

TROOP 480 SCOUT Attendance Policy for Rank Advancement

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Rank Advancement: For the purpose of rank advancement for Star, Life or Eagle Scout and also for Eagle palms, a scout must demonstrate three scout qualities. These qualities are: Active Participation, Scout Spirit, and Leadership Service in a position of Responsibility. These qualities are defined by the Troop 480 Committee in the following manner.

Active Participation: Troop 480 leadership will consider a scout to be active if he is 1) registered with the troop, 2) in good standing with the troop (i.e., not in the troop disciplinary process) and 3) he meets the committee's reasonable expectation of 60% attendance at troop meetings. A scout will be allowed to substitute participation at a troop activity (i.e., a camping week-end) or a Council activity (i.e., Klondike Derby) on a one for one basis for troop attendance purposes. Attendance at other scout activities such as OA events or Service Projects may also be considered for troop attendance at the discretion of the scoutmaster or the Troop Committee.

Scout Spirit: Is demonstrated by a scout living according to the ideals of the scout oath, law, motto, and slogan in their daily lives. This is true both in troop activities and in places away from the troop. This means that a scout who is not living by these scout ideals may be denied rank advancement by the troop leadership even if the non-scout spirit incidence occurred away from the troop. Scout spirit will be determined by the troop leadership during the Scoutmaster Conference for rank advancement or by the Troop Committee during the Board of Review.

Position of Responsibility: To meet Troop 480 Committee's requirements for having served in a position of responsibility, a scout must for 6 months participate at troop functions in a leadership position and attain a 75% attendance record at these troop functions. Positions of responsibility approved by the troop committee for leadership are:

- Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop Guide
- OA Representative
- Den Chief
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Historian
- Quartermaster
- JA Scoutmaster
- Chaplain's Aide

Other leadership position approved by Scoutmaster and PLC

Note: at the discretion of the scoutmaster and troop committee, alternatives to this attendance policy may be considered if a scout is demonstrating the three scouting qualities of participation, spirit and leadership in some other way.