

SIMON KENTON COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT GUIDELINES

Purpose

The purpose of these advancement guidelines is to insure a high degree of uniformity and to uphold the honor and high standards of Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, Varsity Scouting and Venturing in the Simon Kenton Council. Scouting offers a progressive series of learning experiences aimed toward character building, citizenship training and personal fitness. Advancement is a Method of Scouting used to reflect the Scout's progress and to recognize his achievements.

These guidelines are not intended to replace THE ADVANCEMENT GUIDE Policies and Procedures #33088 (2007 printing), from the Boy Scouts of America.

COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT GUIDELINE STATEMENT

1. The advancement procedures of the Simon Kenton Council will follow the current policies and procedures outlined by the Boy Scouts of America contained in the current "Advancement Guidelines" #33088 (2007 printing).
2. Standards for all advancements are the requirements listed in the current Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos Cub Scout Book; the Boy Scout Handbook; Varsity Handbook; or yearly Boy Scout Requirement book as published by the Boy Scouts of America.
3. All applications for advancement submitted to the local council office, must have the proper name, as listed in the units Charter, of the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturer; the designation of the award earned; and the required signatures of the Unit Leader (Cub Master, Scoutmaster, Coach or Adviser), Advancement Chairman and, for Boy Scout rank advancement, the Scout progress review members. Advancement report form, No. 34403B, is available at the council office. Internet Advancement reporting through the council website may also be used.
4. Advancement in the troop will be in conformity with the standards set by the Boy Scouts of America.
5. All applications (Blue Cards) for merit badges must be signed by his Scoutmaster before the Scout sees a counselor. All counselors must be approved by the district advancement committee, and be registered Merit Badge counselors (Position Code 42).
6. Cub Scout advancement is primarily home and neighborhood centered and can be done at Den level for the younger boy. Advancement involves parental approval of requirement. Webelos Scout advancement requires the approval of the Webelos Den Leader.
7. **YEARLY ADVANCEMENT GOALS:** The council's advancement policy is that a program be designed in each unit so that each boy should advance at least one rank every year.

8. The administration of the advancement program is primarily the responsibility of the unit committee, with the support of the district advancement committee and commissioner staff.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Establish advancement procedures that are consistent throughout the council for handling of Eagle Scout Board of reviews, Merit Badge counseling and etc.
Ensure that the advancement policies and standards of the Boy Scouts of America and the Simon Kenton Council are maintained.
Serve as the “court of appeals” for any advancement related concerns.
Recommend candidates for heroism and meritorious action awards.
Review and make recommendations on any requests for alternative advancement requirements, including request from disabled youth and extensions for Eagle rank.

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

Ensure that the advancement policies and standards of the Boy Scouts of America and the Simon Kenton Council are maintained.
Conduct Eagle Scout service project reviews and Eagle Board of Reviews.
Establish and maintain district Merit Badge Counselor lists.
Train Merit Badge Counselors.
Promote active advancement programs in all units in the district.
Recommend individuals to the council advancement committee for special awards, including lifesaving, meritorious action and distinguished service awards.
Monitor advancement progress in each unit of the district, offering assistance and counseling to units without strong advancement programs.
Convene special awards review committees for special district awards, including the District Award of Merit selection committee.

CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

1. Cub Scouting is home and neighborhood centered for the younger boy.
2. A boy may become a member of a Cub Scout den of perhaps five to eight boys, and his den is one of several that make up a pack. The den meets weekly. The den is led by an adult at least 21 years old that is registered as a Den Leader. Advancement involves parental approval of requirements and should be primarily family centered.
3. A boy may become a member of a Webelos den. This den is led by an adult at least 21 years old who is registered as a Webelos Den Leader. A pack may have more than one Webelos den, depending on the number of Webelos Scouts. The Webelos den meets weekly. Advancement is approved by the Webelos Den Leader and is outlined in the Webelos Leader Guide.

THE SIX RANKS IN CUB SCOUTING

1. **TIGER.** The rank for first graders, or 7 years old.

2. BOBCAT. All boys entering the Cub Scout program earn this rank; Tigers after earning the Tiger Rank and all others soon after registering, regardless of age.
3. WOLF. The rank for second graders or 8-year-old.
4. BEAR. The rank for third graders or 9-year-old boys.

