

RANK ADVANCEMENT - OVERVIEW

The master of ceremonies [MC] will introduce the Scoutmaster to preside over the rank advancements and ask the following people to proceed to the stage to congratulate the scouts and parents:

(Advancement Chairman) _____

(Assistant Scoutmaster) _____

(Troop Committee Chairman) _____

The SPL and ASPLs

The Scoutmaster will give a short talk and then announce the instructions for the recipient of the rank advancements. The key point is that the recipients and his parents should proceed to the right side of the room when their rank is called. The recipients will then proceed to the stage to be congratulated by the adult leaders and the youth leadership (SPLs and ASPLs) that are announcing the ranks.

The Scoutmaster will then ask the recipients of the Scout Rank and their parents to proceed to the right side of the room. He then introduces the presenter for Scout rank.

1. _____ does Scout Rank advancement speech. At the end pauses to have all the scouts and parents pose for pictures and calls for an applause from the audience.

MC introduces next presenter for Tenderfoot Rank presentation and asks the scouts and the parents of the scouts receiving the Tenderfoot rank to proceed to the right side of the room and up on stage.

2. _____ does Tenderfoot Rank advancement speech. At the end pauses to have all the scouts and parents pose for pictures and calls for an applause from the audience.

MC introduces next presenter for Second Class Rank presentation, and asks the scouts and the parents of the scouts receiving the rank to proceed to the right side of the room and up on stage.

3. _____ does Second Class Rank advancement speech. At the end pauses to have all the scouts and parents pose for pictures and calls for an applause from the audience.

MC introduces next presenter for First Class advancement, and asks the scouts and the parents of the scouts receiving the rank to proceed to the right side of the room and up on stage.

4. _____ does First Class Rank advancement speech. At the end pauses to have all the scouts and parents pose for pictures and calls for an applause from the audience.

MC introduces next presenter for Star advancement, and asks the scouts and the parents of the scouts receiving the rank to proceed to the right side of the room and up on stage.

5. _____ does Star Rank advancement. At the end pauses to have all the scouts and parents pose for pictures and calls for an applause from the audience.

MC introduces next presenter for Life advancement, and asks the scouts and the parents of the scouts receiving the rank to proceed to the right side of the room and up on stage.

6. _____ does Life Rank advancement. At the end pauses to have all the scouts and parents pose for pictures and calls for an applause from the audience.

The MC turns the microphone back to the Scoutmaster.

The Scoutmaster says that this completes the advancements for this Court of Honor, this concludes our presentation of the rank advancements. He returns the microphone back to the MC.

1. Script for the Scout Rank Advancement

Congratulations to those that Scouts who have achieved the Scout Rank.

The Scout Rank signifies the beginning of the Scouting Adventure. The scouting adventure begins by building on the three key elements of scouting . . . the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto . . . with the spirit of Scouting.

To enter scouting as a Scout rank, these scouts had to demonstrate:

1. The scout sign, scout salute and scout handshake.
2. That he understands and agrees to live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Slogan, and the Outdoor Code.
3. He knows the description of the Scout Badge.
4. That he knows the square knot, which is a joining knot signifying his joining the Boy Scouts.
5. He has the Scout spirit and has participated in a Scoutmaster Conference where he demonstrated the above requirements and was introduced to the Scouting Adventure.

(#)_____ scouts are awarded the Scout Rank tonight:

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(After all the scouts and parents are on stage.)

- I would like to take a moment if anyone would like to take pictures of our scouts.

(After pictures)

- Please join me in congratulating these scouts for attaining the Scout rank.
(Applause)

- Would the scouts and the parents please be reseated.

(Turn microphone back to Master of Ceremonies.)

2. Script for the Tenderfoot Rank Advancement

Congratulations to those Scouts that achieved the Tenderfoot Scout Rank.

Attainment of the Tenderfoot Rank is the first earned rank by the scout in the Scouting Adventure. By building upon what the scout learned in earning the scout rank, the scouts earning the Tenderfoot Rank are beginning to learn the basic scout skills . . . the skills that will serve him as a scout and hiker . . . and will enable him to "be prepared".

To attain this rank, a scout must demonstrate basic scout skills including:

1. Demonstrating that he has the skill to tie knots and knows the use of the half hitch and taut line knots, and knows how to whip and fuse the ends of a rope.
2. Knowing the rules of safe hiking and the buddy system.
3. Spending one night on a group campout where he also participated in the preparation and cooking of a meal, and identified local poisonous plants.
4. Demonstrating how to display, raise, lower and fold the American Flag.
5. Practicing and showing improvement in five physical exercises.
6. Demonstrating the Heimlich maneuver and described its use.
7. Demonstrating his knowledge of basic First Aid for minor injuries.
8. Participating in a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review where he confirmed that he met the requirements for the Tenderfoot rank.

(#)_____ scouts are awarded the Tenderfoot Rank tonight:

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(After all the scouts and parents are on stage.)

- I would like to take a moment if anyone would like to take pictures of our scouts.

(After pictures)

- Please join me in congratulating these scouts for attaining the Tenderfoot rank.
(Applause)
- Would the scouts and the parents please be reseated.

(Turn microphone back to Master of Ceremonies.)

