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**I will...
Do My Best
To
Be Prepared
To
Lead The Adventure**



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Introductions & Important Messages



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General Training Session

Guide to Advancement

The What, Where, Why and How
of Advancement



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Guide to Advancement - Overview

The BSA Guide to Advancement is the 'bible' of advancement for all the BSA programs from Cub Scouts thru Venturing.

It is available in a hard copy booklet at the Scout Shop at the LEC office or as a PDF document:

<https://www.scouting.org/resources/guide-to-advancement/>

Also available from the LEC website (Advancement Page).

Generally updated every two years for the print edition. The online PDF is the current version.

Virtually every scenario is covered in the Guide.



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Guide to Advancement - Sections

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Guide to Advancement - Introduction

The Guide to Advancement is the official source for administering advancement in all BSA programs: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouts.

Additional information sources along with best practices are listed here.

Advancement is one of the methods used to accomplish the mission of the BSA.

A brief summary of Significant Changes from previous editions is listed in this section.



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Advancement Defined

1. It is a Method – Not an End in Itself
2. Advancement is Based on Experiential Learning
3. Personal Growth is the Primary Goal
4. It is one of the Methods of Scouting



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Guidelines for Advancement and Recognition Committees

1. Council Advancement Committee Responsibilities
2. District (Service Area) Advancement Committee Responsibilities
3. Unit Advancement Responsibilities
4. Awards and Recognitions
5. Building an Advancement Committee
6. Orientation and Education Opportunities for Advancement Administrators



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The Mechanics of Advancement

1. Changes to Requirements
2. Reporting Advancement
3. Mechanics of Advancement in Cub Scouting
4. Mechanics of Advancement in Scouts BSA
5. Mechanics of Advancement in Venturing
6. Mechanics of Advancement in Sea Scouts



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Special Considerations

1. Advancement in Camp Settings
2. Extended Absence From Scouting
3. Lone Scouting
4. Youth From Other Countries
5. Religious Principles
6. Bestowing Posthumous Awards
7. Spirit of the Eagle Award
8. Using Technology-Based Tools in Advancement



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Electronic Advancement Reporting

1. Importance and Benefits of Electronic Advancement Reporting
2. About Internet Advancement
3. The Next Generation in Electronic Advancement Reporting (Scoutbook)
4. Electronic Advancement Miscellany



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The Merit Badge Program

1. Description of the Process of Earning a Merit Badge
2. About Merit Badge Counselors
3. Merit Badge Counselor Lists
4. The Process of Counseling
5. Merit Badge Miscellany



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Boards of Review: An overview for All Ranks

1. Conducting the Board of Review
2. Particulars for Tenderfoot Through Life Ranks
3. Particulars for the Eagle Scout Rank
4. Appealing a Decision
5. Venturing Boards of Review
6. Particulars for the Discovery and Pathfinder Awards
7. Particulars for the Summit Award



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The Eagle Scout Rank

1. The Eagle Scout Rank Application Process
2. The Eagle Scout Service Project
3. About Eagle Palms
4. Time Extensions



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Advancement for Members With Special Needs

1. Registering Qualified Members Beyond Age of Eligibility
2. Advancement Flexibility Allowed
3. Advancement for Cub Scouts With Special Needs
4. Advancement in Scouts BSA for Scouts With Special Needs
5. Advancement for Venturers and Sea Scouts With Special Needs



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Appendix

The Appendix is a set of forms for the following purposes:

1. Reporting Merit Badge Counseling Concerns
2. Request for Extension of Time to Earn Eagle Scout Rank
3. Belated Eagle Scout Rank Application
4. Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility
5. Individual Scout Advancement Plan



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Guide to Advancement - Summary

The 'bible' of advancement for all ranks and all programs.

Provides a consistent set of guidelines and rules that apply to advancement in the BSA

Consulted by the advancement teams when answering questions from other leaders, Scouts and parents.

Can be referenced and used by any Scouting leader needing an answer to an advancement question.

Find it at: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/guide-to-advancement/>

Thank you for your attention!



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Other Minute Announcements



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On to Breakouts

Cub Scout: How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide

Scouts BSA: Boards of Review

Venturing: Boards of Review

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Joint: Training Awards

Cub Scout: Derbies

Scouts BSA: What does Youth-run mean

Venturing: Induction, Interview, and Ceremony



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