

Changes in Boy Scout Rank Requirements

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The new Centennial Edition of the Boy Scout Handbook includes several rank requirement changes that go into effect by January 1, 2010.

If a Boy Scout is working out of the previous edition of the handbook, he may continue using those requirements until he completes that rank. Then he must move to the new edition.

The changes are:

Tenderfoot: A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide and Enable).

- He also must be able to discuss four specific examples of 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% of it.

First Class: An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/ patrol activities states that 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.

For all of the details, see the new, centennial edition of **The Boy Scout Handbook**.