

Board of Review Report Form

Scout name:	
Patrol:	
Today's date:	
Date of present rank (in Scout Handbook):	
Date of birth:	
Rank sought:	__T __2 __1 __S __L
Scoutmaster conference given by:	__ Mr. Smith __ Other: _____
Complete Class A uniform? (Shirt, pants, belt, neckerchief w/ slide, socks)	__ Yes __ No __ Waived * <i>If no, suspend the Board of Review – no uniform swapping. Offer constructive comments on appearance if appropriate – check badges, etc.</i>
All Scout Handbook items signed off?	__ Yes __ No <i>If no, suspend the Board of Review until all are signed</i>
Board of Review member names (please print):	_____ _____ _____

Please do the Board of Review in four stages:

1. **Interview the Scout** to ask about what she learned in doing the advancement requirements for this rank. See the sample questions on the reverse side. **Remember that a Board of Review is NOT a retest** of rank advancement requirements (that's done by the Scoutmaster conference), but instead is an opportunity to provide quality control for the troop's program. **Ask open-ended questions** (i.e., questions that will require somewhat of a narrative answer) – probe for how well the troop program is doing in teaching Scouting skills, self-reliance, and leadership.

* * Uniform requirements can be waived if the Board of Review will be held under special circumstances (e.g., after church). **Waivers must be approved in advance** by the Scoutmaster, advancement chair, or troop committee chair.

2. **Excuse the Scout** and confer privately to decide whether advancement should be approved.
3. **If you have questions whether the Scout should pass, immediately** consult the Scoutmaster and/or the troop committee chair.
4. **Ask the Scout back in.** If she passed, congratulate her.
5. **If the Board concludes that the Scout should not advance**, then (a) tell her what she has not done satisfactorily and what additional work must be done to remedy her areas of weakness, (b) tell her that another board of review will be scheduled for her when she has completed this additional work, and (c) *immediately* notify the troop committee chair so that a follow-up letter can be written to the Scout to confirm the plan for the additional work needed. If the Scout disagrees with the Board's decision, tell her to contact the troop committee chair who can explain the appeal procedures to her.

6. **Ask the Scout to commit to a date** for a Board of Review for her next rank, and counsel her to "work backwards" from that date. **Committed date:** _____

Please provide feedback / comments below for the troop committee.

Advancement is: _____ approved _____ deferred

Signature of Board chair

Make sure you sign and date the Scout Handbook!

Please return the completed form to the BOR Officer, who will share it with the Advancement Chair (advancement@troop54houston.org) and the Scoutmaster).

Board of Review Sample Questions

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Scout Spirit

- What does Scout Spirit mean to you?
- How do you demonstrate that you have Scout Spirit?
- How often do you attend troops and patrol meetings?
- *(For First Class and up:)* What service projects did you work on to qualify for this rank?
- *(For First Class and up:)* **What are you doing to help teach the younger Scouts?**

Merit Badge Work

- What if any merit badges have you earned? Was there one you particularly enjoyed?
- What merit badge counselor(s) did you go to? Did any particular counselor have a particularly good way of explaining things or teaching things?
- Plans for other merit badges? Eagle-required badges?

The Troop and Patrol

- What patrol are you in? How many Scouts are in it?
- Do you have a leadership position in the troop? What is your position? How do you think you're doing in it? What could you do better?
- Are any of your good friends members of your patrol? (If not: Are any of your good friends in the troop?)
- Has your patrol helped with any troop projects or service lately? What were they?
- What's your favorite and least-favorite part of troop meeting?
- What happens at a typical patrol meeting? What's your favorite part? Your least-favorite part?
- How do you get along with others in your patrol? Any particular issues there?
- Any problems in your patrol or in the troop that you think the troop committee could help with?

Life Outside Scouting

- How's school?
- What do you do at home to help?
- Do you go to church regularly?
 - Are you a member of any organization other than the Boy Scouts of America?
- Are you involved in any team sports at school?
- Are you a member or any group, such as student government or a club, at school?

First Aid

- If you had a chance to do more work to improve your First Aid skills, what would you most want to improve?
- What specific First Aid skill do you think you could best teach to younger Scouts?

Camping

- What do you like most about camping? Least?
- What did you like best on your last troop camp out? What did you like least?
- Did you pass any of your advancement requirements on camp outs? Which ones?
- Are you planning on going to summer camp this/next summer? Did you go last summer? How was it?

Cooking

- How's the food in your patrol on campouts?
- Are you a good "outdoor" cook?
- What do you like to fix the best?

Other Scout Skills

- Which knots have you learned to tie?
- How do you think can knots help you in Scouting?
- Why do you think the buddy system is important to Scouting?
- *(For First Class and up:)* What did you learn in Orienteering that was new to you?
- Did you learn anything new about a compass?
- Tell us a little bit about what you think your rights and obligations as a citizen are.
- Where did you go on your 5-mile hike or your 10-mile hike?

Further Advancement

- Have you started to complete requirements for another rank? What's your plan for becoming a _____ Scout?
- **Give us a specific target date so the troop committee can schedule a Board of Review for your next rank.**
- Have you earned any merit badges yet? Which ones?
- Did your father or mother help or coach you on any of your merit badges? *(That's a good thing, as long as the parent didn't do the requirements for the Scout.)*
- *(For First Class and up:)* What merit badges are you working on now? Which ones do you plan to earn for your next rank?
- *(For Life Scout:)* What's your plan for making Eagle? Have you thought about your service project? What's your target date