



Unit Advancement Chair Training

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Guide to Advancement

- ❖ Official source for advancement policies and procedures
- ❖ Supplemented by *Advancement News*
- ❖ <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/advancement-news/>
- ❖ *No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements*



Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

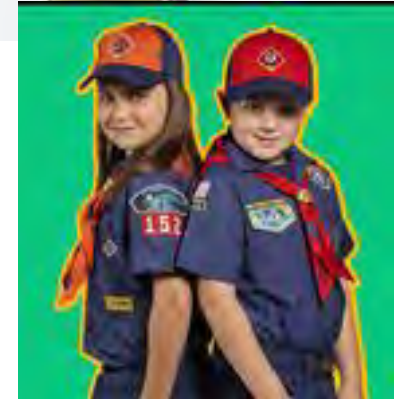


Why Advancement?

The Objectives of Scouting

- ♣ Character development
- ♣ Citizenship training
- ♣ Leadership
- ♣ Mental and physical fitness

Every activity in Scouting should support one or more of these aims.



Methods of Scouting

- ♣ Scouting ideals
- ♣ Patrol method
- ♣ Advancement
- ♣ Association with adults
- ♣ Outdoors
- ♣ Leadership development
- ♣ Uniform
- ♣ Personal growth



Advancement is...

- ♣ A method (2.0.0.1)
 - Not an end in itself
- ♣ Based on experiential learning (2.0.0.2)
 - Designed to educate or expand horizons
- ♣ A means for personal growth (2.0.0.3)
 - Age-appropriate, surmountable hurdles that allow Scouts to learn and gain confidence



Three Steps in Cub Scout Advancement

- ♣ Preparation – learning new skills in den, pack, and family activities
- ♣ Qualification – adult approval of requirement completions
- ♣ Recognition – accomplishments acknowledged at den and pack ceremonies where awards/badges are presented

Four Steps of Scouts BSA Advancement

- ♣ Learn – a Scout learns by doing, growing, and then teaching (EDGE method)
- ♣ Test – making sure the Scout has completed the requirements
- ♣ Review – the Scout participates in a Board of Review (except for Scout rank)
- ♣ Recognize – first by public announcement; then by presentation of badge; finally at a formal court of honor.



Role of the Pack Advancement Coordinator

- ♣ Parent education
- ♣ Promotion of advancement tools
- ♣ Recordkeeping and reporting
- ♣ Recognition



Role of the Troop Advancement Coordinator

- ♣ Supports unit leader's vision for advancement
- ♣ Educates parents or guardians and unit leaders to stimulate advancement within the troop
- ♣ Helps plan, facilitate, and conduct regularly scheduled Courts of Honor
- ♣ Obtains necessary badges and certificates
- ♣ Know and understand the advancement procedures for the program served, especially for Eagle, Summit, and Quartermaster.



Role of the Troop Advancement Coordinator (cont.)

- ♣ Assists the unit leader in establishing practices that will help each new Scout achieve First Class within 12 to 18 months of joining, and Star rank soon thereafter.
- ♣ Arranges for timely boards of review (monthly is suggested) and invites Scouts who are ready for them.
- ♣ Keeps advancement records and submits advancement reports to the troop committee.
- ♣ Use the BSA's internet portal or Scoutbook to report advancement to the local council.



Role of the Troop Advancement Coordinator (cont.)

- ♣ Keeps a current copy of the district or council provided merit badge counselor list.
- ♣ With youth leadership, helps maintain a library of advancement literature.
- ♣ Learns about and promotes other Scouting awards and recognitions.



Advancement Reporting

- ✦ Units must report all advancement to the local council via Internet Advancement or Scoutbook.
- ✦ Scouts BSA Advancement should be reported at least monthly to ensure current and accurate records.
- ✦ All advancement for a calendar year must be recorded during that year to count for Journey to Excellence.



A Unit Advancement Coordinator should...

- ♣ Be familiar with the rank requirements for their unit's program
- ♣ Maintain the unit's advancement records and report advancement to the Council using Internet Advancement or Scoutbook
- ♣ Help scouts and parents understand the rank and badge requirements
- ♣ Act as an advisor to scouts (in Scouts BSA) and parents (in Cub Scouts) to encourage advancement



In Summary, Advancement...

- ♣ Encourages Scouts to learn new skills and explore new subject areas
- ♣ Provides a tangible reward for hard work
- ♣ Helps build confidence
- ♣ Facilitates a Scout's personal growth
- ♣ Provides a method to fulfill the mission and objectives of Scouting



Additional learning resources:

www.my.scouting.org



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TROOP COMMITTEE

Scouts BSA - Troop Committee Position
- Specific Training

Learning Plan

Total time: 102m

[Scouts BSA](#)

Description ^

Position Specific Training designed for Troop Committee Chair and Committee Member.



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For More Information

Additional advancement resources:

www.scouting.org/advancement

Resources for Pack Advancement Coordinators

- ♣ *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088
- ♣ *Cub Scout Leader Book* (available for Kindle)
- ♣ Den leader guide for each rank
- ♣ *Advancement News*:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/advancement-news/>



Resources for Troop Advancement Coordinators

- ❖ *Guide to Advancement*, No. 33088 (available as a PDF)
- ❖ *Scouts BSA Requirements*, No. 33216 (includes all rank requirements as well as all Merit Badges)
- ❖ *Scouts BSA Handbook*, No. 34622 (for boys) and 39006 (for girls)
- ❖ Scouting.org website (a wealth of program info, training links, and more!)
- ❖ *Advancement News*:
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/advancement-news/>



Scoutbook for managing advancement

Scoutbook is the BSA's online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Some Advantages to Scoutbook:

- ♣ Up to the minute visibility of your Scout's official BSA advancement record. You can view whenever you want.
- ♣ Make adjustments as necessary without contacting council.
- ♣ automatically keeps the unit in compliance with BSA advancement reporting requirements.
- ♣ If a Scout moves, their advancement record follows them.
- ♣ As of January 1, 2019, Scoutbook subscriptions are free to all scouting units.
- ♣ <https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org/introduction-to-scoutbook-for-leaders/>

