

## Ten Other Things to Remember About Boards of Review

By The Advancement Chairman

1. Wear your complete Class A Uniform (Scout Shirt, Scout Pants, Neckerchief and Slide, Scout Belt, and Scout Socks). Make sure it's clean.
2. Bring your Scout Handbook.
3. Present a neat appearance (hair combed, face, hands and fingernails clean, shoes tied, etc.). Have your Patrol Leader or another scout check you out to make sure your uniform is straight and worn properly. **FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE IMPORTANT!**
4. When called in to the Board; knock on the door before entering. Present yourself to the Board in a confident manner. Be polite, speak clearly, and *maintain eye contact* with the adult you are speaking to. **CONVINCE THEM THAT THEIR INITIAL IMPRESSION OF YOU WAS CORRECT!**
5. Before your Board of Review, review the requirements you had to complete for the rank. Think about what you did to pass the requirement, who you did it with, and what you learned from the experience.
6. Select the two or three requirements that were the most difficult and those that were the most fun. Be prepared to talk about each of them; you might be asked.
7. Think about how your patrol is working. What do you like about it and what would you do differently if you were the Patrol Leader? Be ready to discuss your ideas.
8. Review the Troop program for the last several months (troop meetings, campouts, and other activities). Be prepared to discuss those aspects that you think are good and make suggestions on what should be changed.
9. Ask yourself what kind of a person you were when you completed your last rank and how are you different today. (In what areas have you matured the most and where do you still need some work?) Be ready to discuss what you plan to do over the next few months to promote that growth.
10. Relax. The board is there to ensure that you've met the requirements, are learning the right things as you progress through the program, and to obtain feedback on the program to provide to the Troop leadership. If you do the first 9 things on the list, the 10th is EASY!