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Opportunities for Advancement Administrators

Florida Sea Base CEAA Earns Rave Reviews

The Conference on Education for Advancement Administrators held at the Florida Sea Base in January 2019, resulted in rave reviews from the participants. Based on the following sample comments, perhaps you'll want to join the fun next year!

Were the goals accomplished?

- Without a doubt, Yes.
- All objectives fulfilled – and then some.
- Yes, did a lot of course development during the week

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Breaking News for 2020:

Florida Sea Base will host Mechanics of Advancement course

Date: January 19-25, 2020.

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What was most relevant?

- All. All components were valuable.
- Answering questions that most of us had.
- Sharing experiences.
- Effective, open-ended presentations to promote honest, positive assessment of advancement resources.

General Comments:

- I was provided with effective tools to improve my Scouting skills for area, council, and district advancement.
- Increased my awareness of advancement as a resource.
- Excellent course.
- This was an awesome course! I learned a lot.
- Magnificent setting for activity and relaxation while learning and growing.

Philmont Training Center is a Destination Experience



The details of this family's 1984 adventure are experiences repeated by Scouting families for years. The same result is available for Scouters this summer. A "fabulous experience" awaits you with Scouting adventure, exploring the area of Cimarron and other local highlights, as well as creating a family memory. A week at the PTC will be a fabulous family vacation. In addition, it will provide you with in-depth supplemental learning experience from knowledgeable Scouters, and a wonderful way to make new friends. Wow!

This summer there will be an emphasis on new unit development and helping leaders who want a solid foundation from which to provide youth with the best experience possible from Scouting. Here are the dates and subjects of just some of the available conferences dealing with advancement:

- Week 2 (June 16-22): *Strengthening Leadership Teams*; and *Leading New Troops*.
- Week 6 (July 14-20): *Advancement Issues and Solutions*; *Exciting Troop Meetings and Outdoor Programs*; and *Leading New Troops*.
- Week 7 (July 21-27): *Mechanics of Advancement*; and *Scout Troop Advancement*.

"This Scouter's first family opportunity was in 1984 when my wife and I packed the Audi Fox with a four-month old and a four-year old and headed for Cimarron, New Mexico. The result was a fabulous experience for everyone! "

Don't wait! Make plans now to have a fabulous experience at Philmont this summer!!

For more information about 2019 Philmont offerings go to:
www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC and you will find links to
conference dates, registration, and family programs.

Advancement Education Materials Updates Now Available

Your National Advancement Program Team has been reviewing and updating many of the currently available educational materials. The completed ones are now available at the **Advancement Resources** web page at www.scouting.org/advancement. Select “Advancement Educational Presentations” and select the presentation for your specific needs and interests.

Advancement Administrators will want to familiarize themselves with the many resources available. In addition to the advancement educational presentations, advancement applications, and the *Guide to Advancement 2019*, Merit badge counselors will benefit from the support materials such as A Guide for Merit Badge Counseling and the Worksheet for Building a Merit Badge Counselor List.



On Increasing Advancement

Using the Patrol Method in Your Scouting Program

Every Scouting activity moves and motivates our youth toward our basic aims of: character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. We achieve mission fulfillment using the methods of Scouting: Scouting's ideals; the patrols and the patrol method; the outdoors; advancement; personal growth; adult association; leadership development; and the uniform. None of these are goals by themselves. They are merely methods that we use—all working together. They reinforce and enhance each other.

Moreover, these methods are interrelated. For example, we will have greater advancement if we make proper use of the patrol method in our Scouting program. When Baden-Powell took 21 boys to Brownsea Island in August 1907, he divided them into patrols. Based on his success then, Scout troops over the past 100-plus years have been organized into patrols. Generally, each of these patrols has 4-6 Scouts, which is a span of control within the capabilities of an average 12-to-13-year-old patrol leader. After each patrol elects its leader, these patrol leaders, together with the senior patrol leader, comprise the patrol leaders council that runs a youth-led troop. This is a unique benefit of Scouting. Very few other programs, if any, give youth this sense of autonomy and corresponding measure of responsibility.

As new Scouts join a troop, they are assigned to a patrol and mentored by older Scouts. This creates a safe and welcoming environment for each new Scout because new situations are less frightening in the “we-are-all-in-this-together” atmosphere of the patrol. The troop's goal should be for all new members to advance to First Class rank within 12-18 months. The patrol method can facilitate this goal by having all patrol mem-

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bers working together to plan meals for a campout, but letting the member who needs to “prepare a meal” for advancement lead the preparation efforts. Similarly, if the requirement involves tying a particular knot, the other members of the patrol can teach that skill to the new Scout, and then make sure the campout includes ample opportunities for their patrol mate to practice and demonstrate the newly learned skill.

