

Scout: the first rank of Boy Scouts. Like all other ranks it must be earned. A Cub Scout who earns the Arrow of Light will be well prepared for this test. You must show you know the Scout sign, salute and handshake. You must have the skill and knowledge to tie a square knot, a knot that represents service to others. You must know and agree to live by the Scout Oath and Law, the guiding principles of all scouts.

Tenderfoot: the second rank of Boy Scouts. It shows the scout has the basic knowledge to safely prepare for a campout. He must present himself properly dressed and packed for an overnight camping trip. He must spend at least one night on a campout where he assists in the preparing, cooking and cleaning up of a meal. He must be able to identify poisonous plants and tell how to treat for exposure to them. He must demonstrate a basic knowledge of first aid. He will also be challenged to improve his physical health. He must know now the Scout Oath and Law by heart.

Second Class: Reaching the rank of second class shows the Scout is competent in camping and hiking. Though there is still much to learn, a second class scout can be counted on to know how to plan a healthy menu and cook for themselves. Every second class scout can show the safe handling, use and care for a knife and ax. He is able to find his way with map and compass and sleep in a tent he pitched himself. His knowledge of first aid goes beyond his personal care and can now help others in potentially life threatening situations.

First Class: The First Class Scout can plan all the food and equipment needed for his patrol to go camping. Not only can a First Class Scout find his way with a compass over an orienteering course, he must be able to find, day or night, north without a compass. He must show how to use rope and natural materials to build things that make camp life easier. First Aid now includes the ability to safely rescue people in danger. Not only has his knowledge of outdoor plants and animals been tested, he has also talked with a community leader about citizenship. A scout who has earned this rank is truly first class.

Star: The Rank of Star is the first rank that requires the scout earn merit badges. He must earn a total of 6 merit badges, 4 of which must be from the 12 Eagle required. These merit badges are in categories like Conservation, Natural Science, Personal Development, Public Service, Sports, Arts, Hobbies and Business. The Star scout has been active in the troop for at least 4 months as a First Class scout and held an approved position of responsibility and leadership. He has also spent at least 6 hours in community service as part of the service hour's requirement. The last step of every rank is the board of review. This board is made up of the parents and committee members of our troop. As a group, they confirm he has met the requirements for rank, discuss the scout's experience in the troop and his work towards attaining this rank.

Life: A Life Scout must earn 5 more merit badges for 11. Of these 5, 3 must be from the Eagle required list that includes First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nations, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Personal Management, Camping, Family Life and Swimming or Hiking or Cycling. He has been active in the troop for 6 months as a Star Scout in which he spent 6 additional hours of community service and a second position of leadership. At every rank, the Scout has a meeting with one of the Scoutmasters, where they discuss the scout's future plans and their adherence to the Scout Oath and Law. They will not advance if they are found lacking in their striving for these ideals.

Eagle: Only 2 out of every 100 scouts ever earn the rank of Eagle. He must have earned all 12 eagle required merit badges and an addition 9 for a total of at least 21. He has been active in the troop for 6 months as Life scout. He has used his experience and skills in a position of leadership, many times as the Senior Patrol leader, the scout responsible for running the troop. Of all the requirements, the most demanding is the Eagle Project. This project must benefit community, religious institution or school. The project is about being a leader and the scout must coordinate and direct others in its completion. The project plan goes through an approval process that may require it to be revised and rewritten a number of times. These projects stand as tribute to the work of the scout and scouting. At the completion of the project, it is reviewed for final approval. The candidate will then have their final scoutmaster conference where his time as a scout is reviewed, his adherence to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law are examined and his plans beyond scouting or discussed. After successfully completing the Scoutmaster conference, a final Board of Review is convened that will include adults who are themselves Eagle Scouts and a representative from the District Advancement Committee. If the candidate passes the Board of Review, all records will be sent to the national office for the final approval and awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout.