

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.

Life Rank

The Life rank is the final rank before Eagle. The Life Scout should be fully participating in the Troop, with emphasis being placed on leadership in the unit, as well as teaching skills and leadership to the younger Scouts.

Merit Badge work should be a regular part of the Scout's career. Scouting values and concepts should be an integral part of the Scout's daily life.

At this point, the Scout is starting to "give back to Scouting" through leadership, training of other Scouts, recruiting, keeping Scouts active in the program, etc.

Explore suggestions for improving the program.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 20 - 30 minutes.

Sample Life Questions:

1. What is the most ambitious pioneering project with which you have assisted? Where?
2. What has been your worst camping experience in Scouting?
3. How many patrol meetings has your patrol held in the last three months? How many of them have you attended?
4. Have any of the merit badges you have earned lead to hobbies or possible careers?
5. What are your hobbies?
6. Of the merit badges you have earned, which one do you think will be of greatest value to you as an adult? Why?
7. Why do you think that the three "Citizenship" merit badges are required for the Eagle Rank?
8. What is your current (most recent) leadership position within the Troop? How long have you held that position? What particular challenges does it present? What is Leadership?
9. Do you have any brothers or sisters who are in Scouts (any level)? What can you do to encourage them to continue with Scouts, and to move forward along the Scouting Trail?
10. How do you choose between a school activity, a Scout activity, and a family activity?
11. Why do you think that Star and Life Scouts are required to contribute so much time to service projects? What service projects are most rewarding to you? Why?
12. Why do you think that a Board of Review is required for rank advancement?
13. How has Scouting prepared you for the future?
14. What does it mean to say, "A Scout is Reverent"?
15. What does "Scout Spirit" mean to a Life Scout?
16. Why do you think that Scouting for Food is referred to as a "National Good Turn".
17. The Scout Oath refers to "Duty to Self"; what duty do we have to ourselves?
18. If the Scout is a member of OA:
 - What role does OA play in Scouting?
 - What honor do you hold in OA?
 - What is the difference between Scout "ranks" and OA "honors"?
19. In what year was Boy Scouts of America founded? [Answer: February 8, 1910 - BSA Birthday]
20. Have you begun to think about an Eagle Service Project? What are you thinking about doing? When?

More Life Questions

- Personal Data
 1. How are you doing in school? What do you like the most about it?
 2. Do you feel it took you a long time to get here?
- What Do You Think
 1. How does Scouting influence your interactions with people?
 2. Have you ever felt you had to defend yourself because someone knew you are in Scouts?
 3. Outside of Scouting, tell me about a time when you have had to be a leader. How did it make you feel afterward?
 4. Other than your parents, who do you think has influence your life the most? Why? Who's life do you think you have the most influence over? Why?
 5. Name one thing you hate doing, but you do it anyway because you know it will please someone. How do you feel afterward?
 6. What does "A Scout is Brave" mean to a Life Scout?
 7. In this fast paced time of great stress, what should "Be Prepared" mean to a Life Scout?
 8. How can you personally help keep up the Scout Spirit in the Troop?
 9. What does "Duty to God" mean to a Life Scout? How do you fulfill your duty?
 10. What should others be able to expect from you as a Life Scout?
 11. What does "On My Honor" mean to you?
 12. What is the most difficult part of the Scout Oath and Law for you to live up to in your daily life? How do you over come it?
- Teamwork
 1. How many outings have you been on in the last year? Which did you like the most and why?
 2. What have you done since becoming a Star Scout, in caring out additional responsibilities in the Troop? Patrol?
 3. Which service projects did you work on for the rank of Life? What did you do?
 4. What do you like most about the Patrol Method? Least?
 5. What role do you play in your Patrol?
 6. What is "Shared Leadership"? How do you see it in your Patrol and in the Troop?
 7. What do you think is the most important skill for a leader? Why?
- Your Progress
 1. What additional merit badges did you earn for Life?
 2. What was the most difficult merit badge for you to earn? How often did you meet with your counselor on that one?
 3. Which merit badge did you enjoy the most? Why?
 4. What was the most important thing you learned while working toward Life Scout?
 5. Who helps you or coaches you in preparing for merit badges?
 6. Which merit badges are you working on now?
 7. Have you found any merit badges that you think are too hard for scouts to earn? Which ones? What makes them so difficult?
 8. What leadership position did you hold for this rank? What was your biggest challenge? How did you handle it? What, if any, leadership position would you be most interested in holding?

- The Big Picture
 1. Have you thought about what you will need to do for Eagle?
 2. What do you think you can do to help younger Scouts?
 3. Which scouting skill do you like the most? Why? Least? Why?
 4. What do you think about the Order of the Arrow program?
 5. Is the Troop's Outdoor Program adequate to develop skills and maintain the interest of the Scouts? What changes would you make?