All Scouts in the patrol working together builds a *camaraderie* that supports the personal growth of every member of the patrol—junior and senior alike—along their Scouting journey. The ensuing sense of belonging is a glue that enhances Scouting longevity, which increases the leadership opportunities for each youth in the troop. Thus, by making sure the patrol and the patrol method is an integral part of the unit’s program, we can increase advancements and thus fulfill our mission. Now isn’t that what we’re all about.

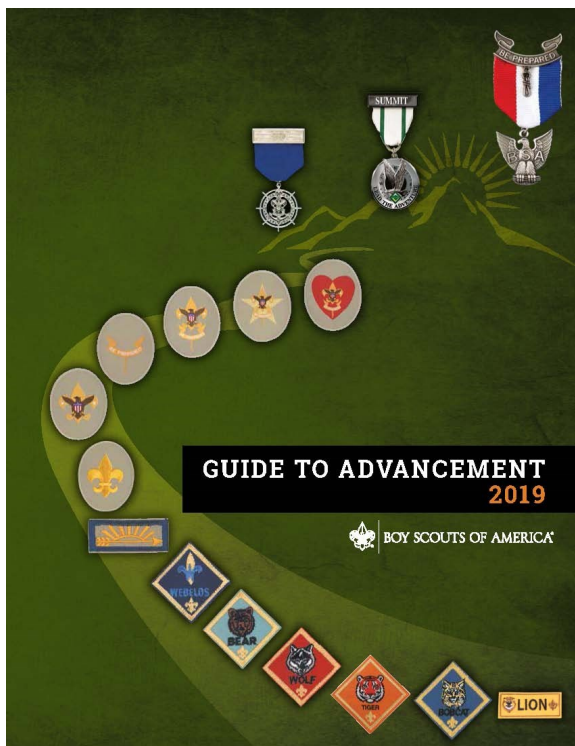
From the *Guide to Advancement*

GTA 2019: The Official Source for All Advancement

“The current edition of the *Guide to Advancement* is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals and previous editions of the Guide to Advancement.” (GTA Topic 1.0.0.0)

The *Guide to Advancement* is updated periodically in response to changes to programs, requirements, and policies, as well as comments and recommendations received by the National Advancement Program Team. The *Guide to Advancement 2019* is now the “current edition.” It can be found online at www.scouting.org/advancement in both HTML and PDF format. Printed copies will soon be available in your local Scout shop for purchase, if they are not already there, but when shopping note that the SKU is

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Download your own copy of the
[Guide To Advancement 2019:](http://www.scouting.org/advancement)

The version of advancement policies and procedures found in the online version of the *Guide to Advancement* supersedes any other version of the GTA. Consult the online and updated document as the final word in advancement questions or concerns.

648216, and the publication number, 33088, has not changed, so be sure to ask for the *Guide to Advancement 2019*.

The 2019 edition replaces all previous editions of the *GTA* and any other advancement manuals. It is the source for all advancement policies and procedures and, unless specifically exempted, it supersedes any BSA publications that may conflict with it. Every section of the 2019 guide has received some minor revisions since the last printed edition, primarily to reflect the addition of female youth to Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA. The following topics merit close review:

General - Revisions have been made throughout this guide to make clear that all guidance and requirements of the rank advancement and awards programs apply equally to male and female Scouts. All references to the Varsity program have been removed, except when past participation in a Varsity team could be relevant, such as service in a position of responsibility. To reflect the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America, the objectives of Scouting, otherwise known as the aims, have been modified wherever they appear to include character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness. When used throughout this guide, *Scouts BSA Handbook* refers to both the *Scouts BSA Handbook for Boys* and the *Scouts BSA Handbook for Girls*.

Section 1 - Three frequently asked questions about special needs Scouting were added.

Section 3 - The educational presentation summaries were removed. However, updated presentations are still available at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/resources/advancement-presentations/>. The National Advancement Program Team strongly recommends that unit leaders and volunteers review those presentations.

Section 4 - For Cub Scouting, changes were made to reflect adding the Lion rank. Essentially all references to the Varsity Scouting program have been removed. For Scouts BSA, the *Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook* was added to the list of items that may not be required for a unit leader conference for the Eagle Scout rank. For Venturing and Sea Scouts, clarifications were added concerning conducting Scouts BSA boards of review, processing Summit Award applications, and processing Quartermaster rank applications.

Section 7 - Revised to reflect current registered adult leadership requirements as stated in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and in BSA social media guidelines.

Section 8 - Added clarification about the scheduling of boards of review under disputed circumstances.

Section 11 - Removed the listing of Advancement and Recognition Literature and Resources from the guide.

