

Boy Scout Troop 10

Scoutmaster Conference Workbook

"What is Scout Spirit"

Starting at Tenderfoot Rank, "Demonstrate Scout Spirit" is a requirement for each Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle Rank. Even though this is a requirement for each rank, it is different and much harder for the higher ranks.

Here are a few of the things we look for: By the way, we expect Scouts to not only follow the items listed for that rank, but also all the items for the previous ranks.

Tenderfoot

- Do you set fitness goals to be physically fit?
- Do you help other people?
- Do you read your Boy Scout handbook (mentally fit)?

Second Class

- Do you participate in lots of troop activities regularly (At least 50%, and at least 75% for Troop Officers and Patrol Leaders)?
- Do you come to "work" activities like service projects and meetings?
- Do you try not to complain or put other people down, even when you feel bad or you have to do a task like cleanup?
- Do you come prepared for campouts? Do you keep track of your stuff, or lose it a lot?
- Do you never bully, harass, or joke around with other Scouts unless they are willing & happy participants?

First Class

- A first class **Scout Spirit** Scout must never complain about weather, or work, or cleanup, and must never gripe or "whine" when a leader makes a decision they do not like.
- A Scout must never criticize others harshly, or make fun of other Scouts whose skills aren't as good.
- Do you handle normal personal tasks and patrol tasks (cooking, camp setup and tear down, getting water, etc.) without being asked?
- Do you keep an eye on others in the troop and help them out - like pickup their garbage, or quietly returning stuff they forgot or left out, so that the Scoutmaster doesn't get it?
- Do you sometimes lend a hand teaching new Scouts some of the basics (and you can do it without yelling)?
- Are you starting to help out your patrol leader & troop by offering ideas for events, and helping to organize and call people when needed?
- Do you listen & learn well when a Scoutmaster or more advanced Scout tries to teach you something, or do you play "know-it-all"?
- Do you show **Scout Spirit** at home and in school?

- Do you also meet the requirements for Second Class?

Star

- For Star rank, you have to serve in a troop leadership position. Did you serve well and help out the troop, or did you miss meetings, show up unprepared, not get things done, etc.?
- Are you starting to show the kind of leadership a First Class Scout should know? Do you help organize other Scouts to get things done at campouts (like put up dining flies, set up campfires, etc.?)
- Do you watch out for other Scouts and make sure they're doing OK - on the trail, in camp, etc.?
- Can you be relied on to finish what you start?
- Are you always ready to assist and be helpful when you see something that needs doing, or do you just "hang out" with your buddies?
- Do you show respect for other Troop Leaders as you would like them to respect you when you're leading?
- Do you also meet the requirements for First Class and Second Class?

Life

- As a troop leader (even if you don't hold an office), do you actively take up leadership when you see something that needs doing?
- Can you organize & coordinate other Scouts of all ages (without yelling)?
- Are you a major player in the "behind-the-scenes" work that makes the troop run - organizing equipment, making camping arrangements, setting up activities for the PLC?
- Are you a good, patient teacher and example to younger Scouts?
- Are you involved in your school or in the community as a volunteer?
- Do you also meet the requirements for Star, First Class and Second Class?

Eagle

- Do you participate actively in all troop activities possible?
- Do all the adults and Scouts treat you almost as if you were another Scoutmaster?
- Are you involved in your school and community as a leader?
- Do you also meet the requirements for Life, Star, First Class and Second Class?

To demonstrate "**Scout Spirit**" means to live up to their word and be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful at all times!

This section will be completed by the Scoutmaster during the Conference