

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.

Tenderfoot Rank

This is the Scout's first experience with a Board of Review. The process may require some explanation on the part of the Board of Review Chairperson.

The first few questions in the Board of Review should be simple. The Board of Review should try to gain a sense of how the Scout is fitting in to the Troop, and the Scout's level of enjoyment of the Troop and Patrol activities.

Encourage advancement to 2nd Class. Point out that the Scout may have already completed many of the requirements for 2nd Class.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 15-20 minutes.

Sample Tenderfoot Questions:

1. When did you join our Troop?
2. How many Troop meetings have you attended in the last two months?
3. What did you do at your last patrol meeting?
4. Tell us about your last Troop campout.
5. How would the first aid skills you must know for Tenderfoot help on a campout?
6. Where did you learn how to fold the American flag? Tell us about your first experience with this skill.
7. How would you avoid poison oak (poison ivy, sumac)?
8. Where did you go on your hike? How did you choose the location?
9. If you were on a hike and got lost, what would you do?
10. Why do we whip or fuse the ends of a rope?
11. What is the "Buddy System" that we use in Scouting? When do we use it?
12. Why do you think there are physical fitness requirements (push-ups, pull-ups, etc.), and a retest after 30 days, for the Tenderfoot rank?
13. What does it mean to a Tenderfoot Scout to "Be Prepared"?
14. Do you feel that you have done your best to complete the requirements for Tenderfoot? Why?
15. What "good turn" have you done today?
16. Please give us an example of how you obey the Scout Law at home (school, church)?
17. What do you like best about our Troop?
18. What does it mean for a Scout to be "Kind"?
19. Do you have any special plans for this summer? The Holidays?
20. When do you plan to have the requirements completed for 2nd Class?

More Tenderfoot Questions

- Personal Data
 1. When did you join the Troop?
 2. What grade are you in? What school?
 3. What hobbies do you have?
 4. Why did you join Boy Scouts?
- What Do You Think
 1. How do you live the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life? If you find it a challenge how do you overcome it?
 2. What is a good turn? What good turns have you done lately?
 3. What troop outings have you attended? What do you think of them?
 4. What does "On My Honor" mean to you?
 5. What do you think people expect from you as a Boy Scout?
- Teamwork
 1. Have you been able to make it to most of the troop meetings so far?
 2. What is the name of your patrol? Do you have a flag?
 3. Do you feel that you and your patrol are getting along?
 4. Is there anything you would like to see changed in the patrol or troop meetings?
- The Big Picture
 1. What do you like best about Scouting?
 2. How (or how not) has Scouting been what you thought it would be?
 3. Have you taken part in any recent service projects? Which ones?
 4. What are your long term plans in scouting?

What are your plans for Second Class?