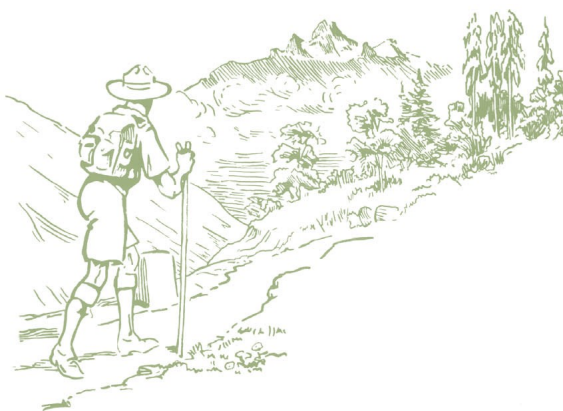
A complete list of the changes to the *Guide to Advancement 2019* can be found in Section 1.0.3.0 beginning on Page 7. However, it would be wise to consider carefully reviewing all those sections that impact your Scouting responsibilities.

Youth From Other Countries

In this day and age of a broader international community, more frequent global travel, and multi-national job reassignments to include military and other government-related personnel movements, it is not uncommon to have Scouts from another country joining a new or transferring into a BSA unit. In the case of Scouts who have earned rank advancements in another country's Scouting program and wish to have them credited into an equivalent BSA rank, BSA has established rules and requirements to be followed, which can be found in *Guide To Advancement 2019* topic 5.0.4.0 (Youth from Other Countries).

This section provides guidance as to which youth are involved, registration procedures, and other specific details for determining the equivalency and/or applicability of requirements for determination of a BSA rank. For example, the procedures laid out in the topic apply to all ranks except Eagle Scout, which is not considered equivalent to any other Scouting association's rank.

Most importantly, the GTA also discusses the roles, responsibilities, and limits of a council's, district's, and receiving unit's advancement committees concerning these Scouts. Therefore, while BSA units can and should welcome youths from other countries who temporarily reside in the United States or have moved here, it is vital that everyone involved in these Scouts' advancement opportunities be familiar with the procedures discussed in topic 5.0.4.0. Of special note is that these procedures also apply to members of the BSA who, while living abroad, have earned advancement in another Scouting association.



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Scoutbook

Online Tool for Managing Advancement for all units

As of January 1, 2019 Scoutbook, the Boy Scouts of America online tool for managing and tracking Scouting advancements, is **Free**. What does this mean for your unit? Units will no longer need to utilize Internet Advancement to enter their advancement records. Rest assured, Internet Advancement will not be going away at this time. The Boy Scouts of America is however, encouraging all Units to setup and utilize Scoutbook as their main unit management tool. Any advancement entered via Internet Advancement will sync to Scoutbook and can be seen by the unit, parents, and Scouts.

BSA will begin upgrading Scoutbook this year. The initial change will include a profile, unit roster, advancement 'quick entry' feature, and reports. Additional modifications will be phased in throughout the year and users will have access to both the new and old features using their current login credentials. The current platform will continue to be supported and maintained. As changes are implemented, communication will be posted in the Change Logs on the Scoutbook Forums.

Hear It First on Twitter

If you want the news first, follow the National Advancement Program Team on Twitter. Topics cover the FAQs received at the national office, clarifications on policies and procedures, news on changes and new releases, and best practices in advancement.

If you already have a Twitter account, follow us at **@AdvBSA** or **"BSA Advancement Team."** If you don't have an account, it is a quick and easy process to set up an account at www.twitter.com. To limit incoming emails ('tweets'), you can select to have BSA National Advancement Team as the only account you want to follow.

Note: Advancement questions should be directed to advancement.team@scouting.org.

Did You Receive These Tweets?

- **January 3, 2019** – Multiple revised and updated documents now available at scouting.org/advancement:
 - ◇ Request for Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility
 - ◇ Individual Scout Advancement Plan
 - ◇ Belated Eagle Scout Rank Application
 - ◇ Request for Extension of Time to Earn Eagle Scout Rank
 - ◇ Reporting Merit Badge Counseling Concerns
- **January 3, 2019** – Revised Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook for 2019 has been posted and is available from scouting.org/advancement under the Rank Advancement category. The content is basically unchanged and revised to reflect gender-neutrality.

Cub Scouts BSA



The Learn Center: Home of Improved Online Training for Cub Scout Volunteers

Wow! Go to [My.Scouting.Org](https://my.scouting.org) and click on the Learn Center. You'll see an updated catalog of, simplified, succinct, topic-specific training modules for Cub Scout volunteers. In all, there are approximately 20 modules, and more may be added later.

Volunteers can now complete their training at a time and location (at home!) that is most convenient for them. The courses themselves are separated into tracks: one for den leaders and assistants; one for Cubmasters; and one for pack committee members. The modules are of varying lengths, some taking only a few minutes to complete. They can be taken individually, or, time permitting, one right after another. They can be accessed via computer or mobile device, including a smartphone. Completion of the required modules in each track will be recorded in the training record of each volunteer within the Learn Center. Completion of the track will qualify the volunteer to wear the "Trained" patch for their volunteer position.