3. Script for the Second Class Rank Advancement

Congratulations to those Scouts that achieved the Second Class Scout Rank.

Attainment of the Second Class Rank is the second rank earned in the Scouting Adventure. This rank builds on the Tenderfoot Rank increasing the scout's knowledge of "scout skills".

To attain this rank, a scout must demonstrate the following scout skills and scout spirit:

1. Demonstrate Orienteering Skills with a map and compass.
2. Participate in five activities, including two overnight campouts with the Troop. On these campouts, show his basic Scout skills to an adult leader.
3. Participate in a flag ceremony.
4. Participate in a service project of at least one hour.
5. Identify at least ten kinds of animals in the community.
6. Demonstrate "Life Threatening" first aid skills, and first aid for minor wounds, burns, heat exhaustion and shock.
7. Prepare a personal first aid kit.
8. Know the "safe swim" precautions.
9. Demonstrate the Scout Spirit by living the Scout Promise and Scout Oath in everyday life.
10. Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review where he confirmed that he met the requirements to be a Second Class Scout.

(#)_____ scouts are awarded the Second Class Rank tonight:

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(After all the scouts and parents are on stage.)

- I would like to take a moment if anyone would like to take pictures of our scouts.

(After pictures)

- Please join me in congratulating these scouts for attaining the Second Class rank.
(Applause)
- Would the scouts and the parents please be reseated.

(Turn microphone back to Master of Ceremonies.)

4. Script for the First Class Rank Advancement

Congratulations to those Scouts that achieved the First Class Scout Rank.

The First Class Rank signifies that the Scout has mastered basic scouting skills and demonstrates the scout spirit. With the mastering of the basic skills, our First Class Scouts now enter into a different phase of scouting. The First Class Scouts will be judged on their progression of leadership skills, including setting the example of scout spirit, assisting the younger scouts, and taking active leadership responsibilities in the troop.

To attain First Class, demonstrating the mastering of basic scout skills, our scouts have:

1. Participated in ten separate Troop activities, three of which must be overnight campouts.
2. Demonstrated how to find the compass directions day or night without using a compass.
3. Demonstrated Orienteering and measurement skills in the field that cover at least one mile.
4. Participated in the menu planning, preparation and cleanup for your patrol for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Served as Patrol Cook on one campout.
5. Discussed Constitutional rights and obligations with a civic leader, teacher, judge, or attorney.
6. Know and demonstrate how and when to use lashings.
7. Demonstrate selected rescue procedures.
8. Know "safe trip afloat" precautions.
9. Demonstrate water survival skills and pass the BSA swimmer test.
10. Demonstrated the Scout Spirit by living the Scout Promise and Scout Oath in everyday life.
11. Participated in a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review where he confirmed that he met the requirements to be a First Class Scout.

(#)_____ scouts are awarded the First Class Rank tonight:

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(After all the scouts and parents are on stage.)

- I would like to take a moment if anyone would like to take pictures of our scouts.

(After pictures)

- Please join me in congratulating these scouts for attaining the First Class rank.
(Applause)
- Would the scouts and the parents please be reseated.

(Turn microphone back to Master of Ceremonies.)

5. Script for the Star Rank Advancement

Congratulations to those Scouts that achieved the Star Scout Rank.

The trail to Eagle leads through the rank of Star Scout where leadership, service and living the scout spirit are emphasized. Advancement is now measured in merit badges, service hours and leadership.

To attain this rank, a scout must:

1. Live the Scout Spirit by using the Scout Promise and Scout Oath in everyday life.
2. Be active in the Troop for at least four months as a First Class Scout.
3. Earn six merit badges, four of which must be eagle requirements.
4. Earn at least six service hours.
5. Serve at least four months in a leadership position.
6. Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review where he confirmed that he met the requirements to be a Star Scout.

(#)_____ scouts are awarded the Star Rank tonight:

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(After all the scouts and parents are on stage.)

- I would like to take a moment if anyone would like to take pictures of our scouts.

(After pictures)

- Please join me in congratulating these scouts for attaining the Star rank. (Applause)
- Would the scouts and the parents please be reseated.

(Turn microphone back to Master of Ceremonies.)

6. Script for the Life Rank Advancement

Congratulations to the Scouts that achieved the Life Scout Rank.

The trail to Eagle continues through the rank of Life Scout where leadership, service and living the scout spirit are emphasized. Advancement continues to be measured in merit badges, service hours and leadership.

To attain this rank, a scout must:

1. Live the Scout Spirit by using the Scout Promise and Scout Oath in everyday life.
2. Be active in the Troop for at least six months as a Star Scout.
3. Earn five additional merit badges, including three for eagle requirements.
4. Earn at least six service hours.
5. Serve at least six months in a leadership position.
6. Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review where he confirmed that he met the requirements to be a Star Scout.

(#) _____ scouts are awarded the Life Rank tonight:

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(After all the scouts and parents are on stage.)

- I would like to take a moment if anyone would like to take pictures of our scouts.

(After pictures)

- Please join me in congratulating these scouts for attaining the Life rank. (Applause)
- Would the scouts and the parents please be reseated.

(Turn microphone back to Master of Ceremonies.)