

Troop 226 Advancements

From Scout to Eagle, there are seven ranks in Boy Scouting. The adult leaders and senior members of the troop will be there to help your scout along the path to Eagle. The following is some information you might find helpful.

1. Your scout should bring his Scout Handbook to ALL meetings. We will track his progress in this book. You should check the book periodically to see how he is progressing and to look for any notes we might include for work to be completed at home. A handbook cover can be purchased at the Scout Shop, located at 516 Liberty Parkway, Vestavia Hills, AL 35242-7531, and by telephone at (205) 970-0251. Your son will have this book for many years and that will help keep it intact.
2. It's a good idea to keep a list in the Scout Handbook of all the outings your scout attends with dates and number of nights camped, as well as any service projects with the dates and number of hours served. He will most likely be questioned about this during Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review, and it can be difficult to remember without having the information in his handbook. He should also list his merit badges earned in the appropriate area for each rank.
3. To attain the rank of Eagle, a scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges. We will work on some of the merit badges at the meetings and outings, and there are merit badge day camps offered several times a year in our area. The scouts will also work on merit badges at Summer Camp. Sometimes a scout will have to complete some requirements after returning from camp.
4. To progress in rank, your scout must attend 60% of the meetings, and 75% of the outings in the previous 3 months prior to advancing.
5. Once your scout has completed all the requirements for a rank, he (not his parents) should contact Mr. Ford (Scoutmaster) to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference. Your scout must wear his Class A uniform and bring his handbook to the Scoutmaster Conference. Mr. Ford will question him about his scouting experience and most likely ask him to tie knots, recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and other requirements of the rank.
6. After successfully completing his Scoutmaster Conference, your scout (not his parents) should contact Mr. or Mrs. Karg (Advancement) to schedule a Board of Review. Two or three adults will be contacted to participate in the Board of Review. Again, your scout must wear his Class A uniform and bring his handbook. This is a friendly review, and nothing to stress over. We will question him about his scouting experiences, goals, etc.
7. Three times a year (usually September, December, and April) we will hold a Court of Honor. There are usually held in the Holy Family Room at St. Peter the Apostle Church and are required activities for all scouts. All families are invited and encouraged to attend. We will eat, award merit badges and ranks of advancement, and discuss upcoming troop business.

I am glad your son has joined our troop! Please feel free to contact us for any questions or concerns.

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