

BOARD OF REVIEW



What is a Board of Review? – Following a successful Scoutmaster Conference, a Scout must schedule a Board of Review. The purpose of a Board of Review is:

1. To make sure the Scout has completed the requirements for the rank;
2. To see how good an experience the Scout is having in the Troop;
3. To encourage the Scout to progress further.

Additionally, the Board of Review provides "quality control" on advancement within the Troop, it provides an opportunity for the Scout to develop and practice those skills needed in an interview situation, and it is an opportunity for the Scout to review his accomplishments and to open up about his experience in the Troop.

The Board of Review is NOT a retest; the Scout has already been tested on the skills and activities required for the rank. However, the chairman of the Board of Review should ensure that all the requirements have been "signed off" in the Scout's handbook. Additionally, the chairman should ensure that leadership and merit badge records are consistent with the requirements for the rank.

The Board of Review is an opportunity to review the Scout's attitudes, accomplishments and his acceptance of Scouting's ideals.

What comprises a Board of Review? – For all ranks (except Eagle) and Eagle palms, the Board of Review consists of three to six members of the Troop Committee. Parents may also participate as long as there is at least one registered Committee member present. The Troop Advancement Chairperson typically acts as the chairperson of the Board of Review. Relatives or guardians may not serve as members of a Scout's Board of Review. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters may not participate in a Board of Review.

For the rank of Eagle, the Board of Review consists of three to six members drawn from Scouting and the community. At least one member of the District Advancement Committee must be a member of the Board of Review for Eagle, and

may serve as chairperson of the Board of Review. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters from the Troop, relatives, or guardians may not serve as members of a Scout's Board of Review for Eagle Scout. A Board of Review for Eagle may contain members of the community who are not registered Scouters; however, they should be knowledgeable of the principles of Scouting. For example, a representative from the chartering organization, an adult Eagle Scout (even if not currently registered), or a religious leader are sometimes asked to assist with an Eagle Board of Review.

Boards of Review shall be requested of the Advancement Coordinator by the Scout. The request should be at least 1 week in advance to ensure that there are sufficient registered committee members on hand to complete the boards of review in the order that they were requested. Scoutmaster Conferences cannot take place on the same date as the Board of Review.

The Advancement Coordinator reserves the right to postpone any Board of review for:

1. Improper/incomplete uniform;
2. Discrepancies in the signing off of rank advancement requirements.

Last minute requests may, or may not be granted. Scouts should not wait to the last meeting prior to a Court of Honor to request a Board of Review. Be Prepared.