Here is an example scenario: A new den leader or assistant who wants to know what to do before that all-important first meeting can click on *Before the First Meeting*. There they will see several training modules that will be helpful, including *How to Conduct a Cub Scout Den Meeting*. Subsequent modules pertain to den management, how to involve adults to assist in Cub Scouting, childhood development, Cub Scout pack finances, keeping Cub Scouting safe, how to conduct a Cub Scout pack meeting, and many more.



About *Advancement News*

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(BSA Advancement Team, @AdvBSA)

Advancement News is the official e-letter of the Boy Scouts of America National Advancement Program Team. Its intent is to provide and clarify procedures found in the *Guide to Advancement*, announce various changes and updates in advancement, and to assist advancement committees in making decisions that can help increase the rate of advancement. Therefore, districts and councils may reprint articles from this publication. Our plan is to distribute six issues of *Advancement News* annually, but special editions may go out whenever there is important information to share. Feedback, suggestions, and letters to the editor are welcome at

advancement.team@scouting.org.

Scouts BSA

Handbooks now available



With the organization of girl troops, new handbooks were produced which include gender neutral references. The handbooks include all requirements for advancement, which have not changed. The handbooks are now available in local Scout shops and the rank requirements are available online at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/>.

Eagle, Summit, Quartermaster Highlights

Rank Appeal Processing Concerns

Processing and submitting rank appeals continues to present difficulties for many councils. While most councils rarely have to handle appeal cases involving an Eagle or Quartermaster rank or a Summit Award denial, this can occur. Consequently, adult leaders, as well as district and council advancement committee members, may not be well versed in the procedures they need to follow. Unfortunately, this can lead to delays that could adversely affect youth members.

To avoid such delays, it is very important that district and council advancement committees carefully review the processes outlined in *Guide to Advancement* topics 8.0.4.0 through 8.0.4.2. These topics provide the information and direction that a council needs to correctly and expeditiously process an appeal. The procedures for handling Quartermaster rank and Summit award denials are essentially the same as for handling Eagle Scout rank appeals. Therefore, this article will focus on Eagle Scout rank appeals.

Following a board of review's decision to deny a Scout's advancement to Eagle rank, the critical first step is for the board of review chair to send a follow-up letter to the Scout and the council. This letter must detail the reason(s) for its decision and provide an explanation of the appeal procedure. The letter will provide the basis for the appeal review either at the district or council level, and, if necessary, the review by the National Advancement Program Team. The letter needs to be clear and specific about the reason(s) for denial because only those reasons will be reviewed. In other words, if the reason for denial relates to service in a position of responsibility, then the review committees at any level cannot and must not give consideration to any other

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requirements when rendering their decision.

The next important step is for the appeal board members to take sufficient time to carefully review the documentation submitted, and then to gather additional information, if needed, before conducting an appeal board hearing. It is important to remember that the appeal board is not another board of review. Instead, it should only focus on the specific reason(s) for denial mentioned in the board of review chair's letter to the Scout. While the appeal board may not consider other requirements, it is encouraged to conduct interviews with the key participants to ensure that the board members are fully informed about the issues involved before rendering a final decision.

If the appeal board votes to uphold the board of review's denial of advancement, a letter from the board chair is sent to the Scout explaining the decision and providing the option to appeal to the next level. If the Scout or their parent chooses to appeal the decision, a letter detailing the reason(s) they believe the Scout met the requirement(s) is submitted to the council who forwards the appeal to the next level, or the National Advancement Program Team if appropriate.

All too often these appeals reach the National Advancement Program Team with minimal or incomplete documentation, which delays their processing. A well-researched and documented case is important to ensure a complete and fair review by the National Advancement Program Team. For example, it is not sufficient to say the Scout "doesn't demonstrate Scout Spirit" without specifically citing what the Scout did or did not do to meet the requirement. If the Scout's Eagle project is at issue, the appeal should include a copy of the workbook in the documentation sent to the National Advancement Program Team. Bottom line: without clear and compelling documentation that the Scout did not complete the requirements, the National Advancement Program Team will, in most cases, have no choice but to rule in favor of the Scout.

For additional information regarding appeals, see the following articles in a previous edition of the *Advancement News*: "Processing Rank Appeals - Fair, Balanced, and By the Book" (January/February 2016); "Processing Time Extension Requests - Fair, Balanced and By the Clock" (January/February 2016).



Implementation Details for First-Time Members Entering Scouts BSA

Temporary Transition Rules

On February 1, 2019, the Boy Scouts of America will begin admitting girls into Scouts BSA. One of the characteristics of Scouting—for over a hundred years—is that no matter when you join, however long you stay, or the rank you attain, the Scouting experience prepares you for life. And for some, the pinnacle of their Scouting experience is achieving the highest rank of Eagle Scout.

The policies of the BSA indicate that, except in extraordinary circumstances, a youth desiring to achieve the rank of Eagle must do so before the youth's 18th birthday. This will continue to be our policy.

