



Girl Scouts®

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Advancement

Each Scout is responsible for his/her own advancement. Scouts must acquire the knowledge or skill on his/her own, whether it be reading it in the Boy Scout Handbook or asking a Scout of higher rank. Scoutmasters will inform Scouts of Merit Badge days and Interest Project days, but Scouts are responsible for registering and paying for the respective days. As soon as a Scout has fulfilled all requirements for a rank, the Scout must inform his/her Patrol Leader.

Attendance

Scouts may be dropped from the active roster if they do not meet the attendance guidelines. A Scout is considered to be inactive if he/she misses 4 meetings in a row, without prior notice. Active attendance is also required for rank advancement. Scouts should contact their Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster or Girl Scout Leader if they anticipate any extended absences.

Backpacking

Backpacking is a form of hiking where Scouts and adults hike to their campground and carry all of their gear. In order to go backpacking, Scouts must have appropriate gear. For information on backpacking gear, please refer to the Boy Scout Handbook or the Scoutmaster.

Behavior

Scouting is a values-based program, and Scouts are expected to live to the standards of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Scoutmaster and Girl Scout Leaders have the discretion to deal with any behavioral problems.

Blue Advancement Book

Each new Scout receives a blue Advancement Book upon entering the troop. Scouts (not their parents) should keep their Blue Advancement Books updated, including outings, service hours, and leadership positions. Scouts should also keep their merit badge blue cards and rank advancement placards in this book, or interest project cards and paperwork relating to the Silver Award or Gold Award. Scouts must bring their Blue Advancement Book to meetings and camps.

Blue Card (BS only)

Before starting a merit badge, Scouts must receive a signed merit badge Blue Card from the Scoutmaster. The Blue Card shows that the Scout has permission to begin the merit badge. The Scout should bring the Blue Card (with all required information filled out) to his first meeting with the merit badge counselor. NEVER THROW AWAY A BLUE CARD!!

Board of Review

Association with adults is a key component of Scouting, and the final requirement for each rank is a Board of Review. The Board consists of 3-4 troop adults, but may not include the Scoutmaster or Girl Scout Leader, and it is scheduled upon completion of a rank. The purpose of the Board of Review is not to retest a Scout, but rather to ensure that he has completed all of the requirements, to determine the quality of his troop experience, and to encourage him to advance toward the next rank. Scouts must wear their Class A uniform (including sash) and bring their Scout Handbook and Blue Advancement Book.

Cadette Lock-In (GS only)

An annual overnight event held at the Westminster Mall, Cadette Lock-in is a full night of games and food. The Cadette girls must put together a booth with an activity for Girl Scouts from other troops to do at the event.

Cadette-O-Rama (GS only)

This is an annual camp that Girl Scouts between the ages of 11 and 14 attend. It is a camp of all Cadette Girl Scouts in Orange County and is held in October.

Calendar

A troop calendar is published in every troop newsletter. Since dates sometimes change, please check with the Scoutmaster or other leader for updates.

Camporee (BS only)

An annual Scout skills competition for troops in El Capitan District, is usually held in March or April. Scouts are expected to attend Camporee unless excused by the Scoutmaster.

Cooking Meals

Patrols are responsible for their own meals at outings, including menus, shopping, cooking, and clean up. Scouts must eat with their patrol and must invite at least one Leader to eat with them.

Court of Honor (BS only)

The Court of Honor is a formal ceremony to celebrate a Boy Scout who has earned the Eagle Scout rank.

Crew

The crew is the "patrol" for Venturers, our older Scouts.

Dues

Annual dues to the troop's parent committee are as follows: \$50 for one child and \$30 more for any children after. Patrol dues are determined by the patrol.

Duty Roster

At each outing, the Patrol Leader will prepare a duty roster for his/her patrol. Tasks are equally shared between Scouts in the patrol and each Scout is expected to perform his/her assigned tasks (cooking, cleanup, etc.).

Electronic Equipment

Electronic equipment (such as radios, CD players, and Game Boys) is not permitted at troop outings or meetings.

Emergency Contacts

Two emergency contacts must be listed on the permission slip for an outing. Please make sure that these individuals will be accessible during the outing.

