

THE FOUR STEPS

There are four basic steps in Boy Scout advancement, and they apply to all six ranks. They are:

Step 1 – **The Boy Learns** -- He learns Scouting skills by taking an active hands-on part in troop and patrol meetings and outdoor programs. This learning is the natural outcome of his regular Scouting activities - his “on - the - job” training.

Step 2 – **He is Tested** -- When his leaders see that he has mastered a given skill and satisfied a given requirement, they tell him so - and record his achievement.

Step 3 – **He is Reviewed** -- When a Scout completes all requirements for a rank, he appears before a board of review composed of members of the troop committee. Their purpose is not to retest him, but to make sure he has met all the requirements, to chat with him about how he feels he’s getting along with the troop and program, and of course to encourage him to keep advancing.

Step 4 – **He is Recognized** -- When a Scout is certified by the board of review, he is awarded his new badge of rank as soon as possible, normally in a ceremony at the next troop meeting. He should be recognized again at the troop’s next court of honor.