It is in the interests of the entire BSA, and in fact our nation, that all girls who join the BSA in 2019 should have an opportunity to earn their Eagle badge should they diligently and promptly complete all requirements. Accordingly, after carefully considering recommendations from stakeholders, including feedback from volunteers and professionals, the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America has approved the following temporary transition rules regarding extensions for youth over 16 but not yet 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout award.

To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, no exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception, and all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the *BSA Guide to Advancement*).

Since the BSA has determined that the minimum period of elapsed time to complete the requirements of the Eagle Scout rank is approximately 19-20 months, the extension is not available to any youth who is under 16 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18) nor to any youth who has already turned 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will be ineligible to join Scouts BSA).

1. Beginning on February 1, 2019, youth 16 years of age or older, but not yet 18, who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before December 31, 2019 may request extensions to complete the Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age.
2. Requests for extensions must be received no later than thirty (30) days after turning 18 years of age. Only the National Council may grant extensions. The actual extension will be based upon the individual's registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements.
3. In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019—both girls and first-time joining boys.

Recognition

In keeping with established policy, the Eagle Scout rank is earned when the candidate's award has been approved by the National Council.

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The BSA will not recognize a first female Eagle Scout to avoid potentially introducing incentives for leaders, troops or Scouts to prioritize expediency or engage in behavior counter to Scouting's values.

Instead, the BSA will officially recognize our Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts in the fall of 2020, providing young women who join Scouts BSA the needed time to complete all requirements. This Inaugural Class will be celebrated nationally and collectively commemorated.

It is our hope and expectation that local units will ensure substantial individual recognition of their first female Eagle Scouts in a manner befitting their great accomplishments.

FAQ

Q: Is the BSA changing the Eagle Scout requirements for girls joining Scouts BSA in 2019?

No. The Eagle Scout rank requirements are not changing.

Q: Can troops, districts or councils amend or adjust the requirements/process?

No. Eagle Scout requirements are set by the National Council and cannot be adjusted by a troop, district or council. In fact, the Eagle Scout rank is earned when it is approved by the National Council.

Q: Will work completed while girls participated unofficially before the introduction of Scouts BSA count towards Eagle requirements?

No. To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First-Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the *BSA Guide to Advancement*, an individual after earning First Class Rank in Scouts BSA may transfer primary membership to Venturing or Sea Scouts and continue to work on Eagle Scout requirements).

Q: Will work that female Venturers or Sea Scouts completed count toward Eagle Scout requirements?

To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the *BSA Advancement Guide*, an individual after earning First Class Rank in Scouts BSA may transfer primary membership to Venturing or Sea Scouts and continue to work on Eagle Scout requirements).

Q: Will camping nights from current Venturing and Sea Scouts that count for requirements for the Order of the Arrow, also count for the Eagle Scout rank?

No.

Q: Will this extension always be available for all youth that enter Scouts BSA?

No. These are temporary transition rules and will not be available to any youth who is under 16 years of age on February 1, 2019 as they will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18.

Q: Can the first female Eagle Scout be identified based on the earliest Board of Review date?

No. The Eagle Scout rank is earned when it is approved by the National Council; that date will be noted to recognize this inaugural class.



Requesting a Duplicate Eagle Scout Certificate

For those Scouts and Scouters who have achieved the rank of Eagle, there may be occasions when a duplicate or replacement set of document may be required. The location to request such materials has recently changed. Individuals can request a replacement Eagle Scout packet, a replacement Eagle Scout certificate or card, or a replacement Eagle Scout congratulatory letter. Councils may request the New Eagle Scout Packet, for council use only.

<https://www.scoutshop.org/eagle-scout-certificates.html>

How to Request an Eagle Extension

Troop Key 3 Leaders (Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, Chartered Organization Representative), Unit Advancement Chairman and Council Admin will have the ability in Member Manager to indicate if a youth who is age 16 up to 18 and has joined between 2/1/19-12/31/19 to request an Eagle Extension.

A guide is found on the final pages of this newsletter.

A Peek Ahead

Here is a glimpse at what we are working on for the next issue of *Advancement News*. As always, actual content may vary somewhat based on a number of considerations, and especially to accommodate “late-breaking” news of immediate importance to our subscribers.

Topics Planned for May-June

- **Opportunities for Advancement Administrators:** Summer at Philmont Training Center
- **From the *Guide To Advancement*:** Highlights from *Guide to Advancement 2019*
- **Eagle, Summit, Quartermaster Highlights:** References May Not be What You Expect
- **Scouts BSA:** Importance of Recognition of Advancement

Sea Scouts BSA

Advancement Overview

The essence of Sea Scouting can be summed up in four words: Scouting, service, seamanship and social. In Scouts BSA, everything done to advance is designed to educate or to otherwise expand horizons, with the mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Advancement for Sea Scouts has the same purpose.

