



Troop 257

Board of Review Guidelines

BOARD OF REVIEW GUIDELINES

Boards of review should be comprised of three committee members. These should be adults who will feel comfortable conveying any concerns or comments that the Scout might share with them to the troop leadership. To help ensure that the Scout's board of review is as beneficial to him as it is to the troop, we strongly recommend that the board abide by the following guidelines.

The purpose of the board of review is to:

- ✚ Give the scout practice for his Eagle board of review;
- ✚ Provide an opportunity for the committee to familiarize themselves with the scouts, and *vice versa*;
- ✚ Learn from the scout whether the program that the Scoutmaster corps is delivering is working;
- ✚ Learn from the scout how the troop committee can improve his scouting experience; and
- ✚ Award the scout with his rank.

Please note:

- ✚ The board of review is not a test of rank qualification—that's for the Scoutmaster corps to determine. Scouts do not "fail" boards of review.
- ✚ The board of review is the scout's time to talk, not the adults' time. Encourage him to speak candidly about himself and the troop.
- ✚ The adults who comprise the board of review are the scout's advocates, and the atmosphere should be positive and encouraging. A scout should never be thinking "whew!" to himself after leaving a board of review.
- ✚ The board of review is an excellent opportunity to encourage the scout to *think!* Ask thoughtful, provocative questions about the Scout, his life, relationships and his role in the troop.

Below are some examples of excellent questions for a board of review. Again, asking the questions do no good if the answers don't get communicated back to the right people. Please follow up with any concerns the boy shares with you.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ What is the "Outdoor Code", and what does it mean to you?✚ "A Scout is Trustworthy" is the first part of the Scout Law. What does <i>trustworthy</i> mean to you? (you may substitute any one of the laws for this question)✚ What is your most memorable experience in Scouting?✚ What did you enjoy most on your last troop campout? Were there any problems that occurred? How would you have handled the problem (differently)?✚ What did you enjoy most about Boy Scout summer camp? Why?✚ What is your favorite outdoor activity that the troop does? Why?✚ In your opinion, what can be improved at your Troop meetings, and what can you do to help? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">✚ If a Cub Scout (Webelos Scout) were to visit your troop, what would you do to make him feel comfortable?✚ The Boy Scout Slogan is "Do a good turn daily". What type of act of kindness do you think really qualifies as a Good Turn?✚ What do you consider is Scout Spirit? How have you shown "Scout Spirit" in your daily life since joining Boy Scouts?✚ What Leadership position could you best fulfill? Why?✚ What are 3 best things you enjoy about Boy Scouting?✚ What can you do to help the troop get ready for a campout?✚ What merit badge did you enjoy the most earning? Why? |
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- ✚ In your opinion, what was the most important thing you learned while earning the _____ merit badge?
- ✚ What advice would you give to a new Patrol leader on how to get the members of his patrol to participate in Scouting activities?
- ✚ In your opinion, what is a leader?
- ✚ What leadership qualities have you learned and used as you developed your role as a (leadership position the Scout is currently holding)?
- ✚ What do you consider the most important part of the Boy Scout Oath?
- ✚ Give one way in which you practice the Boy Scout Oath.
- ✚ What part of the Scout Law do you find the hardest to observe?
- ✚ What are your future goals? How has scouting helped you in achieving those goals?
- ✚ How long do you intend to be involved in Scouting?
- ✚ What do you think your primary duties as an American citizen are?
- ✚ If you found a fellow scout smoking on a campout, what would be your reaction, and what would you do about it?
- ✚ What has Scouting given you that makes you feel proud?
- ✚ What does the American Flag mean to you?
- ✚ What does citizenship mean to you?
- ✚ What do you think the job of Senior Patrol Leader is? (or any other leadership position)
- ✚ What does the Scout uniform mean to you?
- ✚ Are you embarrassed to be seen in your Scout uniform outside of troop events? Why?

- ✚ Why do you think it is important for everybody to be in a proper Scout uniform?
- ✚ What are some school activities that you can use your scouting resources in?
- ✚ How do you think scouting has affected your academic standing in school?
- ✚ How could you try to give Scouting back what it gave you?
- ✚ How do you see yourself in the Scouting program after you are an adult?
- ✚ What are your plans for the rank of Eagle?
- ✚ What do you think Eagle Scouts should do after they make the highest rank in Scouting?
- ✚ What is your favorite part of a campfire?
- ✚ What have you done in Scouting that will help you in the future?
- ✚ What are you most proud of that you have accomplished in Scouting?
- ✚ Why do you feel that Scouts are ridiculed by their classmates?
- ✚ Would you be willing to wear your scout uniform to school? Why?
- ✚ Would you rather a Scout teach you how to tie a knot, or an adult? Why?
- ✚ Why do you come to troop meetings?
- ✚ What kind of question would you ask on a Board of Review for your present rank?
- ✚ In your opinion, what is the most important merit badge you have earned, and why?
- ✚ Why do you feel you are ready for the next rank?

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In addition, if the Scout and the adults are all Tribesmen / Honored Women or Arrowmen, you might ask a question or two related to his obligations as a Tribesman and/or Arrowman.