NOTE: Wolf or Bear age Cub Scouts may work on Electives/ Arrow Points which are presented after earning the appropriate rank badges.

1. WEBELOS. The rank for fourth and fifth graders or 10 year old boys, earned in his Webelos den. Webelos Scouts also may work on any activity badges.
2. ARROW OF LIGHT. For fifth graders or 10-year-old boys.

NOTE: Cub Scouts graduate to the next rank when they complete their current scholastic grade in May or early June. Requirements can only be completed for their age appropriate rank.

CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT GOALS

1. Parents of Cub Scouts should understand their role and responsibilities for their son's advancement. For the boy to receive maximum benefit and growth from his advancement, parents must support the advancement process in their home and family. The parent's standard for completion of any requirement should be based on the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best. Fast Start training and the Cub Scout Leader Book include an overview of the Cub Scout Advancement Program.
2. Advancement recognition shall be given as soon as possible after a boy completes the requirements, and be done with proper ceremony. Presentation of badges should be part of each monthly pack meeting. Suggestions for advancement ceremonies are contained in the current Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs, the Cub Scout Program Helps, Webelos Leader Guide, and Cub Scout Leader Book.
3. Packs and troops should be encouraged to work together to ensure a smooth transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop.
4. The administration of the advancement program is primarily the responsibility of the unit committee, with the support of the district advancement committee and commissioner staff.
5. The use of den chiefs (Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Venturers who assist with Cub Scout and Webelos Scout den meetings) can help stimulate advancement through example and experience, as well as encourage boys to continue in the Scouting program.

REPORTING ADVANCEMENT

Remember to follow these basic rules in filling out Advancement Reports.

1. All rank advancement must be reported. An Advancement Report is required to purchase rank advancements.
2. Use only the boy's actual first and last name exactly as it appears on the charter. Do not use nick names or middle names. Advancement will not be recorded when the wrong name is provided on the Advancement Report.
3. Use one advancement report per pack. Do not list the rank advancement of two different packs or a pack and a troop on the same advancement report.
4. Whenever possible, make sure the boys you are entering on the advancement report are registered. Advancement for unregistered boys cannot be approved.

5. Write out the advancement report as legibly as possible.
6. Use the Advancement Report (form 34403B) or Internet advancement reporting available on the council website to submit advancement data.

DEN INVOLVEMENT – Develop a plan that assists and encourages each boy in the den to advance in rank that is appropriate for their age/grade level. Submit appropriate den advancement records to the Pack Advancement Chairman so that proper recognition can be ordered from council.

PACK INVOLVEMENT – Track and support den advancement so every boy advances in rank each year. Collect den advancement reports and submit Unit Advancement Reports to the council and order awards for presentation. Proper Unit Advancement Reports are required to purchase badges and awards.

DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT - Track pack advancement records monthly. A member of the district advancement committee should counsel pack leadership when a pack shows no advancement for three or more months in a row.

COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT – Make computer advancement reports available to district advancement chairman.

TROOP ADVANCEMENT

1. **SCHEDULING UNIT PROGRESS REVIEW:** National and council guidelines recommend a monthly progress review in each unit.
2. **COMPOSITION OF PROGRESS REVIEW:** Progress reviews for all program awards, including Tenderfoot thru Life Scout ranks shall be conducted by members of the Troop committee. At least three Unit Committee members must be present. Unit and assistant unit leaders do not participate in the progress review. The procedures for Youth Protection shall be followed for all conferences and Boards of Review.

The Scoutmaster will conduct a conference with the Scout. A good conference should be unhurried and private, but within the guidelines of Youth Protection. It helps the Scout evaluate his accomplishments and set new goals with his Scoutmaster. This is a rare opportunity for a one-on-one relationship and can be accomplished at a troop meeting, camping trip, or in the home.
3. **TYPES OF QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED AT PROGRESS REVIEW:** The questions should be designed to get the boy talking about his experience in the troop to determine whether he has had an effective experience in Scouting. Specific rank or merit badge requirements can be reviewed but should not be tested. Scouting spirit should be reviewed with a view toward future advancement and should include suggestions toward improving Scout Spirit, if necessary.
4. **HOLDING PROGRESS REVIEW WHEN NO SCOUTS ARE PREPARED FOR RANK ADVANCEMENT:** Progress of those Scouts not advancing should be checked regularly by the unit committee. A progress review with proper guidance and inspiration should be given where needed.
5. **PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW IF A CANDIDATE FAILS TO PASS A PROGRESS REVIEW:** The members of the progress review board shall be responsible for approving