Advancement for each of the four ranks, Apprentice, Ordinary, Able and Quartermaster, is organized into strands. Scouting, who we are and what we believe, is learned and practiced through Ideals, active membership, and leadership. Service is required to advance to Apprentice and Ordinary, and the Quartermaster project, similar to an Eagle project, encourages a youth to actively pursue good citizenship and stewardship. Seamanship skills are developed through Swimming, Safety, Marlinspike Seamanship, Boat Handling, Ground Tackle, Navigation Rules, Piloting and Navigation, Practical Deck Seamanship, Environment, and Weather. And the social element that is so important, the fun with a purpose, happens every time the youth are together in meetings, outings and events. Each rank adds more depth, complexity and responsibility.

So how do Sea Scouts accomplish rank advancement? Experiential learning is the key. A day sail is great fun, and youth leave the boat with a knowledge of knots, rules of the road, navigation, safety, and boat handling. They also leave the vessel with a hunger to know more.

Each unit's program is youth-designed and adult-supported. In their meetings, youth design and deliver the skill instruction, and programs typically cover topics needed to safely operate a vessel and advance in rank.

Scouts BSA have Camporees to display their skills, and Sea Scouts have similar opportunities called rendezvous or regattas. These events have twenty or more skills competitions and preparing to do well can provide weeks of instruction and practice that meets a multitude of advancement requirements. Sea Scouts also have an annual high adventure called a long sail. Planning, preparing, and executing a week or longer on the water meets and exceeds many advancement requirements. It goes without saying that advancement is the natural outcome of a well-rounded program that includes Scouting, service, seamanship and social.



Venturing BSA

Venturing and the Order of the Arrow



As of February 1, 2019, Venturers can be elected into the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America. The Order of the Arrow recognizes Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

For Venturers, the requirements to join the Order of the Arrow are the same as they have been prior to February 1st - one must be elected by his or her peers. Once someone is elected, they must complete an "Ordeal" that involves a day of service and learning various principles of the Order of the Arrow. There is then an induction ceremony to become a member.

The requirements to be eligible for election are as follows:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Have experienced 15 nights of camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each. Ship nights may be counted as camping for Sea Scouts.
- At the time of their election, youth must be under the age of 21, hold the Scouts BSA First Class rank, the Venturing Discovery Award, or the Sea Scout Ordinary rank or higher. Following approval by the Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Sea Scout Skipper, the Scout will be elected by the youth members of their unit.
- Adults (age 21 or older) who meet the camping requirements may be selected following nomination to and approval by the lodge adult selection committee.

Elections take place once per year. If any Venturing Crew is interested in having an election, they are invited to contact their local Lodge or Chapter leadership to schedule a unit election..

Worth Repeating

From Venturing Perspective

(October, 2014)

The Summit Award: Venturing's Capstone Achievement

"In the previous three issues of *Advancement News* we have discussed Venturing's new awards, beginning with the Venturing Award and progressing through the Discovery Award. Finally, Venturing crew members can earn the Summit Award, which is the capstone achievement.

"As is the case with the Venturing, Discovery, and Pathfinder awards, when it comes to the Summit Award, what a Venturing crew does is not as important as how it does it. A crew's program should be built upon a program of continuous, youth-led adventure with focus areas in adventure, leadership, service, and personal growth. Each award level challenges Venturers to dig deeper into the question of who they are in order to truly develop and enhance their skills and confidence to complete the requirements.

"While the Pathfinder Award requires a member to lead an adventure, the Summit Award moves a Venturer into the role of a servant leader. Servant leadership and community service are the cornerstones of the Summit Award. Candidates are challenged to design and lead a significant community service project, the requirements of which are available now in the new Handbook for Venturers, No. 33494."



Venturing Award



Pathfinder Award



Discovery Award



Summit Award





2019

ADVANCEMENT ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS—Week 6: July 14-20

If you are an experienced volunteer Advancement Administrator, consider taking your game to the next level. This case study based conference is designed for Unit, District, and Council Advancement Coordinators, Chairs, Committee Members, and Staff Advisors. If that's you, start making plans now to take advantage of this opportunity to share ideas with other committed Advancement Administrators at Scouting's premier destination.

Conference participants will not only learn about the latest updates on advancement issues, but more important, they will analyze, discuss, and solve case studies similar to those regularly dealt with by the National Advancement Team and the Eagle Issues Task Force. The result will be a better understanding of the effective use of the Guide to Advancement and also the confidence to handle difficult issues at the Council level.

MECHANICS OF ADVANCEMENT—Week 7: July 21-27

This course is a MUST for Advancement Administrators in Districts or Councils, whether they be volunteers or professionals just in need of a refresher or new to advancement procedures. Conference attendees will gain an in-depth understanding of the essentials of advancement and an appreciation for the rationale behind the policies and procedures governing it. Group discussions will focus on effective ways to resolve the related issues and challenges that arise on a regular basis. Staff members are very well founded in advancement issues and have a full understanding of the Guide to Advancement.

