

2010 Boy Scout Advancement Changes

The centennial edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook* contains rank requirement changes. The handbook has been published; however if a Scout has started work toward a rank before January 1, 2010, using requirements that were current before January 1, 2010, he may complete that rank using the old requirements. Any progress toward a rank that is begun after January 1, 2010, must use the requirements as they are presented in the *Boy Scout Handbook* (34622) or in *Boy Scout Requirements* book (33216). For example, if a Tenderfoot Scout is working on requirements for both Second Class and First Class before January 1, 2010, he can continue using the current requirements for Second Class into 2010. However, for First Class, he must use the new requirements.

Rank Requirements Changes Summary

Please refer to the new Handbook for specific wording as the following only summarize the changes!

Tenderfoot

- A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (explain, demonstrate, guide, and enable).
- He must also be able to discuss four specific examples of how he lived the points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

Second Class

- A Scout must discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and explain the factors to consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.
- He must explain what respect is due the flag of the United States
- He must again discuss four examples of how he lived four different points of the Scout Law in his daily life.
- He must earn an amount of money agreed upon by the Scout and his parents and save at least 50 percent of it.

First Class

- An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/patrol activities states he must demonstrate the principles of Leave No Trace on these outings.
- He must discuss four more examples of how he lived the remaining four points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

Life

- A Scout must use the EDGE model to teach a younger Scout a specified skill.

Star, Life, and Eagle

- Troop Webmaster and Leave No Trace trainer are two new leadership positions. Time in the new positions begins January 1, 2010 in order to fulfill rank requirements.

Life-to-Eagle Project & Application Procedures Changes - Council Level
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As of October, the CT Yankee Council discontinued sending copies of the Eagle Project Workbook and application to new Life Scouts. While this was a great way to get a Life Scout started on his project, sometimes new versions of the processes and application were released during the interval between receipt of the materials and completion of the requirements. Now when a Life Scout is ready to begin his project, he should visit the CT Yankee Council's website (www.ctyankee.org/program/advancement) for the most current Council Eagle Scout Process and workbook. He can then download a copy of the Workbook which can be filled out electronically or manually. When a Life Scout has completed all requirements for Eagle, he again should visit the CT Yankee Council's website and download the most current version of the Eagle application.

Also introduced this October were a few changes to the District's Life-to-Eagle procedures. Please refer to the Lighthouse District Advancement website (www.ctyankee.org/districts/lighthouse/advancement) for more information.