or rejecting a candidate prior to his receiving recognition. If a candidate fails to pass a progress review, the chairman of the progress review board shall discuss the findings of the committee with the Scoutmaster to recommend corrective procedures that apply to the individual Scout and shall provide the Scout with a written summary of the committee's decision. When the Scoutmaster feels the Scout has corrected his weakness, the Scoutmaster shall recommend the candidate for another progress review.

6. Progress reviews may be held at summer camp. The unit committee is responsible for its own progress review. It should be conducted as any other review.

REPORTING ADVANCEMENT

Remember to follow these basic rules in filling out Advancement Reports.

1. All rank advancements and merit badges must be reported.
2. List only one rank advancement or merit badge per line.
3. Use only the boy's actual first and last name exactly as it appears on the Charter. Do not use nick names or middle names. . Advancement will not be recorded when the wrong name is provided on the Advancement Report.
4. Use one advancement report per Troop. Do not list the rank advancement of two different Troops or a Pack and a Troop on the same advancement report.
5. Whenever possible, make sure the boys you are entering on the advancement report are registered. Advancement for unregistered boys cannot be approved.
6. Write out the advancement report as legibly as possible.
7. Dates for all merit badges should come from the Blue Card.
8. Include the date of the Progress Review on the advancement report form.
9. Include the Merit Badge Verification Information form for any advancement form which includes merit badges.
10. Use the Advancement Report (form 34403B) or Internet advancement reporting available on the council website to submit advancement data.

TROOP INVOLVEMENT – Track and support advancement so that every boy advances in rank each year. Regularly submit Unit Advancement reports to the council and order awards for presentation, Proper Unit Advancement Reports are required to purchase badges and awards.

DISTRICT INVOLVEMENT – Track troop advancement records monthly. A member of the district advancement committee should counsel troop leadership when a troop shows no advancement for three or more months in a row.

Council involvement – Make computer advancement reports available to district advancement committees.

VARSIITY SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

1. Any young man from 14 to 18 years old may participate in this older Boy Scout program. Varsity Scouting offers five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events. Each of these programs is led by a member of the team called a "program manager", who receives assistance from a member of the team committee called a "program supervisor".

2. Leadership requirements may be met by a Varsity Scout serving as a team captain, co-captain, program manager, squad leader, or other leadership role outlined in the advancement section of the Varsity Scout Handbook.
3. The Varsity Scout Coach will conduct a Coach conference. A good conference should be unhurried and private. It helps the Scout evaluate his accomplishments and set new goals with his Coach. This is a rare opportunity for a one-on-one relationship and can be accomplished at a troop meeting, camping trip, or in the home. Guidelines on Youth Protection shall be followed for all conferences and reviews.
Goal-setting by the Scout makes it possible for the Coach to encourage the Scout to use his strengths and help him with his weaknesses. The Scout's joining conference is probably one of the most important associations the boy will have in his Scouting career. It is at this conference that the Coach illustrates to him the adult-youth relationship that is unique to Scouting.
Throughout the ranks, it is rewarding for the Coach to observe the Scout's growth in responsibility and maturity. It is through this association and example that a boy grows and matures, and the Coach conference accomplishes that aim.
4. As the Varsity Scout meets the requirements for each rank, a board of review is conducted by the advancement program supervisor, the advancement program manager, and the Varsity Scout Coach, for all ranks except Eagle. The Eagle board of review follows the procedure established by the local council. "See Eagle application."

