

Troop 611 Guidelines for a Successful Board of Review

To advance to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and beyond requires that the Scout pass a Board of Review for each rank advancement. The Board is made up of at least three parents from the Troop. The purpose of the Board is to confirm that the Scout is ready for advancement. This is done by the Scout answering questions asked by the Board. After passing the Board, the Scout is awarded the advancement at the Court of Honor.

These questions and answers do not apply to the Eagle Rank. Eagle Boards are handled differently.

How do I know when I am ready to advance?

When you have met the requirements for the rank as listed in your Boy Scout Handbook and have had a successful Scoutmaster conference, you are ready for a Board. You must be up to date on your Troop dues to receive your advancement.

How do I schedule a Board of Review?

When you are ready, you should contact the Parent Committee Advancement Chairperson and request to have a Board of Review. Boards are usually held on the last Wednesday evening (the same night as the PLC) of each month of the scouting year (Sept.-June), in one of the classrooms across the street from the church. You will be given a scheduled time by the Advancement Chairperson.

The Board of Reviews are given on a first come, first served basis. If the schedule is full, you will have to wait until the next month.

How do I prepare for a Board of Review?

You should be prepared to answer questions about the Scouting program. Your Scoutmasters can help you prepare. Prior to the Board of Review you must request a Scoutmaster conference. You should schedule the Scoutmaster conference with one of the Assistant Scoutmasters with your patrol. You will need to pass and have signed off the Scoutmaster's conference prior to requesting a Board of Review appointment.

What do I need to bring to the Board?

Wear your full uniform. For all ranks you need to bring your Boy Scout Handbook. The rank advancement requirements in the Handbook will be checked for completeness during the Board.

What happens during the Board?

During the Board of Review you will answer questions asked by the Board. As you advance through the ranks, the Board will expect your answers to become more and more *complete become more detailed, with less emphasis on memory (oath, law, etc.) and more on your opinions about Scouting.*

What if I don't pass the Board of Review?

You will be told exactly why you did not pass at this time. Your Board will reconvene at a later date when you feel you are prepared to pass the portion of your Board that you were deficient in. You may return to complete your Board at a later time after you have studied.

Tips

Call to schedule a Board as soon as possible, it makes it easier for the Chairperson to schedule more scouts

Be on time

Relax, try not to be nervous

Sit up straight, no slouching

Make eye contact with the person asking the question

Speak up, try not to mumble

Try to avoid using words and phrases like "you know", and "ummm" to fill the gaps in your answers

Think a little about each question before responding

Be truthful, answer each question honestly

Be brief, sometimes a yes or no answer is sufficient