

TROOP 13 BOARD OF REVIEW GUIDELINE

SCHEDULE OF BOR AND SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE

Scoutmaster conferences will be conducted upon request of Scout and availability of Scoutmaster(s).

They must be scheduled with Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.

Boards of Review will be held on the **3rd Monday** of each month unless precluded by alternate troop activities. If more BoRs are requested than can be accomplished in a single night, the 4th Monday of the Month will be used.

Board of Reviews will be conducted at the designated site and time for the concurrent troop meeting.

It is the responsibility of the Scout to contact the Advancement chair and request that a Board of Review is scheduled.

The Advancement Chair will contact the Scout and parents via email to inform them of the date of the Scout's BoR.

Adhoc BoRs can be requested by the Scout through the Advancement Chair or Scoutmaster. Ability to conduct an adhoc BoR and suitability of the situation will be determined by the Troop Committee.

PURPOSE OF A BOARD OF REVIEW

The members of a Board of Review should have the following objectives in mind:

- To make sure the Scout has completed the requirements for the rank.
- To see how good an experience the Scout is having in the unit.
- To encourage the Scout to progress further.
- The Board of Review provides "quality control" on advancement within the unit.
- It provides an opportunity for the Scout to develop and practice those skills needed in an interview situation.
- It is an opportunity for the Scout to review his Accomplishments.
- It is an opportunity for the Scout to demonstrate how they internalize the Scout Law and Oath and demonstrate how they live it daily.
- The feeling in the Board of Review should be one of nurturing and encouragement.

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 will 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.

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MECHANICS OF THE BOR PROCESS

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

There will be 3 to 5 Committee members for each BOR. At the conclusion on the BOR there will be a simple yes or no vote for the Scout, majority rules.

We will strive to have the Advancement chair and or the Committee chair present at all BORs.

New/inexperienced committee members will observe BOR to gain experience with the process, but will not vote.

Advancement chair will use his discretion as to when voting power is given to new members.

The following two pages will be added to the Welcome pack for new Scouts and given to parents.

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Every Scout Should Know

Proper display of Uniform

Scouts are expected to demonstrate the proper wear of boots, BSA green socks, BSA green pants or BSA green shorts, patches and rank on BSA shirt, neckerchief, belt and merit badge sash with current patches. The uniform should be neat, clean, free of wrinkles and the shirt must be tucked in. The merit badge sash may be worn over the shoulder or on the belt. Please see BSA Uniform Inspection Sheet at <https://www.scoutmanager.com/bsa/sites/troop13oxford/files/get/196>.

Scouts should give the scout law and oath thought prior to the board. In addition to being able to recite both, the scout should be prepared to discuss what these points mean to them in terms of their life. This discussion should be in their own words, we are looking to understand how the scout is making the Oath and Law apart of his daily life. As the boy progresses through the scout ranks the expectation is for them to be able to better articulate what each law and piece of the oath means to them.

Scout Oath

(render scout sign and recite)

On my honor I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

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Scout Law

(render scout sign and recite)

A Scout is ...

Trustworthy,

Loyal,

Helpful,

Friendly,

Courteous,

Kind,

Obedient,

Cheerful,

Thrifty,

Brave,

Clean,

Reverent.

Scout Motto

Be Prepared.

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily.

Outdoor Code

(render scout sign and recite)

As an American, I will do my best to...

Be clean in my outdoor manners,

Be careful with fire,

Be considerate in the outdoors, and

Be conservation-minded.

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Pledge of the Allegiance

(render scout salute and recite)

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Describe The Boy Scout Badge



Leadership

Explain what Leadership Skills are and why they are Important to a Boy Scout. There is no one right answer. Refer to your scout handbook and come up with your own answer given your experience within the troop.

Supplemental Questions

Q: Who was the founder of Boy Scouts?

A: Baden-Powell

Q: Where was Boy Scouts started?

A: In Britain in 1908

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Q: How did Boy Scouts come to the United States?

A: W. D. Boyce was lost on a foggy street in London when an unknown Scout came to his aid, guiding him back to

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his destination. The boy then refused Boyce's tip, explaining that he was merely doing his duty as a Boy Scout. Immediately afterwards, Boyce met with General Robert Baden-Powell, who was the head of the Boy Scout Association at that time. Boyce returned to America, and, four months later, founded the Boy Scouts of America.

BE PREPARED

Scouts will appear before their Scoutmaster and the BOR in FULL CLASS A UNIFORM WITH SCOUT HANDBOOK.

It is the responsibility of the Scout (parent oversight welcome) to document service hours, camping trips and all other troop activities. This should be done as the activity is completed and will be verified during the BOR. There are spaces in Scout book to do so. Remember that the handbook is the official source of reference for completion of requirements for all ranks. Safeguard your handbook(s). Never discard old or mutilated handbooks. This becomes very important when being considered for Eagle Scout.

ONLY the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster(s), or registered scout adult leaders may sign off on requirements. There are two items that must be completed at home and presented to the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters. They are:

- Cyber Chip Award – completed annually despite rank of Scout. See <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/cyber-chip/> for details.
- Youth Protection Pamphlet Signed – the pamphlet can be found in front of any new Scout Handbook. It is removable from the Handbook. It is required to be signed by the Scout and Parent. It is presented before the rank of Scout is awarded. Make sure to keep this as it may need to be presented during a Scouts time within the Troop.

Good luck with your Board of Review. Remember that you have earned the right to be here!