VENTURING CREW ADVANCEMENT

1. Any young man or woman from 14 to 21 years old may participate in this older Scout program. Venturing offers five program fields of emphasis: Sports, Youth Ministries, Arts and Hobbies, Outdoor and Sea Scouting.
2. There are two pathways for advancement in the Venturing program. The Venturing advancement path includes the Bronze, Gold, Silver and Ranger Awards as detailed in the Venturer Handbook, Silver Guide Book and Ranger Guide Book. The Venturing advancement program is administered by the Council Venturing Committee.
3. Venturers may participate in the Boy Scout Eagle advancement pathway providing they complete the First Class Rank in a Boy Scout Troop. The Eagle advancement path is outlined in the Procedures for Eagle Application. Leadership requirements may be met by a Varsity Scout serving as a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, boatswain, boatswain's mate, yeoman, purser, or storekeeper.
4. The Crew Adviser or Ship Skipper will conduct the Venturer's conference. A good conference should be unhurried and private. It helps the Venturer evaluate his accomplishments and set new goals. This is a rare opportunity for a one-on-one relationship and can be accomplished at a crew meeting, camping trip, or in the home. Guidelines on Youth Protection shall be followed for all conferences and reviews.
Goal-setting by the Venturer makes it possible for the Adviser or Skipper to encourage the Venturer to use his strengths and help him with his weaknesses.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELING

1. **REGISTRATION & APPROVAL OF MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:** Annually, all merit badge counselors shall be registered as merit badge counselors (code 42) and shall be approved by the district advancement committee. ONLY these approved persons shall be maintained by the district advancement committee. Districts should manage their merit badge list in order to maintain a quality, current list of counselors. Prior to submitting a completed merit badge application to the council office, the unit leader should satisfy himself/herself that the merit badge application has been signed by a counselor who is registered and approved by the district advancement committee and whose name appears on the current copy of a district's merit badge counselor list.
2. **RECRUITING & TRAINING OF NEW MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:** Districts and units shall follow national advancement guidelines when recruiting and training merit badge counselors. School teachers, college professors and trained professionals must go through the same approval process as all other counselors. All counselors should have youth protection training and shall follow youth protection guidelines when counseling Scouts. The district advancement committee shall perform such background checks as are necessary to assure Youth Protection Guidelines are followed and registration in the Boy Scouts of America is appropriate before submitting the merit badge counselor's Adult Registration form for council approval.
3. **LIMITATIONS:** It is strongly recommended that a Scout should not be counseled for more than four (4) merit badges from any one counselor unless he receives prior approval from the district advancement committee. It is strongly recommended that 50% of all required merit badges should be with counselors not associated with the Scout's unit. Parents/guardians should not counsel their own Scouts for more than two (2) Eagle-required merit badges or four (4) total merit badges. Units should not depend on unit-only counselors for all merit badges. To do so, deprives the Scout of the experience in meeting outstanding counselors in qualified fields. Both district and unit-only counselors shall be registered only for their career and hobby interests and expertise.
4. **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** Safety is of prime importance to all in Scouting. All counselors must ascribe and adhere to the safety rules found in the current National Council Camp Health and Safety Guidelines, the current Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection Guidelines, and local policies of the Simon Kenton Council.
5. **GROUP INSTRUCTION OF MERIT BADGES:** To the fullest extent possible, the merit badge counseling relationship is a counselor-Scout partnership in which the boy is not only judged on his performance of the requirements, but receives maximum benefit from the knowledge, skill, character and personal interests of his counselor. Group instruction & orientation are permitted only where special facilities and expert personnel make this the most practical arrangement or when Scouts are dependent on only a few counselors for assistance.

However, this group experience should be followed by individual attention to

each candidate's project(s) and his ability to fulfill all requirements. Guidelines on Youth Protection shall be followed for all merit badge counseling sessions.

Only one merit badge may be taught at any group session.

Merit badges which have a time period for completion should not be considered for one-day or group sessions.

6. **COUNCIL MERIT BADGE CLINICS, DISTRICT MERIT BADGE FAIRS & CLINICS, and SUMMER CAMP:** All council-run merit badge clinics & district-run merit badge fairs shall submit a complete program outline to the council advancement committee for approval at least four (4) months prior to the advertisement of the activity. Merit badges which have a time period for completion should not be considered for one-day or group sessions.

All council summer camps will submit for approval a complete merit badge program outline with requirements to the council advancement committee for approval at least three (3) months before summer camp opens. The outline should list all prerequisites as well as any requirements needing special attention before attending camp.

Once a Scout is given permission to begin working on a merit badge, he has until his 18th birthday to complete the requirements. Council summer camps and merit badge clinics will issue and honor "partials" on approved merit badge application cards.

