

# **TROOP 152 – RANK REQUIREMENT GUIDELINES**

## **DURING COVID-19/SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS**

During this uncertain time of the COVID-19 virus and Social Distancing restrictions, Troop 152 is modifying its normal procedure for verifying/"signing off" requirements for rank advancements for the following ranks: **SCOUT, TENDERFOOT, SECOND CLASS, and FIRST CLASS.**

During this time, parents/guardians are permitted to verify/"sign off" requirements for their scout only for those ranks listed above. All materials and skills necessary to master each requirement can be found in the Boy Scout Handbook. Please refer to the BSA Handbook to familiarize yourself with a particular skill or knowledge base. Your scout should be able to help you locate the pertinent information, as they should have, on almost all occasions, read the section themselves.

A parent/guardian needs to ensure that the requirement is satisfactorily demonstrated. Normally, any FIRST CLASS, STAR, LIFE, or EAGLE Scout in the troop can verify/"sign off" a requirement for those scouts pursuing the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. The guidance to them has always been:

- 1) expect what was expected of you;
- 2) ensure the scout demonstrating the requirement has actually demonstrated/performed the requirement; and,
- 3) if your health and well-being depended upon the scout who is demonstrating/performing the requirement, would you "sign off" the requirement (for example, if you had a serious laceration that needed attention did the scout appropriately stop the bleeding, or should we cut to the chase and amputate)?

Several requirements are participation oriented (i.e., attending x-number of events, cooking at a campout), or require reporting to, or gaining approval from, a specific group (patrol or troop) or person (Scoutmaster or other adult leader). At this time, these requirements should be completed as stated at troop events. Should our current situation of social distancing prevent such troop activities in which to complete these requirements in a reasonable timeframe, other alternatives will be explored. The requirements listed below fall into these categories:

SCOUT: Requirement 7

TENDERFOOT: Requirements 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 7b\*, 9, 10, and 11

SECOND CLASS: Requirements 1a, 1c, 2e\*, 7c, 8e\*, 10, 11, and 12

FIRST CLASS: Requirements 1a, 2a, 2e\*, 6a\*, 9b, 9d\*, 10a, 11, 12, and 13

*(Note: Depending on circumstances, requirements with an asterisk may possibly be completed outside of troop activities. Please contact Mr. Ritzinger for guidance.)*

If you are not fully comfortable verifying/"signing off" a particular requirement because of your understanding of a particular requirement (e.g., maybe you are not grasping how to tie that taut-line hitch or bowline knot), your scout can contact his Patrol Leader via social media/online video conferencing. He can then demonstrate the requirement to his Patrol Leader for approval.

Once your scout has satisfactorily demonstrated a requirement, please place a checkmark to the left of the requirement in your scout's Handbook. Also, please initial and date to the LEFT OF THE CHECKMARK. ALL requirements completed at home are subject to review by a senior scout (FIRST CLASS, STAR, LIFE, EAGLE) or the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster. Demonstration of a completed requirement, as marked by a parent/guardian, will not be required upon review so long as the scout can articulate what he did to show proficiency (e.g., verbally explain he bandaged a sprained ankle on his brother or discussed with his dad the Buddy System).

For questions, comments, concerns, or further guidance, please contact Mr. Ritzinger.