

## BOARD OF REVIEW - TROOP 36

1. A Board of Review has three purposes:

- A. To make sure that the work has been learned and completed.
- B. To find out what kind of experience the Scout is having in his Patrol and Troop.
- C. To encourage the Scout to progress further.

The Board of Review is **not a time to retest the Scout**, but to determine the Scout's attitude and his acceptance of Scouting ideals. (Troop Committee Guidebook, p. 30).

2. A Board of Review is required to achieve advancement in rank. Once all requirements for a particular rank have been achieved, a Board of Review may be requested.
3. A Board of Review is held at the request of the Scout or Advancement Chairperson. To request a Board of Review, the Scout calls or contacts the Troop Advancement Chairperson no later than the Troop meeting prior to the requested Board of Review date.
4. The Board of Review will consist of three but no more than six members of the Troop Committee. Parents may observe the Review but cannot participate in it. An exception is the Board of Review for the rank of Eagle, where the parents may not be present.
5. The Scout presents himself, fully uniformed (including merit badge sash, if appropriate), to the Board with his Scout Handbook (must have already have had Scoutmaster's conference and all requirements signed off). If these requirements are not met, the Board of Review will be rescheduled.
6. The Scout must be prepared to recite from memory the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan if asked. He will also be asked (for example), what he did in order to achieve his new rank, what his service hours were (if they were required for that particular rank), his goals for the next year, and any other questions the Board may wish to ask.

Examples of the kinds of questions that might be asked are:

- \*What things could be improved in the Troop?
- \*What would you change?
- \*What do you like most in Troop activities?
- \*What new things did you do/learn on your latest campout/service project/Troop meeting?
- \*What did you learn/feel in giving service to others?
- \*Why is being a Boy Scout important to you?
- \*What are your goals in Scouting?
- \*How will fulfilling requirement number \_\_\_\_ help you?

(Examples of some questions taken from the Troop Committee Guidebook p. 30.)

A note about service hours--written confirmation of the service hours done should be presented by the Scout and signed by an adult knowledgeable about the project (not a parent). These hours should also be an activity that is not already required as service to that particular institution, i.e. if serving at church is required by your church, the Scout cannot also count those hours towards service hours for Scouting. It is recommended that prior approval for service hour projects be obtained from the Scoutmaster. The project should benefit a Scout's church, community or school.

7. At the conclusion of the Review, the Board should know whether a Scout is qualified for the rank or Palm. The Scout is asked to leave the room while the Board members discuss his achievements. The decision of the Board of Review is arrived at through discussion and must be unanimous. (Troop Committee Guidebook p. 30).
8. If the Board votes to advance the Scout in rank, the rank change will be recognized at the next regularly scheduled Troop meeting and at the following Court of Honor.