

Troop 97 Advancement Policy

The following procedures are taken directly from BSA Rank Advancement Policy.

Rank Advancement: All rank advancements require a Scoutmaster Conference (SC) & Board of Review (BOR). Scheduling for both should be coordinated through the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Scouts should present themselves to the Board in full Class A uniform (shirt, pants, socks, belt.) Each Scout is responsible for obtaining a BOR form from the Rank Advancement Coordinator and presenting it to the Board. Upon approval the form then must be signed by the Board and presented back to the Advancement Coordinator to receive his rank patch. The mothers pin and certificate will be presented at the next Court of Honor.

Note: The Board is open to all committee members.

Merit Badges: Each completed Merit Badge (MB) requires a Blue Card to be fully filled out by the Scout, Counselor and Scoutmaster and given to the Advancement Coordinator by the Scout in order to receive credit. The only exception is for MB completed at Summer Camp in which class forms from the camp counselors are used. The Blue Card is divided into three parts, one for the counselor, one for the Scout and one for the Advancement Coordinator. It is strongly recommended that the Scout keep up with his completed Blue Cards in order to correct any issues should they arise during the Eagle Board.

Participation: Each rank requires a Scout to participate in troop activities. Troop 97 considers campouts when measuring a Scout's participation record. For the ranks of Tenderfoot through First class the participation requirement is specified.

The following example comes from the First class requirement-

"Since joining, have participated in ten separate troop/patrol activities (other than troop/patrol meetings), three of which included camping overnight."

For ranks above First Class participation is tied with a Scout's leadership position. In order to meet the requirements for a particular position the Scout must attend 4 out of 6 campouts, thus meeting a 60% participation, during their 6-month leadership role. Elections are held in October and March.

Senior Patrol Leader

Patrol Leader

Librarian

Troop Guide

Den Chief (to a Cub Scout Pack)

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (18-21 yrs old)

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Scribe

Quartermaster

Historian

Chaplain Aide