handbook with them. Scouts who are unprepared, missing their handbook or out of uniform will have their Scoutmaster Conference rescheduled.** After completion of the Scoutmaster Conference the scout's book will be signed and the leader will notify the Troop Committee that a Board of Review is needed. The Committee will schedule a Board of Review and the Scout will be notified of the location time and date.

BOARD OF REVIEW: The board of review is made up of at least three and not more than six members of the troop committee. One member serves as chairman, usually the committee advancement chair. Unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, relatives, or guardians may not serve as members of a scout's board of review. A date, time and location is scheduled for the board of review. For the board of review the scout should be there on time, neat in appearance and wear his full Class A uniform with hat, merit badge sash and current rank badge. *(**See Note below regarding non attendance or improper uniform).**

***Note:** A board of review is an important step in advancement and involves the commitment of a number of adults giving up their time to meet for the scout's review. A scout should take a board of review seriously. While a younger scout going for Scout, Tenderfoot or 2nd class rank will be given some leeway, the following consequences will apply to experienced scouts not appearing for or being in improper uniform for boards of review for the ranks of 1st class, Star, Life and Eagle.

If a scout does not show up for the board of review at the scheduled date, time and location, and has not called the troop advancement chair beforehand with a satisfactory excuse (sickness, school conflict) and a request to reschedule, the scout will not be eligible to request a rescheduled board of review for forty five (45) days.

If a scout does not wear his full Class A uniform with hat, merit badge sash, current rank badge and position patch, the board of review will not be held and the scout will not be eligible to request a rescheduled board of review for thirty (30) days.

The board of review has three purposes:

1. To make sure the rank requirements have been learned and completed.
2. To check to see what kind of experience the scout is having in the troop and his patrol.
3. To encourage the scout to advance to the next rank.

The review is not a skills re-examination. However, the Scout can be asked where he learned his skill, who taught him, and the value he gained from passing this requirement. The board reviews what the scout did to earn his rank. From this review, it can be determined whether he did what he was supposed to do. The review also reveals what kind of experience the Scout is having in the troop.

The board should attempt to determine the Scout's ideals and goals. The board should make sure that a good standard of performance has been met. Asking the scout to recite and discuss the Scout Oath and Scout Law is in keeping with the purpose of the review, to make sure the candidate recognizes and understands the value of Scouting in his home, unit, school, and community.

At the conclusion of the review, the board will know whether a boy is qualified for the rank. The Scout is asked to leave the room while the board members discuss his achievements. The decision of the board of review is arrived through discussion and must be unanimous. If members are satisfied that the Scout is ready to advance, he is called in, congratulated and encouraged to continue his advancement.

If the board decides that the Scout is not ready to advance, the candidate should be informed and told what he has not done satisfactorily. The members of the board of review should specify what must be done to rework the candidate's weaknesses. After the board of review is completed, the Scoutmaster is informed of the decision made by the board of review. The board of review rank approval is reported to the council service center on an Advancement Report. The scout will receive his rank badge at a troop meeting or Court of Honor.