7. **TRAINING MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS:** Merit badge counselors should be trained through personal contact at a one-night session. Each merit badge counselor shall
 - a) have the most current edition of the Merit Badge pamphlet,
 - b) be familiar with the requirements as stated in the appropriate merit badge pamphlet, and
 - c) have an understanding of the philosophy behind the merit badge counselor program.

8. **PROMOTING ATTENDANCE AT MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING:** The council advancement committee recommends a one-night training session for merit badge counselors once each year in each district. To improve attendance, it is recommended that this training session be held on the same night and at the same place as a district roundtable. Special effort should be made to promote attendance, especially with new merit badge counselors. It is recommended that all counselors renew their registration at this annual meeting.

9. **SCOUT BUDDY SYSTEM:** A Scout must have a buddy with him at each meeting with a merit badge counselor. A Scout's buddy can be another Scout, a parent, guardian, brother, sister, relative or friend. In harmony with this, merit badge counselors should have a similar such buddy with them at each meeting with one or more Scouts and should refuse to meet with the Scout alone.

10. **MERIT BADGE COMPLETION:** Each Scout is required to complete the current Merit Badge requirements to earn the perspective Merit Badge. If the Merit Badge is started prior to National BSA updating the requirements, the Scout may complete the Merit Badge using the requirements in effect at the time the Merit Badge was started. Merit Badge Counselors are to insure that each Scout is evaluated individually to assess his understanding and completion of the requirements to earn the Merit Badge.

11. **MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LISTS:** Are not to be generally published. A Scout is to meet with his Unit Leader to obtain permission to complete a perspective Merit Badge and to obtain a list of contacts. Once a counselor is identified, the Scout is to complete a Blue Card and obtain signature from his Unit Leader before beginning the requirements of the Merit Badge and prior to meeting with the counselor.

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

1. SCOUT MERIT BADGE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each Scout shall follow the following procedure for obtaining merit badges:

1. Select a subject and discuss it with their unit leader or advisor.
 2. Fill out an "Application for Merit Badge" (blue) card with the counselors name & address as supplied by their leader and have their leader sign it as his/her approval to continue.
 3. The unit leader provides the Scout with the names and telephone numbers of the merit badge counselors for the selected badges.
 4. Obtain the merit badge pamphlet, read it and review the requirements. Then phone the counselor for an interview. The counselor may want the Scout to prepare for an examination before the first meeting or they may have several meetings as the Scout completes the requirements.
 5. Once the Scout has completed the requirements, the counselor will sign and date the blue card in two places. This is the effective date of the merit badge used for record-keeping purposes. The counselor keeps the counselor's record portion of the blue card.
 6. The Scout turns in the remaining two portion of the blue card to the unit leader or his designee.
 7. The unit leader signs the applicant's copy to acknowledge completion of the merit badge and returns that portion of the blue card back to the Scout. If the unit leader feels that the Scout has not fulfilled all of the requirements, he or she should not sign the blue card but contact the merit badge counselor to resolve all differences.
 8. It is important that the Scout Troop develop a system to keep the Blue Cards for each Scout, until his 18th birthday. It is important for each Scout to keep the middle section of the Application for Merit Badge card. This card will be of help to them when filling out their Eagle Application.
2. **PURCHASING MERIT BADGE CLOTH PATCHES:** All Merit Badges Purchased from the Scout Shop must be listed on the Advancement Report Form #34403B with the Merit Badge Verification Information Form attached.

EAGLE SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

1. When the council office receives an advancement form with a rank of Life on it, they will send the Scout an Eagle Packet. The packet includes an Eagle Scout Service Workbook, Eagle

Application, and a copy of the Eagle Application. It is recommended that Scout use the copy to obtain all dates and information before filling out the original Eagle Application.

