

BOY SCOUT TROOP 114 ADVANCEMENT GUIDELINES

To advance to the next Scout rank the scout must meet all the requirements listed in the Boy Scout Handbook. The following will further explain the requirements and the steps each scout must follow to advance in rank.

For the ranks of Tenderfoot through First Class, the requirements can be signed by any other Scout who has achieved the rank of First Class or higher, although it will usually be the Patrol Leader. Upon receiving each rank, the Scout will receive an advancement card. The Scout **must** keep these cards in a safe place, as they are a required part of the application for the rank of EAGLE.

Scouts of any rank may earn Merit Badges. Merit Badges are required for ranks above First Class. These merit badges must be signed by an approved adult Merit Badge Counselor. **BEFORE** calling a counselor, the Scout must get a blue merit badge card from the Scoutmaster. This card must first be signed by the Scoutmaster, and then by the Merit Badge Counselor after he/she is sure that the Scout has completed all the requirements of the Merit Badge. The blue card must then be returned to the Scoutmaster. At the next Court of Honor the Scout will receive the Merit Badge, a white Merit Badge card, and the "APPLICANT'S RECORD" section of the blue card. The Scout **MUST** keep these cards in a safe place -- these cards are a required part of the application for the rank of Eagle.

Each of the ranks has requirement about "**ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**" in troop activities, service hours, and scout spirit. For all ranks above 1st class, the troop committee has defined the following guideline to be used when determining "**Active Participation**"

This Troop defines active participation as attending a minimum of **50% of all regular Troop meetings** and a minimum of **50% of all Troop outings** since the scout's last advancement in rank.

Troop Meetings include: Regular weekly Troop meetings, Patrol Leader Council Meetings, Courts of Honor

Outings include: Summer Camp, Weekend Campouts, Day Hikes

Additional requirements for the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader are listed in the following table.

| | Senior Patrol Leader | Assistant Senior Patrol Leader | Patrol Leader |
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| MINIMUM RANK | STAR | 1 st Class | 1 st Class |
| CAMPING | 10 Nights Overnight 15 Total Trips | 10 Nights Overnight 14 Total Trips | 5 Nights Overnight 8 Total Trips |
| PARTICIPATION | 2 Years | 1.5 years | 1 Year |
| SERVICE | 3 Projects | 3 Projects | 2 Projects |
| SUPPORTS TROOP | Trustworthy Recyclables Pickup | Trustworthy Recyclables Pickup | Trustworthy Recyclables Pickup |
| ROLE MODEL | Good example of Oath and Law | Good example of Oath and Law | Good example of Oath and Law |
| SPIRIT | Wears Uniform Regularly | Wears Uniform Regularly | Wears Uniform Regularly |
| ATTENDANCE | Attends almost all events and meetings. | Attends almost all events and meetings. | Attends almost all events and meetings. |

Final determination of eligibility will be made by the Scoutmaster using these guidelines along with input from a variety of sources including, but not limited to The Scout, Adult Leaders and The Troop Committee.