Fundraisers

The troop conducts at least four fundraisers each year. The proceeds from these fundraisers are typically divided between the troops. Participation is mandatory for the GS Cookie Sale (February), Scout-O-Rama ticket sale (April), the BS popcorn sale (September), and the GS Fall Product sale (October).

Hazing

Hazing and other forms of harassment are strictly prohibited.

High Adventure (V only)

Scouts must be 15 years old and have Scoutmaster approval to participate in high adventure outings, such as extended backpacking trips.

Interest Projects (GS only)

Interest Projects are required for Girl Scout advancement. Each interest project has a specific focus, and thus girls are encouraged to sign up for interest projects that they are interested in. For interest project days, ask the Girl Scout Leader.

Merit Badges (BS only)

Scouts may earn merit badges at any time, but a merit badge counselor who is approved by the Orange County Council must sign off merit badges. Here are the steps to earning a merit badge:

- 1) Scout gets blue card from Scoutmaster
- 2) Scout telephones merit badge counselor about starting
- 3) Scout completes merit badge requirements
- 4) Scout meets with merit badge counselor
- 5) Scout turns in signed blue card to Scoutmaster
- 6) Scoutmaster turns in signed-off blue card to Advancement Chairperson
- 7) Advancement Chairperson purchases merit badge from Council Office

Monthly Parent Meeting

Parent Meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month, unless another activity is taking place that day. We highly encourage at least one, if not both, parents attend in order to learn of upcoming events and discuss any issues the troop may be having. Parents can ask questions and receive permissions slips for upcoming events, as well as our troop newsletter.

Newsletter

A troop newsletter is published every two to three months. To receive a copy, please attend the parent meeting once a month. The newsletter includes information on upcoming meetings, outings, and activities. Scouts and their parents are strongly encouraged to read the newsletter in order to stay abreast of schedule changes.

Outings

Throughout the year, our troop has several outings. At the beginning of the year, our troop attends the New Year Flag Ceremony with the other Vietnamese troops in Southern California. During the summer months, we try to have a camp every month. We also participate in a camp with other Vietnamese troops annually, either on the Fourth of July weekend, or Labor Day weekend. We attend Cadette Lock-In, Camporee, Scout-O-Rama and Cadette-O-Rama. We also volunteer for various community service projects throughout the year.

Patrol

Each Scout will be assigned to a patrol of five to eight Scouts. Scouts will meet with their patrol at every troop meeting. Patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders are assigned by the Scoutmaster and other Leaders, based on seniority, experience and rank. All other offices held within a patrol is up to the patrol members to decide.

Permission Slips

The Troop permission slip includes emergency contact information and parental consent for medical treatment. In order to attend an outing or activity each Scout must provide payment and a signed permission slip by the last troop meeting prior to the outing. For liability reasons, there are no exceptions.

Phone Tree

Each patrol should have its own phone tree with which to keep all members informed of meetings and events.

Questions

Scouts with question regarding the troop should first check with their Patrol Leader, then the Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Registration Fee

The annual registration fee for Boy Scouts is \$11. The annual registration fee for Girl Scouts is \$10. Please turn in this money separate from the troop dues, when registering or re-registering every year.

Scout Handbook

Each Scout must have a Scout Handbook and should bring this to meetings and outings. Advancements can be signed off in the Scout Handbook or in the Blue Advancement book.

Scout Shop (BS only)

The Scout Shop is located at the Orange County Council Office, 3590 Harbor Gateway North, in Costa Mesa (Harbor and MacArthur). Uniforms, merit badge books, and other Scout items are sold at the Scout Shop. The phone number is 714.979.4554.

Scout Shop (GS only)

The Girl Scout Shop is located at the Council of Orange County, 1620 Adams Ave., Costa Mesa, CA 92628. Various handbooks, patches and other Scout items are sold at the Girl Scout Shop. The phone number is 714.979.7900.

Senior Patrol Leader

The Senior Patrol leader is the youth leader who runs troop meetings and outings (under the guidance of the Scoutmaster). The Scoutmaster and other Leaders appoint the Senior Patrol Leader based on experience and leadership potential.