SCOUT TROOP ADVANCEMENT—Week 7: July 21-27

Are you a Troop Leader, Committee Member, or Unit Advancement Coordinator needing to increase your knowledge of how advancement drives the Scouting program and is effectively administered? Perhaps you have just finished or are in the process of starting a new troop. If so, this is the course for you. All aspects of advancement will be addressed as it relates to the troop and the success of our youth. Topics covered will include Scoutmaster Conferences, electronic reporting, merit badge issues, service projects, boards of review, disability issues, Eagle issues, and more. See how program planning leads to strong advancement. Meet like-minded volunteers and share in building the capacity to strengthen your unit and its youth!

Registration available at

<http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/conferencesO.aspx>

Helpful Links

Here are some links to the most current materials of interest for Scouters who are involved in the administration of advancement. These and many more resources are available at the **Advancement Resources** web page at www.scouting.org/advancement.

General Resources

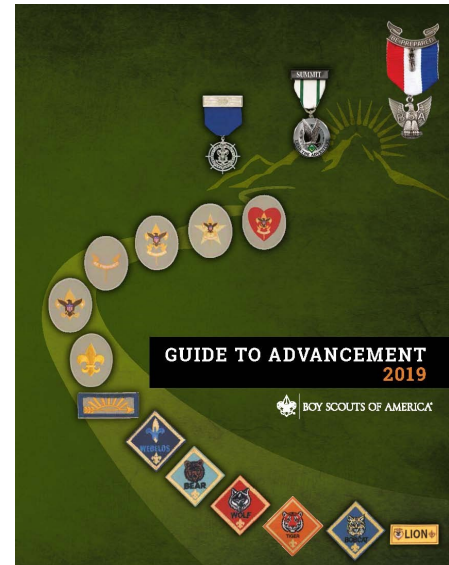
- Guide To Advancement 2019, No. 33088
- Advancement Educational Presentations (*see list below*)
- Advancement News
- Abilities Digest
- Advancement Report, No. 34403
- Building Effective Advancement Committees, No. 510-756
- Eagle Scout Challenge, No. 542-900
- Friendstorming on Tour, No. 510-003
- Lone Scout Friend and Counselor Guidebook, No. 511-420
- On Increasing Advancement, No. 512-047
- Recommendations for Regional and Area Volunteers Supporting the Advancement program, No. 512-048
- Troop Resource Survey, No. 512-116
- Guide to Awards and Insignia. No. 33066
- Venturing Board of Review Guide, No. 512-940

Advancement Educational Presentations:

- Introduction to the Guide to Advancement
- Today's Advancement
- Cub Scout Advancement Delivering Adventure
- Developing Council and District Advancement Committees
- The Eagle Scout Service Project Coach
- The Eagle Scout Service Project
- Effective Troop Advancement
- Essentials in Serving Scouts with Disabilities
- The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling
- The Merit Badge program
- Getting the Most From Internet Advancement
- Including Scouts With Disabilities

Videos

- Guardian of the Gate



Additional resources include

Rank Advancement Information

*(including the **new** 2019 Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook, 2019 Scouts BSA Rank Requirements, and various applications)*

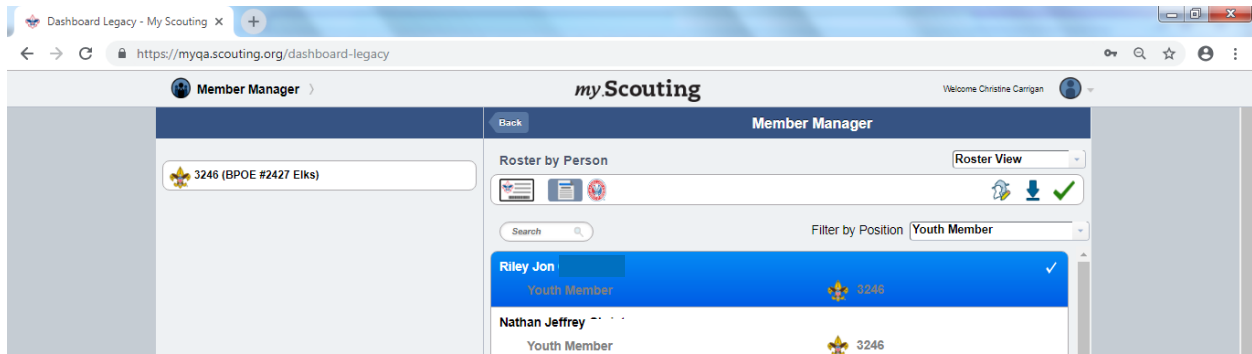
Merit Badge Counselor information

(including A Guide for Merit Badge Counseling, Merit Badge Group Instruction Guide and Merit Badge List)

