

CONDUCTING A SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE

The Scoutmaster conference provides an opportunity for the Scout and the Scoutmaster to share with and build trust in each other.

Boy Scout Advancement video

Watch for the following:

Where are Scoutmaster conferences held?

When is the first conference held?

What are the important elements of a Scoutmaster conference?

Elements of a Scoutmaster conference....

What a Scoutmaster Conference should cover

1. Should take place in an open friendly environment, in sight of others, but yet be confidential.
2. Should build trust levels
3. Should inquire about school progress
4. Review religion - "Duty to God"
5. Is the Scout making ethical decisions?
6. Should ensure the Scout is ready for Board of Reviews - have met all requirements for rank advancement.
7. Set goals for next rank advancement.

Note: Ask questions that require a narrative answer; not "yes" or "no" questions.

The Scoutmaster's conference should be about 10 minutes for Tenderfoot & Second Class Ranks, First Class & Star Ranks should take about 15 minutes, while the ones for Life & Eagle Scout Ranks could take 20 – 30 minutes.

Resources:

Scoutmaster Handbook

Boy Scout Advancement Video. Segment 5

Advancement Policies and Procedures Committee Guide

Scoutmasters Specific Training, offered by the district training committee