



Board of Review Procedures

Purpose:

The Board of Review is to make sure all the requirements for a particular rank are met. This means a spot check of both technical skills and a Scout's attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting. Although the Board of Review is not a re-examination, you may be asked to demonstrate or explain a particular skill and describe the value you gained from learning the skill. We will review what you did for the rank. From this review it can be determined whether you did what you were supposed to do and what kind of experience you are having with the troop. A few minutes preparation in advance will ensure you are well prepared!

What a Scout should do before the Board of Review:

1. Review the rank requirements and decide if they have been adequately fulfilled.
2. Review troop activity since last rank advancement. You should have been active, as defined by current Troop 21 standards, for the time designated by the rank. If the rank requires active service in a position of responsibility, then you should have actively served, as defined by current Troop 21 standards, for the required amount of time. You should be able to describe your experience in the troop as a Scout and/or as a troop leader since your last rank advancement.
3. [Schedule](#) and attend a Scoutmaster's conference.
4. [Schedule](#) a Board of Review. The Board of Review should be scheduled at least a week in advance to allow time to assemble adults to serve on the Board.

The Night of the Board of Review:

You should show up to the troop meeting on time and in full uniform. Scouts who are not in uniform will not be reviewed by the Board and will have to reschedule their review. When called to appear before the Board, you should present yourself in a professional manner (i.e., shirt tucked in) by doing the following:

- Introduce yourself as "*Current rank* Scout *Your name* for the *expected rank* Board of Review". For example, "First Class Scout John Doe for the Star Board of Review".



What might be asked during the Board of Review?

A Board of Review is a very personal experience. No two Boards of Review will be exactly the same. However, a few standard topics are usually discussed.

- You will be asked to describe your experience in the troop since your last rank advancement. You should be able to discuss experiences at recent troop meetings and overnights. You should be able to explain how you have been actively involved in the troop according to current Troop standards.
- You may also be asked how you show Scout Spirit and how you keep the Scout Oath and Law when not in uniform.
- You may be asked to demonstrate a specific skill that was required for the rank or any previous rank.
- If service in a leadership position is required, you may be asked to describe the leadership skills you have learned and to evaluate your performance in the leadership position.
- If a service project is required, you may be asked to explain what you did and why it was important.