

BSA Rank Requirements in Troop 2

Troop 2 encourages every Scout to advance through the ranks of Scouting. We insist, though, that each Scout truly master the skills for each rank so that he is prepared for the challenges and adventures that lie ahead. For higher ranks, to satisfy the BSA "Scout spirit" requirements, we expect a strong record of leadership and service. To these ends, the troop has specific requirements for each rank.

SCOUT. Your son earns the rank of SCOUT by working in a special group – called Troop 1-1/2 -- designed to help your son enter Scouting. The Assistant Scoutmaster responsible for Troop 1-1/2 will provide a list of requirements for this rank (*New Scout Requirements* at www.dspsystems.com/~troop2/). These requirements involve basic knots, the Scout Oath, Motto, and Slogan, the history and traditions of Troop 2, and other basic Scouting skills. Each skill must be demonstrated twice as indicated on the requirements sheet. The Scoutmaster will review each boy after he has satisfied all the requirements. There is no troop Board of Review.

TENDERFOOT. Your Scout earns the rank of Tenderfoot by working in a special patrol called the Recruit Patrol. The Recruit Patrol is involved with the rest of the troop for some activities but mainly it is designed to help new Scouts earn the rank of Tenderfoot and to prepare them to join a regular troop patrol. Your Scout must go on at least one campout with the Recruit Patrol.

To satisfy the BSA requirement regarding knowledge of the Scout Law, Troop 2 requires the Scout to repeat from memory the definition (text) of each law as it appears in the Scout Handbook. In addition to the BSA requirements, each Scout must earn at least one merit badge. Each Scout must also complete a troop Board of Review for Tenderfoot. This is true for all ranks beyond Tenderfoot as well. The specific requirements for Tenderfoot are listed in *Recruit Patrol Requirements* at www.dspsystems.com/~troop2/.

SECOND CLASS. To demonstrate mastery of the BSA requirements, the Scout must earn the Totin' Chip card and also complete a "Mystery Hike". The Assistant Scoutmaster responsible for this rank will explain these requirements.

FIRST CLASS. To demonstrate mastery of the BSA requirements, the Scout must earn First Aid merit badge and also complete a "Mystery Camp". The Assistant Scoutmaster responsible for this rank will explain these requirements. Additionally, for requirement #6 – Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of native plants found in your community – the Scout is expected to bring labeled photographs of the plants to the Board of Review.

STAR. The BSA requires 4 months active service in a "position of responsibility." Troop 2 accepts for this rank any of the leadership positions listed in the BSA requirements as well as Assistant Patrol Leader. The Scout must demonstrate positive, responsible leadership in one of these positions. In partial fulfillment of the BSA requirement to "show Scout spirit," the Scout must earn the camp Spirit Award at any summer camp he attends with the troop.

LIFE. The BSA requires 6 months active service in a "position of responsibility." This must be a different position than the one used to satisfy the leadership requirements for Star. For Life Scout, Troop 2 accepts only Patrol Leader or Leadership Corps (including Staff in Training). The Scout must demonstrate positive, responsible leadership in his position.

EAGLE. In partial fulfillment of the BSA requirements, the troop requires at least two years of active leadership, either as a Patrol Leader or as a member of the Leadership Corps. It is

expected that the Scout will have been elected to the Senior Staff. The Scoutmaster reviews the record of each Scout before the Scout is permitted to begin his Eagle project. An exceptional record of leadership and service is required before permission is granted.

Advancement Related Notes

LEADERSHIP CORPS. A Scout is eligible to join the Leadership Corps (as a member or out Staff in Training – SIT) upon completion of one year of satisfactory service as a Patrol Leader or reaching 11th grade. (A half-year of satisfactory service as a Patrol Leader plus 10th grade standing is also sufficient.) The Scout must have earned First Class rank. Scoutmaster approval is required and may be denied if there is strong evidence that the Scout will not be a satisfactory member of the Leadership Corps. A Scout who reaches 11th grade without complete First Class rank will no longer be eligible for troop membership.

MERIT BADGES. The Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 2 must review all requirements and fulfillment efforts for First Aid Merit Badge and all aquatics merit badges. Any qualified merit badge counselor may pass a Scout for other merit badges. However, all merit badges must be reviewed at a Troop 2 Board of Review before the badge is awarded.

Other relevant documents found at www.dspsystems.com/~troop2/

Troop History

Differences (between Troop 2 and others)

New Scout Requirements

Recruit Patrol Requirements

More will be added soon.