



# HORNETS NEST ADVANCEMENT NEWS

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## New Eagle Palm Requirements—How To



Recent changes to way Eagle Palms are awarded has prompted new guidelines and paperwork from our Council. At the time of the Eagle Board of Review, the District Representative will provide the Scoutmaster or designee with a form for recording merit badges used to earn the Eagle Palm(s), a council advancement report for the scout listing all merit badges the scout has earned, and instructions for using the new form. Simply complete the form and return to the District Representative after the board of review. The District Rep will submit the form along with the Eagle packet. The earned Eagle Palms will be included with the Eagle Rank insignia at the time of pick up at the Scout Office.

## Revised Campout Requirement for Second Class, First Class



The number of overnight campouts required for a young man to earn the Second Class and First Class ranks has been reduced under new requirements that took effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The revision returns the number of overnight campouts to pre-2016 levels but preserves the amount of time spent outdoors. The change, the BSA says, maintains the focus on life-changing outdoor experiences while recognizing that not all outdoor activities need to include overnight camping.

These changes do not affect the requirements for the Eagle-required Camping merit badge.

Per section 4.0.0.1 of the BSA Guide to Advancement, scouts can choose to follow the newly established reduced campout requirement or he can choose to follow the requirement as written in the current edition of the Boy Scout Handbook. On January 1st, 2018, all scouts will need to comply with the reduced campout requirement that went into effect on Aug 1st, 2017.

More information, including a side by side comparison of the requirements, can be found at <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/07/11/revised-campout-requirements-aug-1-2017/>

## Scouter Success Seminar

One 4-Hour Training Course to be offered on advancement at the Fall Scouter Success Seminar – September 23, 2017 – CPCC Levine Campus – 8:00 am until noon

### The title is “Mechanics Of Advancement – Scout To Eagle Scout Ranks”

Learn about Boards of Review where participants will be instructed on how to properly conduct Boards of Review with emphasis on subject areas common to the Scout through Eagle Scout ranks.

Learn the "nuts and bolts" regarding the steps that occur after a Scout thinks he has completed all requirements for Scout to Eagle Scout ranks. Topics will include Scoutmaster Review, Eagle Rank Application, Letters of Reference, differences in the Eagle Board of Review and other rank reviews, final evaluation of the Eagle Service Project and the appeals process.

Learn about the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and the process relating to it. The responsibility of the Scout and the role of supporting adults will be explained. The aim of this part of the course is to provide all the necessary information required so that the Eagle Scout candidate may successfully complete his project. The Eagle Scout Project Workbook will be fully explained. Life Scouts are eligible to attend this session for personal information and understanding in preparing, planning and executing their Eagle Scout project.

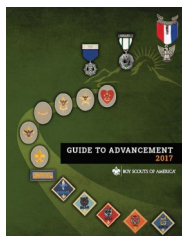
Life Rank Scouts are welcome and encouraged to attend this course, especially from the 10:00 am until noon session.

Register here: [MCC Training Registration](#)



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## From the *Guide to Advancement*—Section 3.0.0.3 Unit Advancement Responsibilities



Did you know....that Advancement is one of the 8 methods of Scouting? I'm sure you did. Because of this each unit needs to have a person or a team of people responsible for the unit advancement program. This includes ensuring that advancement is considered during the program planning process, educating others on the appropriate methods to stimulate advancement, and ensuring that the unit adheres to the *Guide to Advancement 2017*. Hopefully, your unit has someone dedicated to this role, if not, now is a great time to recruit somebody to fill it.

Want to learn more...check out the *Guide to Advancement 2017* section 3.0.0.3 for more information.

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## Eagle Palm Requirements Changing (article taken from Bryan on Scouting)



Eagle Palms are bronze, gold and silver awards presented to young men who earn five, 10, 15 or more merit badges beyond the 21 required to become an Eagle Scout.

Last week, the BSA has announced significant changes to the way Scouts earn Eagle Palms. The modifications take effect Aug. 1, 2017.

The changes bring Eagle Palm requirements in line with the needs of older Scouts. The National Boy Scouting Subcommittee has eliminated unnecessary obstacles, such as the Eagle Palm board of review, and expanded the definition of active participation.

But the biggest change affects young men who haven't yet earned Eagle. Beginning Aug. 1, all earned Palms may be awarded instantly to new Eagle Scouts at their Eagle court of honor. This abolishes the wait of months or years for these young men to receive all Palms available to them.

For more information please visit [Bryan On Scouting—A Blog for BSA's Adult Leaders](#)

## Hornets Nest Eagle Roll Call—June 2017



**Troop 13**  
Matthew Keely

**Troop 19**  
John Logan Rees

**Troop 63**  
Oree Hayes-Brown

**Troop 72**  
William Miltich

**Troop 215**  
Ezra Palcios

**Troop 323**  
Michael Rochford  
Braeden Coughlin

**Troop 333**  
Reese Fullwood