

Troop Advancement Goals

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The Scoutmaster must be the spark plug of the troop. It is necessary that he understand the purpose of the advancement program and the importance it has in the development of the Scouts in his troop. The troop's program must provide advancement opportunities. By participating in the troop program, the Scout will meet requirements for rank advancement.

The troop's unit commissioner and the district advancement committee can play an important part in explaining advancement and helping the Scoutmaster utilize the advancement program in the troop program, making it exciting to the boys in his troop.

It is important that the troop committee and the Scoutmaster set an advancement goal for the year. A basic goal should be for each boy to advance a rank during the year. New Scouts should earn the First Class rank during their first year in the troop. By doing so, these new Scouts become net contributors to the troop and are able to care for themselves and others. When reviewed monthly by the troop committee, Scouts will recognize the importance of the advancement. Troops should conduct boards of review for boys who are not advancing. A minimum of four formal courts of honor a year (one every three months) should be held to formally recognize the boys in the troop.