



Troop 870 Board Of Review Training



Boy Scout Troop 870



Overview

- The last requirement of each rank (except Scout) is for the Scout to complete a Board Of Review
- Troop 870 conducts all Board of Reviews except Eagle
 - Eagle Board of Reviews are performed by the District
- Board of Review Goals
 - Discuss and encourage the Scout's involvement in Scouting
 - Discuss what the Scout has learned in the course of completing the rank requirements
 - **The Board of Review is not a retest of these requirements.**
 - Gather feedback from the Scout concerning his Patrol, the Troop and Scouting in general.
- See the [Board Of Review Guide](#) on the Troop Website for more information

Who Is Eligible To Be A Reviewer?

- All Troop 870 adults
 - Registered and non-registered
 - 21 or older
 - Not the Scout's parent/guardian, Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster
- Board of Review Chair
 - Registered
 - Preferably a Committee Member

Setting Up A Board Of Review

- Scout completes all other requirements
- Scout requests Advancement Chair setup his Board of Review
 - Contact prior to Troop Meeting to provide time to setup
- Advancement Chair:
 - Confirms all other requirements have been completed
 - Selects three reviewers including the Chair
 - Trains any untrained reviewers
 - Provides [Advancement Report](#) and [Board Of Review Feedback Form](#) to Chair
 - Schedules Board of Review

Conducting A Board Of Review

- Greet the Scout and help them get comfortable
 - Ask warm-up questions if needed
 - The Scout should be in full uniform
- Chair asks the Scout to recite one or more of the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan
 - A retry is acceptable particularly for younger Scouts
- Have an open-ended discussion focusing on:
 - Discuss and encourage the Scout's involvement in Scouting
 - Discuss what the Scout has learned in the course of completing the rank requirements
 - Gather feedback from the Scout concerning his Patrol, the Troop and Scouting in general.
- Align the discussion with the Scout's rank and age
 - Higher ranked Scouts will be more focused on leadership, merit badges and service projects while lower ranked Scouts will be more focused on basic skills
 - Older Scouts will have a greater appreciation of the principles of Scouting and a broader range of Scouting experiences than younger Scouts
- Board Of Review should generally be 15-20 minutes long, but no longer than 30 minutes

Example Questions

- How have you applied the Scout Oath to your everyday life?
- What did you learn as part of (*pick a completed requirement*)?
- What outing have you participated in recently? How did that go?
- Why is important to bring all of the BSA Ten Essentials on an outing?
- How did you ensure you packed the needed items on your last outing?
- Have you prepared a meal on an outing? If so, how did that go?
- What do you like/dislike about Troop Meetings/Troop/Patrol?
- What Troop/Patrol activities would you like to see more of?
- What leadership position would you like to hold in the future?
- Are you getting the support you need from senior Scouts, SM, and ASMs?
- What are your plans for advancing to the next rank?
- See [Board Of Review Guide](#) on Troop Website for more examples

Not A Retest Of Rank Requirements

- **The Board of Review is not a retest of the rank requirements**
 - The Scout has already successfully completed each requirement.
 - Scouts cannot fail a Board of Review because they have not retained the knowledge/skills associated with a particular requirement.
 - It is Troop 870's responsibility to provide instruction and activities which repeatedly incorporate the requirements thereby enabling them to be learned and retained.
- Consequently, it takes an exceptional circumstance for a Scout to fail a Board of Review
 - Not participating in the discussion or disavowing one of the fundamental principles of Scouting (for instance, do a Good Turn Daily)

Board Of Review Wrap-Up

- Board confirms through unanimous consensus that the Scout has successfully completed the Board of Review
 - Congratulate Scout and encourage him to continue advancing
 - Reviewers sign [Advancement Report](#). Chair provides to Advancement Chair.
 - Chair fills in [Board Of Review Feedback Form](#) with the help of other reviewers and provides to Advancement Chair. Advancement Chair provides a copy to Scoutmaster and Committee Chair for incorporation into the Troop's scouting program.
- If not confirmed, the Board explains to the Scout where further attention is needed.
 - The Scout can then address those areas as a follow-up. Once addressed, the Board approves the rank advancement.