

# UNDERSTANDING ADVANCEMENT

## What roles do adults play in advancement?

1. Merit Badge Counselors
2. Scouting Skills Instructor
3. Interest Parent
4. Scoutmaster
5. Board of Review Member

## What are the four (4) steps in rank advancement?

1. The Scout Learns
2. The Scout is tested
3. The Scout is Reviewed
4. The Scout is recognized

## The ultimate goal...

By the end of the first year, a troop of "net-contributors" - Scouts who can take care of themselves and others in the outdoors.

## Learning the troop program...

Where does the learning take place?

- At troop meetings (the skills portion)
- During a Scoutmaster Minute
- On Troop outings
- From Other Scouts
- As an individual
- With other people

What is the Scout's role in learning?

## How does the Scoutmaster accomplish this role?

- The Scoutmaster's own abilities
- Other members of the troop, both youth and adults
- Parents and other members of the community
- Scouting literature and handbooks

## What motivates a Scout to learn and where does that learning take place?

- What are the four basic steps of learning in Scouting?
  - Demonstration
  - Application
  - Competition
  - Recognition

Who will serve as the instructor in the demonstration step?

## Tracking Advancement

First Class Tracking Sheet (see forms sections)

1. Scout's name and personal data
2. Category
  - A. Outdoor
  - B. Physical Fitness
  - C. Citizenship
  - D. Patrol/Troop Participation
  - E. Personal Development

### 3. Goal Attainment

- . At the Troop/Patrol Meetings
- A. Outdoors on a Troop camping trip/activity
- B. On his own

As the requirements for each rank advancement are completed, the Scout meets with the Scoutmaster for a Scoutmaster Conference.

If the Scout completes a successful Scoutmaster Conference, he can then be scheduled for a Board of Review. During all of these processes, we want to make sure the Scout is learning the aims, ideals, and methods of Scouting and not just meeting requirements or “just going through the motions” in order to advance.

## **AIMS OF SCOUTING**

Character Development

## **IDEALS**

Living the Scout Oath and Law

## **METHODS**

Learning the patrol method, wearing of the uniform, personal growth, leadership development, participating in troop and outdoor activities, & association with adults.