2. The Scout should continue working on merit badges. He must serve at least 6 months or more in a responsible troop leadership position (see the Eagle Scout rank application for a list of acceptable positions)

3. The Scout must use the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook to record his project description and planning details. He must get approval for his service project concept and plans from the organization that will benefit from the project, his unit leader, the unit committee, and the district advancement chairman or designee prior to starting the project. The Scout is cautioned not to set a start date for his project until his concept and plans have been approved. The Scout should contact the district advancement chairman or his designee to arrange a time when the project concept and plans can be review in person. **An Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project may be denied (even after it is completed) if prior approval of the district advancement chairman or designee was not obtained before starting the project.**

4. The Scout organizes, supervises, and works on the service project. During the project he records notes on how the project was carried out, who helped, what materials were used, his planning time, and the time of the others, assisting on the project. Upon completion, the Scout must write a final report which describes how the project was actually accomplished and what changes to the original plan were made and why.

5. The Scout should contact those individuals listed as references on the Eagle application and ask them to write a letter or fill out a form, on there behalf. It recommended that a minimum of five (5) letters or forms be submitted with the Eagle application at the Board of Review. These letters should be from the candidate's parents or guardian, religious leader, principal or teacher, his employer and two other references. All letters are to be marked Eagle Letter and remain sealed until opened by the Eagle Board. Letters that appear to be opened will not be considered by the Eagle Board as one of the required reference letters potentially delaying the Eagles Board of Review. All letters are confidential and should not be returned to the Eagle candidate unless requested by the author that the letter be given to the Eagle candidate.

6. It is the responsibility of the unit advancement committee to verify date, rank advancement, and merit badges prior to the Board of Review. The district advancement chairman or designee must verify that this has been done, prior to the Board of Review.

7. Complete Eagle applications should be in the hands of the district advancement chairman or designee, one week before the Board of Review, and should be reviewed by board members prior to meeting with the candidate.

8. Any Board of Review held more then 60 days after the Scout's 18th birthday must be approved in advance in writing.

9. All applications must be submitted to the council office within 30 days after the Board of Review with a complete and signed advancement report.

10. Unit Leaders and Unit Advancement Committees should encourage their Life Scouts to set goals and work toward Eagle Rank prior to their 18th birthday. Additional conferences with the Life Scout can determine progress and provide the opportunity to provide suggestions and set new goals for progress. Working with the Eagle candidate earlier in his Scouting journey will reduce the stress of processing Eagle Applications, Merit Badges, and other advancement requirements as the candidates 18th birthday approaches. Scouts earning the Eagle rank earlier in their journey also provide leaders and mentors for younger Scouts as they advance in rank.

EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW

1. The Eagle Board of Review shall consist of an approved representative of the District advancement Committee and three (3) or more representatives from the Troop Committee or the local community. Note: The Unit Leader and Assistant Unit Leaders may not serve on the Eagle Board Committee. The Unit Leader may sit in the back of the Eagle Board of Review but is not allowed to ask questions or provide comment to the board or coach the Eagle candidate.
2. The Eagle Candidate will present himself in complete and neat uniform at his Eagle Board of Review unless there is a prior arrangement with the District Advancement Committee Representative or the Council Advancement Committee to reflect a special or unusual situation.
3. **QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED AT THE EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW:** The members of the Eagle Progress Review board shall determine the qualifications of the Eagle candidate through general questions on the Scout's character, attitude, aspirations, and achievements. The Eagle Board of Review shall not re-test advancement requirements.
4. **TURNING DOWN AN EAGLE CANDIDATE:** The standards for Eagle Scout shall be met in all respects. If for any reason, the Eagle Board of Review detects any area of weakness, he may be deferred. Since this is a difficult task, each candidate shall be judged on the basis of his own individual merits.
5. **PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IF AN EAGLE CANDIDATE IS TURNED DOWN:** If an Eagle candidate fails to pass an Eagle Board of Review or if he is deferred to a later review, a conference between the District Advancement committee and the candidate's Scoutmaster is held; at which time the candidate's weakness is discussed. Candidate should be told why he was denied and corrective action to be taken in order to be approved. If a candidate fails to pass a subsequent Eagle Board of Review, the Scoutmaster shall write a letter to the candidate explaining the decision of the Eagle Board of Review. Copies of this letter shall be sent to the District Advancement Chairman, the Council Advancement Chairman, and the District Chairman.

ADVANCEMENT APPEALS

Advancement questions should be resolved at the lowest level. Questions that cannot be answered at the unit level should be referred to the District Advancement Committee, the Council Advancement Committee, and the National Advancement Chairman, in that order.