Service Projects

Community service is an important part of Scouting and a requirement for all rank advancements. Scouts are expected to participate in troop service projects.

Troop Gear

The troop provides most gear needed for outings, including tents, ground cloths, lanterns, and stoves. Scouts must bring their own sleeping bag, clothing, personal gear, and backpacks (when required). Patrols must bring their own cooking equipment.

Troop Meetings

Troop meetings are held every Sunday morning from 9:30 to 12:00 noon. We meet at Park West Park on McFadden and Beach Blvd, right off of the 405 fwy.

Uniforms

Boy Scouts: Class A uniforms include BSA shirt, olive green pants, and BSA belt, plus a troop neckerchief, neckerchief slide, and BSA cap. BSA uniform shirts with patches sewn on can be purchased from troop leaders for \$40.

Girl Scouts: Class A uniforms include the Vietnamese Girl Scout blouse, navy blue pants, belt, plus a troop neckerchief. GS uniform shirts with patches sewn on can be purchased from troop leaders for \$28.

Uniform Jackets with the Scout's name embroidered on the breast can be purchased from troop leaders for \$25.

Class B uniforms are t-shirts to worn at activities which do not require Class A uniforms, and can be purchased for \$10.

Venturing

Venturers are our troop's "older Scouts." Venturers are Scouts from the age 15-21. Venturers will be registered as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well. Boy Scouts who are 14 years old and would like to earn the Eagle Scout rank must earn their First Class rank before becoming a Venturer.

Youth Protection Guidelines

To ensure the safety of our Scouts, our troop strictly follows the Youth Protection guidelines of the BSA, as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting. A key element is two-deep leadership – an adult must never be alone with a Scout, unless the Scout is their child. All parents are strongly encouraged to complete the Youth Protection training course.

BS = Boy Scouts

GS = Girl Scouts

V = Venturers

Packing List

Ten Essentials	Personal Gear
First aid kit	Frame backpack
Flashlight and extra batteries	Sleeping bag
Map and compass	Toothbrush and toothpaste
Matches and fire starter	Towel
Pocketknife	Mess kit (bowl, cup, spoon, fork)
Rain gear (poncho)	Toilet paper
Sun protection	Feminine items, hairbrush and hair ties
Trail food (not junk food)	Garbage bags (2)
Water bottle	Zip Lock bags
Extra clothing	Insect Repellent
	Wristwatch
Clothing	Notebook and pen
Class A uniform shirt	Safety pins and sewing kit
Class A uniform pants	Personal Rope
Activity T-shirt	Chapstick
Hat	Walking stick
Belt	
Uniform Jacket	Patrol Gear
Neckerchief	Propane (3)
Long-sleeve shirt	Pots and pans
T-shirts (2)	Spices and oils
Pants	Tent
Jacket	Lantern and mantles
Sweatshirt	Stove
Undergarments	Patrol notebook
Socks (1 pair per day plus 1)	Menu
Athletic Shoes (2 pairs)	Roster
	Cooler (ice chest)
Optional	First aid kit
Pillow	
Swimwear	Prohibited Items
Sunglasses	Drugs
Mattress foam	Alcohol
	Electronics
	Sleeveless shirts
	Open-toed shoes
	Make-up
	Large or excessive jewelry
	Junk food and soda



Leadership Positions Record

Leadership Position Held	Dates Served (From – To)

Tuyên Hứa

Tenderfoot



Tenderfoot is the first rank you will earn as a Scout. After fulfilling the requirements below, you will be inducted in the worldwide family of Scouting. You will have the honor of representing the Scouting movement by saluting with your right hand, and shaking hands with other Scouts with your left hand, the hand that is closest to your heart. Remember, all of the requirements you can learn by asking your patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, or by reading the Boy Scout Handbook.

