

Troop 957 Rank Advancement Board of Review Questions List

Star Rank



I am the Star. Now that I can stand alone, I have earned the right to improve on my own. To me goes the honor of choosing my field. Before me lies the horizon of endless opportunity.

With the Star rank, emphasis is placed upon service to others, merit badges, and leadership. Scout skills remain an important element for the Star Scout; however, the emphasis should be on teaching other Scouts these skills.

Explore how the Star scout can assist with leading his patrol and troop. Attempt to understand how the Scouting philosophy is becoming part of the Scout's life.

Often the Star rank is a place where Scouts "stall out". Encourage the Scout to remain active, and participate fully in his patrol and troop. If the Scout appears to be looking for additional opportunities, suggest leadership positions such as Den Chief or Troop Guide.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 20 to 25 minutes. The requirements are:

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 4 months as a First Class Scout.
2. Demonstrate scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn 6 merit badges, including 4 from [the required list for Eagle](#). *
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4. While a First Class Scout, take part in [service projects](#) totaling at least 6 hours of work. These projects must be approved by your Scoutmaster.
5. While a First Class Scout, serve actively 4 months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop):

Boy Scout troop.

- Patrol leader,
- assistant senior patrol leader,
- senior patrol leader,
- troop guide,
- Order of the Arrow troop representative,
- den chief,
- scribe,
- librarian,
- historian,
- quartermaster,
- bugler,
- junior assistant Scoutmaster,
- chaplain aide, or
- instructor.

Varsity Scout team.

- Captain,
- cocaptain,
- program manager,
- squad leader,
- team secretary,
- Order of the Arrow team representative,
- librarian,
- historian,
- quartermaster,
- chaplain aide,
- instructor, or
- den chief.

Venturing crew / Sea Scout ship.

- President,
- vice president,
- secretary,
- treasurer,
- boatswain,
- boatswain's mate,
- yeoman,
- purser, or
- storekeeper

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6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
7. Complete your board of review.

* A Scout may choose any of the 15 required merit badges in the 12 categories to fulfill requirement 3.

NOTE: The footnote to Requirement 3 means that, for example, a Scout can use both Lifesaving AND Emergency Preparedness and/or Swimming, Hiking AND Cycling toward the requirement of 4 from the required list for Eagle when working toward Star Scout.) Also note that the asterisks are specifically placed on the lines marked "(required for Eagle)" signifying that the note applies to these badges.

Please note that Requirement 7 - (Complete your Board of Review) MAY be done AFTER the Scout' has reached age 18. All other requirements must be completed BEFORE the Scout's 18th Birthday.

Sample Questions:

1. How many Troop outings have you attended in the last three months?
2. What does it mean for a Star Scout to "Be Prepared" on a daily basis?
3. How have the Scout skills that you have learned helped you in a non-Scouting activity?
4. Which is more important: Becoming a Star Scout, or learning the skills prescribed for a Star Scout?
5. Why do you think a Scoutmaster's Conference is required for advancement in rank?
6. What is the most important part of a Troop Court of Honor? Why?
7. What leadership positions have you held outside of your patrol? What challenges did they present? What are your personal leadership goals and objectives?
8. What part do you take in the Troop Meetings? Are you a leader or a follower?
9. Do you hold a leadership position in the troop now? If so, which one and what are your responsibilities? If no, which position(s) have you held? Tell me a short story about your time as a leader.
10. How do you feel your patrol functions as a team?
11. Have you ever tried to instill a change (long or short term) in your patrol? What was it? How? Did you get the results you wanted?
12. How would you get a Scout to do an unpleasant task?
13. Who makes sure your uniform is clean and the patches are all sewn on for you to wear?
14. How do you help out at home? Do you do it to "chip in" or earn money?
15. What service project did you work on to earn your required hours for this rank? What was your job on the project?
16. What point of the Scout Law is the most important to you? Why?
17. What is the Scout Slogan? {answer: "Do a Good Turn Daily"} What type of "Good Turns" do you do?
18. What is our "Duty to God"?
19. What does it mean to say "A Scout is Loyal"?
20. What should the statement, "A Scout is Trustworthy" mean to a Star Scout?
21. How does the Scout Oath affect the life of a Star Scout differently than it would the life of a Tenderfoot Scout?
22. How are the Scout Oath and Law part of your daily life?
23. What is the Outdoor Code? Why is it important?

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24. Have you received any special awards or accomplishments in school, athletics, or church?
25. Baden-Powell's first Scout outing was located on an island off the coast of Great Britain; what was the name of that island? [Answer: Brownsea Island]
26. What other activities do you participate in? (ie. sports, music, social/religious groups, etc.)
27. How many younger siblings do you have? What sort of impression do you think you give them and others about Scouting?
28. Do you keep a small sewing kit in your backpack? Have you ever had a need to use it while on an outing (ie. tent zipper, clothes rip, massive wound, etc)?
29. What do you think the role of a Star Scout is in relationship to younger scouts?
30. What do others have a right to expect of a Star Scout?
31. How would you describe the change in your thinking, actions, and performance since earning First Class? Were they through conscious effort?
32. How many merit badges have you earned? What was the most difficult (fun, challenging, expensive, etc.)?
33. Which six (6) merit badges did you earn for this rank? Which was the most important to you? Why?
34. What was the most interesting and/or unique requirement you have had in a merit badge?
35. What type of career interests you? Have you looked into earning a related merit badge?
36. If you could make one (1) change in the merit badge program (ie structure, format, add a badge). What would you do?
37. While working toward your Star did you learn anything that you would like to pass on to the younger Scouts? What?
38. What have you learned that might help you as an adult?
39. What do you feel the troop can do most to help the younger Scouts so they will make it to Star and beyond?
40. If the Scout is a member of the Order of the Arrow: When did you complete your "Ordeal", "Brotherhood"? What does membership in the OA signify?
41. What is your goal for reaching Life Scout?
42. What is your long term goal for Scouting?

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What Every Scout Should Know

Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law:

A Scout is ...
Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
Reverent.

Scout Motto:

Be Prepared.

Scout Slogan:

Do a good turn daily.

Outdoor Code:

As an American, I will do my best to --
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.
