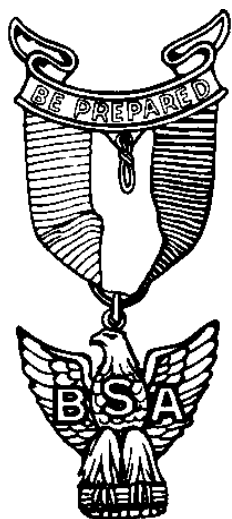


Board of Review

A periodic review of the progress of a Scout is vital in the evaluation of the effectiveness of the Scouting program in the unit. The unit committee can judge how well the Scout being reviewed is benefiting from the program. The unit leader can measure the effectiveness of their leadership. The Scout can sense that he is, or is not, advancing properly and can be encouraged to make the most of his Scouting experience.

Not only is it important to review those Scouts who have learned and been tested for a rank, but also to review those Scouts who have shown no progress in their advancement over the past few months.



The members of the board of review should have the following objectives in mind when they conduct the review:

- ❖ To make sure the Scout has done what he was supposed to do for the rank.
- ❖ To see how good an experience the Scout is having in the unit.
- ❖ To encourage the Scout to progress further.

The review is not an examination; the board does not retest the candidate. Rather, the board should attempt to determine the Scout's attitude and his acceptance to Scouting's ideals. *Scout spirit is defined as living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in a Scout's everyday life.* The board should make sure that the good standards have been met in all phases of the Scout's life. A discussion of the Scout Oath and Scout Law is in keeping with the purpose of the review, to make sure that the candidate recognizes and understands the value of Scouting in his home, unit, school and community.

The decision of all boards of review is arrived at through discussion and must be unanimous.

When a boy satisfactorily completes his board of review for a rank or an Eagle Palm, tenure for his next rank or Eagle Palm begins immediately.

Scouts 18 or Older: Scouts who have completed all requirements for a rank prior to their 18th birthday may be reviewed and recognized within three months after that date. For Eagle Scout boards of review conducted between three and six months after the candidate's 18th birthday, a statement explaining the reason for the delay must be attached to the Eagle Scout Rank Application when it is submitted to the Eagle Scout Service. The Boy Scout Division must be contacted for procedures to follow if a board of review is to be conducted more than six months after a candidate's 18th birthday.

Review for Tenderfoot through Life Ranks and Eagle Palms. After a Scout has completed all requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, star and Life ranks, or an Eagle Palm, he appears before a board of review. This board of review is made up of at least three and not more than six members of the troop committee. One member serves as chairman, usually the committee member responsible for advancement. Unit leaders, assistant unit leaders, relatives, or guardians may not serve as members of a Scout's board of review.

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The Eagle Board of Review consists of at least three (but no more than six) individuals – the Eagle coordinator and/or district advancement chairperson and preferably, unit committee members.

No Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor or Assistant Scoutmaster/Coach/Advisor who has held that position while the candidate was a member of the unit may serve on the Eagle Board of Review. However, the candidate's unit leader introduces him to the members of the board of review. The leader may remain in the room, but does not participate in the board of review. The unit leader may be called upon to clarify a point in question.

Parents or guardians are not present during the Eagle Board of Review for their son or ward, even as a unit leader. However, parents or guardians are asked to be available for consultation with the Eagle Review Board.

The Eagle Scout candidate shall be in full uniform: Shirt with all appropriate insignia, trousers (or shorts with Scout socks), neckerchief or tie, belt, merit badge sash.

Eagle Courts of Honor: To be safe, troops are advised to allow at least eight weeks between an Eagle Scout Candidate's Board of Review and the Court of Honor at which the Eagle is presented.

Assuming the application is approved by all parties concerned, and is returned to the Scout Service Center promptly and in good order, it will be forwarded to the National Court of Honor within three working days.

It is the sole province of the National Court of Honor, which meets regularly for this purpose, to grant the Eagle Rank. Including transmission time to and from Texas, this process can take as long as eight weeks.

Thousands of applications are sent to the National Office annually and all are of great importance. There is nothing the local council can do, however, to expedite the process, so please allow adequate time in your planning process.

