

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.

Star Rank

With the Star rank, emphasis is placed upon service to others, merit badges, and leadership. Scout skills remain an important element for the Star Scout; however, the emphasis should be on teaching other Scouts these skills.

Explore how the Star scout can assist with leading his patrol and troop. Attempt to understand how the Scouting philosophy is becoming part of the Scout's life.

Often the Star rank is a place where Scouts "stall out". Encourage the Scout to remain active, and participate fully in his patrol and troop. If the Scout appears to be looking for additional opportunities, suggest leadership positions such as Den Chief or Troop Guide.

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

Sample Star Questions:

1. How many Troop outings have you attended in the last three months?
2. Tell us about the last service project in which you participated.
3. What does it mean for a Star Scout to "Be Prepared" on a daily basis?
4. How have the Scout skills that you have learned helped you in a non-Scouting activity?
5. How many merit badges have you earned? What was the most difficult (fun, challenging, expensive, etc.)?
6. Which is more important: Becoming a Star Scout, or learning the skills prescribed for a Star Scout?
7. Why do you think a Scoutmaster's Conference is required for advancement in rank?
8. What is the most important part of a Troop Court of Honor? Why?
9. What leadership positions have you held outside of your patrol? What challenges did they present? What are your personal leadership goals and objectives?
10. How would you get a Scout to do an unpleasant task?
11. What extracurricular activities do you participate in at school?
12. What responsibilities do you have at home?
13. What is our "Duty to God"?
14. What does it mean to say "A Scout is Loyal"?
15. How are the Scout Oath and Law part of your daily life?
16. What is the Outdoor Code? Why is it important?
17. If the Scout is a member of the Order of the Arrow:
When did you complete your "Ordeal", "Brotherhood"?
What does membership in the OA signify?
18. Have you received any special awards or accomplishments in school, athletics, or church?
19. Baden-Powell's first Scout outing was located on an island off the coast of Great Britain; what was the name of that island? [Answer: Brownsea Island]
20. When do you plan on achieving the Life rank?

More Star Questions

- Personal Data
 1. What do you do with your spare time?
 2. What other activities do you participate in? (ie. sports, music, social/religious groups, etc.)
 3. How many younger siblings do you have? What sort of impression do you think you give them and others about Scouting?
 4. Do you keep a small sewing kit in your backpack? Have you ever had a need to use it while on an outing (ie. tent zipper, clothes rip, massive wound, etc)?
 5. Who makes sure your uniform is clean and the patches are all sewn on for you to wear?
 6. How do you help out at home? Do you do it to "chip in" or earn money?
- What Do You Think
 1. What should the statement, "A Scout is Trustworthy" mean to a Star Scout?
 2. What do you think the role of a Star Scout is in relationship to younger scouts?
 3. How does the Scout Oath affect the life of a Star Scout differently than it would the life of a Tenderfoot Scout?
 4. What do others have a right to expect of a Star Scout?
 5. What point of the Scout Law is the most important to you? Why?
 6. How do you feel that you live the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life?
 7. What is the Scout Slogan? {answer: "Do a Good Turn Daily"} What type of "Good Turns" do you do?
- Teamwork
 1. What part do you take in the Troop Meetings? Are you a leader or a follower?
 2. Do you hold a leadership position in the troop now? If so, which one and what are your responsibilities? If no, which position(s) have you held? Tell me a short story about your time as a leader.
 3. What service project did you work on to earn your required hours for this rank? What was your job on the project?
 4. How do you feel your patrol functions as a team?
 5. Have you ever tried to instill a change (long or short term) in your patrol? What was it? How? Did you get the results you wanted?
- Your Progress
 1. How would you describe the change in your thinking, actions, and performance since earning First Class? Were they through conscious effort?
 2. Which six (6) merit badges did you earn for this rank? Which was the most important to you? Why?
 3. What was the most interesting and/or unique requirement you have had in a merit badge?
 4. While working toward your Star did you learn anything that you would like to pass on to the younger Scouts? What?
 5. What have you learned that might help you as an adult?
- The Big Picture
 1. What is your goal for reaching Life Scout?
 2. What is your long term goal for Scouting?
 3. What do you feel the troop can do most to help the younger Scouts so they will make it to Star and beyond?

4. If you could make one (1) change in the merit badge program (ie structure, format, add a badge). What would you do?
5. What type of career interests you? Have you looked into earning a related merit badge?