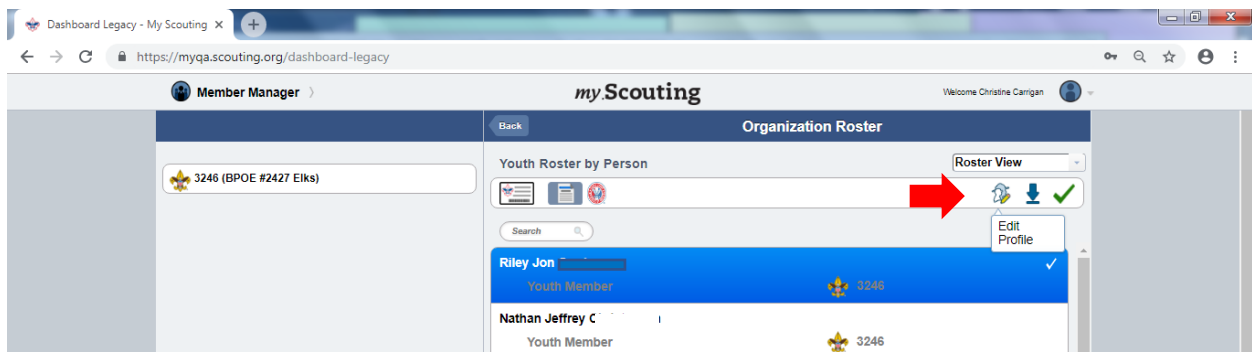
How to Request an Eagle Extension

Troop Key 3 Leaders (Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, Chartered Organization Representative), Unit Advancement Chairman and Council Admin will have the ability in Member Manager to indicate if a youth who is age 16 up to 18 and has joined between 2/1/19-12/31/19 to request an Eagle Extension.

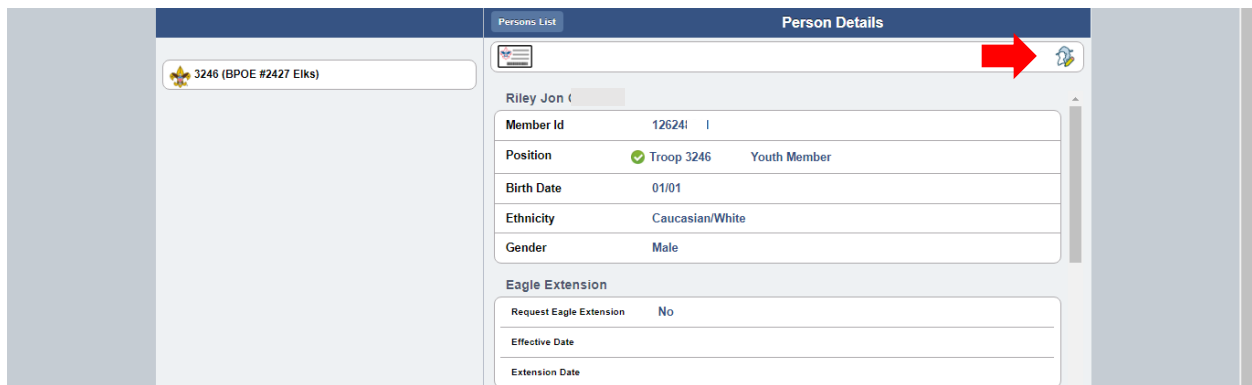
Select the Member in the roster by clicking on his/her name



Then click the icon Edit Profile.



This will open a window with the youth's information. Click the edit profile again.



The section for Eagle extension will be available for viewing if the youth is age appropriate to request the extension. It will appear under the box with personal information such as name and gender.

Toggle the Request Eagle Extension to yes. The system will use the date you submitted the request for the extension as the Effective Date and will calculate the Extension Date to allow for the youth to have 24 months from his/her join date to complete his/her Eagle Award.

Person Details	
Riley Jon	
Member Id	126248
Position	Troop 3246 Youth Member
Birth Date	01/01
Ethnicity	Caucasian/White
Gender	Male
Eagle Extension	
Request Eagle Extension	Yes
Effective Date	02/06/2019
Extension Date	01/01/2021

A report is available at the Troop, the District, and the Council organization levels to reflect who has requested the Extension to complete his/her Eagle requirements.

The report icon appears at the top of Member Manager and looks like the Eagle Award badge.

Member Manager > my.Scouting Welcome Scout Executive

Organization Roster

Select BSA Organization

- SA Aquila SR1
- SA Dropped Exploring Division SA7
- SA Exploring SR6

Roster by Person

Roster View

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Filter by Position All Positions

Council Organization structure (Council, District, etc. depending on your council), unit type (always Troop), unit number, Troop Chartered Organization Name, Youth Name, Youth Gender, Date of Birth, Date Extension Requested, Expiration Date of the extension.

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