

Troop 1656 Scoutmaster Conferences, Board Reviews

Scoutmaster Conferences (SMC):

Once a scout is ready for a SMC they need to come and see Mr. Adams to request a SMC. I will then ask them to go and see Mr. Evans for a review. The review process is a very simple set of questions that has been taken out of the Boy Scout hand book for each of the ranks. Two older scouts (1st class and above) plus an ASM will review the scout to ensure he is ready to advance. The older scouts actually perform the review and the ASM is there only as an observer and for any needed guidance.

Please understand a scout NEVER FAILS a review. If there is a particular area / skill he is having trouble with the older scouts will ask him to review that skill a little more and next week they will go over it again to make sure he has a good grasp and understand of it. The scout does not have to do the entire review again.

We will designate a room so the scouts will know where to go for reviews.

Once that is complete, Mr. Evans will tell the scout to go see Mr. Adams and tell him he has completed his review. Then two Scoutmasters will perform the SMC which lasts about 20 to 30 minutes.

To do a SMC the scout must be in FULL class A uniform (Tan Shirt, red troop t-shirt underneath, scout pants and socks). If your son does not have a full Class A uniform and that is an issue please see me and we will get him taken care off.

After the SMC is complete the scout needs to see Ms. Kusenberger for a BOR (see below).

Please understand that rank advancement is not a race. The most important things is that the scouts really learn and understand each skill.

Board of Reviews (BOR):

After the SMC is complete the scout will ask Ms. Kusenberger for a BOR. Ms. Kusenberger will then assign a team of parents to perform the BOR which lasts about 20 to 30 minutes.

Again the scout must be in FULL class A uniform (Tan Shirt, red troop t-shirt underneath, scout pants and socks).

After the BOR the scout has officially earned his new rank and I will call the scout up to recognize that achievement and to present him with his new rank patch.

BORs are performed by Committee members and parents so Ms. Kusenberger needs help to ensure we are able to provide BORs for the scouts with in a reasonable time.