Date	Requirement	Signature
	Present yourself to your leader, properly dressed in full uniform. Show that you have all the necessary camping gear for a camping trip.	
	Spend at least one night on a patrol or troop campout. Sleep in a tent you have helped pitch.	
	On a campout, assist in preparing and cooking at least one of your patrol's meals. Explain the importance of preparing, eating and cleaning up together.	
	Demonstrate how to whip and fuse the end of a rope.	
	Demonstrate that you can tie the following knots and explain their uses: two half hitches and the taut-line hitch.	
	Explain the rules of safe hiking, both on the highway and cross-country, during the day and at night. Explain what to do if you are lost.	
	Demonstrate how to display, raise, lower and fold the American flag.	
	Memorize and explain the Scout Oath, Law, motto and slogan.	
	Demonstrate the Heimlich maneuver and tell when it is used.	
	Identify local poisonous plants; tell how to treat for exposure to them.	
	Explain what the buddy system is and why we use it in Scouting.	
	Learn to sing the Vietnamese anthem and the Vietnamese Scouting anthem.	
	Learn to sing Bai Ca Tuyen Hua and Nguon That.	
	Explain the symbolisms within the Scout trefoil.	
	Show first aid for the following: simple cuts and scratches; blisters on the hand and foot; first-degree burns; bites or stings of insects and ticks; poisonous snakebite; nosebleed; frostbite; sunburn.	
	Learn to sing two Vietnamese Scouting songs.	



Hạng Nhì Second Class

Second Class is the next ranking that you can earn as a Scout. With the Second Class rank comes more responsibilities and much more knowledge. But don't let this shake your confidence in being able to earn this rank – you still have the resources of those who have earned this ranking before you, as well as that trusty Boy Scout Handbook.

Date	Requirement	Signature
	Demonstrate how a compass works and how to orient a map. Explain the map symbols.	
	Since joining, you must have participated in five separate troop/patrol activities (other than meetings), two of which included camping.	
	On a campout, sleep in a tent that you pitched.	
	Demonstrate proper care, sharpening and use of the knife, saw, and ax.	
	Use the tools listed above to prepare tinder, kindling and fuel for a campfire or stove fire.	
	Demonstrate how to set up and light a fire on a stove and in a lantern. Discuss safety procedures for using both.	
	For a campout, plan and cook over an open fire at least one meal.	
	Participate in a flag ceremony.	
	Participate in an approved (minimum of one hour) service project.	
	Demonstrate what to do for “hurry” cases of stopped breathing, serious bleeding, and internal poisoning.	
	Demonstrate first aid for the following: object in the eye; bite of a suspected rabid animal; puncture wounds from a splinter, nail and fishhook; second degree burns; heat exhaustion; shock; heatstroke, dehydration, hypothermia, and hyperventilation.	
	Tell what precautions must be taken for a safe swim.	
	Discuss the dangers of using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and other practices that could be harmful to your health.	
	Learn to sing two Vietnamese Scouting songs.	
	Earn three Interest Projects.	

Hạng Nhất

First Class

The **First Class** badge combines the Tenderfoot and Second Class badges, and thus it is a combination of their skills. Earning the rank of First Class makes *you* one of the resources for Scouts who need guidance in order to earn their first two ranks. And yet, like life, there are still so many things for you to learn.



Date	Requirement	Signature
	Demonstrate how to find directions during the day and at night without using a compass.	
	Measure the height and width of designated items.	
	Since joining, you must have participated in ten separate troop/patrol activities (besides meetings), three of which included camping.	
	Help plan a patrol menu for a campout that requires cooking.	
	Facilitate the cooking and clean up of the meals for the camp that you helped plan the menu for.	
	Discuss your Constitutional rights and obligations as a U.S. citizen.	
	Discuss when you should use each specific lashing: square, diagonal, tripod, round, and shear.	
	Demonstrate tying the timber hitch and clove hitch and their uses.	
	Use lashing to make a useful camp gadget.	
	Demonstrate tying a bowline knot and describe several ways it can be used.	
	Demonstrate bandages for a sprained ankle and for injuries on the head, the upper arm, and the collarbone.	
	Show how to transport a person by yourself and with one other person.	
	Tell the five most common signs of a heart attack. Explain the steps of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).	
	Tell what precautions must be taken for a safe trip afloat.	
	Successfully complete the BSA swimmer test.	
	Learn to sing two Vietnamese Scouting songs.	
	Earn the Leadership Award, Dreams to Reality, and the Girl Scout Challenge.	