



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

### Troop 146

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## Scout Rank Requirement 2b

"Describe the four steps of Boy Scout advancement"

**NOTE: READ THIS FIRST! IT HAS ALL THE ANSWERS!**

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### The Four Steps of Advancement

- 1. The Boy Scout Learns:** A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in ability to do his part as a member of the patrol and the troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others; and in this way he begins to develop leadership.
- 2. The Boy Scout is Tested:** A Scout may be tested on rank requirements by his patrol leader, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, a troop committee member, or a member of his troop. The Scoutmaster maintains a list of those qualified to give tests and to pass candidates. The Scout's merit badge counselor teaches and tests on the requirements for merit badges.
- 3. The Boy Scout is Reviewed:** After a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, he has a board of review. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Palms, the review is conducted by members of the troop committee. The Eagle Scout board of review is conducted in accordance with local council procedures.
- 4. The Boy Scout is Recognized:** When the board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This should be done at a ceremony at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his new rank may be presented later at a formal court of honor.

- The "READ THIS FIRST" text above says, "A Scout learns by doing," but in fact there are some things that you will have to learn by reading and memorizing. As a result, Troop 146 created a library of quizzes to assist in the process. For these first aid skills, check off the best way to learn each.

Doing	Reading	
		How to apply a splint to a broken arm.
		What are the five signs that someone is having a heart attack.
		How to improvise a stretcher when you're in the woods.
		How to perform CPR.
		How to help someone choking on a hot dog that went down the "wrong pipe." (Heimlich maneuver)
		How to spot and avoid poison ivy.
		What to do if you start itching from poison ivy.
		How to remove a tick.

- More about the Troop 146 quiz library: Some Scouts are okay taking the quizzes, and some Scouts just can't get used to them. So why do we have them?

True False

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1. A Scout can pass requirements at home on his own instead of waiting for a weekly meeting or a camping trip.

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2. For any given requirement, the quiz can cover all aspects of that requirement, even things that may not be obvious.

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3. If an older Scout is tasked with teaching a skill to a younger Scout, he can use the quiz as a lesson plan.

- About the Troop 146 quiz library, our motto is, "*This is NOT school!*" In school some students get 100, some get 90, some get 80, and so on. In Troop 146, everyone gets 100!" How can this be?

True False

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1. *This is NOT school!* All quizzes are "open book." You can look for the answer in the Scout Handbook, or you can do a YouTube search, or you can ask your mom or dad. We don't care if you "cheat," just as long as you can come up with the correct answer.

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2. *This is NOT school!* If you get a question wrong, we'll tell you and then let you fix it so you get it right.

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3. *This is NOT school!* We don't care how you learn something, just as long as you learn it. We want all Scouts in the troop to know all the skills that Scouts are famous for knowing. We want all Scouts to get 100.

4. Take a look at the above drawing on page 1, showing Scout ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. As you get higher, we rely less on quizzes and more on "doing." In fact, there are no quizzes at all for Star, Life, and Eagle, instead you have to earn "merit badges.

Go back to page 1 where it says, "**2. The Boy Scout is Tested.**" Copy the last sentence into this blank.

The Scout's merit badge counselor \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Go back to page 1 where it says, "**3. The Boy Scout is Reviewed**" and note how it talks about a "board of review" conducted by the adults making up our Troop Committee.

Next download the Troop 146 event calendar:

<http://www.troop146.org/Calendars/Troop146Calendar2024-25.pdf> .

\_\_\_ 5a. How many times can you find a "**BR = Board of Review**" scheduled in advance? (Past boards added to the calendar after the fact don't count.)

True False

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ 5b. The Troop Committee doesn't schedule boards of review in advance. Instead, just as soon as a Scout is ready to be reviewed, the Committee will add it to the calendar.

6. Go back to page 1 where it says, "**4 The Boy Scout is Recognized**" and note how it talks about both "recognition" and also a "ceremony." Again take a look at the downloaded Troop 146 event calendar.

\_\_\_ How many times can you find a "**CH = Court of Honor?**"

We schedule an award ceremony every three months. (Finance people would say, "We schedule an award ceremony every quarter").

When a Scout has passed his board of review for, say, Tenderfoot, we'll announce it right away during a Scout meeting and ask for applause. But the Scout will have to wait for the next scheduled Court of Honor to receive a cloth Tenderfoot badge to sew onto his uniform shirt.