

What Every Scout Should Know

Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law:

As Scout is ...
Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
Reverent.

Scout Motto:

Be Prepared.

Scout Slogan:

Do a good turn daily.

Outdoor Code:

As an American, I will do my best to --
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.

1st Class Rank

By this point the Scout should be comfortable with the Board of Review process.

The Scout should be praised for his accomplishment in achieving 1st Class (particularly if he joined Boy Scouts less than a year ago). In achieving the rank of 1st Class, the Scout should feel an additional sense of responsibility to the troop and to his patrol.

The 1st Class rank will produce additional opportunities for the Scout (Order of the Arrow, leadership, etc.).

Merit badges will begin to play a role in future advancement to the Star and Life ranks. Encourage merit badge work if it has not already begun.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 20 minutes.

Sample 1st Class Questions:

1. On average, how many Troop meetings do you attend each month?
2. What part of Troop meetings are most rewarding to you?
3. What is the Scout Slogan? What does it mean for a 1st Class Scout?
4. Tell us about your last campout with the Troop. Where did you go? How did you help with meal preparation? Did you have a good time? (If "No", why not?)
5. If you were in charge of planning and preparing a dinner for your next campout, what would you select?
6. As a 1st Class Scout, what do you think the Star, Life, and Eagle Scouts will expect from you on an outing?
7. Does your family do any camping? What have you learned in Scouts, that you have been able to share with your family to improve their camping experiences?
8. Why do you think that swimming is emphasized in Scouting?
9. Why is it important for you to know how to transport a person who has a broken leg?
10. Why is it important for you to be able to recognize local plant life?
11. What did you learn about using a compass while completing the orienteering requirement?
12. What does it mean to say, "A Scout is Courteous"?
13. Why are merit badges a part of Scouting?
14. How frequently do you attend religious services? Does your whole family attend?
15. What is your most favorite part of Scouting? Least favorite?
16. How does a Scout fulfill his "Duty to Country"?
17. How do you define "Scout Spirit"?
18. What is the Order of the Arrow? What is the primary function of OA?
19. Who was Lord Baden-Powell?
20. When do you think you might be ready for Star Scout?

More First Class Questions

- Personal Data
 1. What grade are you in?
 2. What do you like about school? What is your favorite subject?
 3. What do you tell your friends about the things you learn and do in Scouts?
- What Do You Think
 1. To you, what does it mean to "Do my duty to God"?
 2. What point of the Scout Law is the hardest for you to live up to?
 3. What more does "Be Prepared" mean to a First Class Scout, than to a Second Class Scout?
 4. What does "On my Honor" mean to you?
- Teamwork
 1. How does your Patrol function as a team? What part do you take in helping your Patrol?
 2. What was the last project your patrol worked on as a unit?
 3. How do you apply teamwork in your home? With friends?
 4. Have you had a chance to teach the younger Scouts any of your recently earned scout skills? What did you teach?
 5. What do you think Shared Leadership is?
- Your Progress
 1. What merit badges do you have?
 2. Which merit badge was the most valuable to you? Why?
 3. For this rank you met with a civil employee and discussed your constitutional rights and obligations. Who did you meet with, and what (if anything) did you get from your talk?
 4. What was the most challenging requirement (rank or merit badge)?
 5. Do you think that your first aid knowledge will actually help you? How? Have you had an opportunity to use any of it?
- The Big Picture
 1. What are your plans for your progress toward Star? Do you have a goal date when you would like to make Star by?
 2. If you had the opportunity to add or delete one (1) requirement for this rank, what would it be and why?
 3. What effect has Scouting had on your life?
 4. Do you have a long term goal for your Scouting career?