

# Troop Advancement Program

The following is the recommended advancement path that a Scout should follow during his tenure with Troop 49 Lakewood:

## Ranks

### Scout

- Earn within a couple of weeks following Crossover/joining the Troop

### Tenderfoot (11yo)

- Earn during 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog (This is usually the same year as when the scout crossed-over/joined the Troop).

### Second Class

- Earn by 1<sup>st</sup> Winter Court of Honor (This is usually in January/February after the 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Yawgoog)

### First Class (12yo)

- Earn during 2nd year @ Camp Yawgoog.

### Star (13yo)

- Earn during 3rd year @ Camp Yawgoog.
- Possible Eagle Required Merit badges earned towards this rank include: Camping; Citizenship in the Community; Cycling; Family Life; Swimming.

### Life (14yo)

- Earn during 4<sup>th</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.
- Possible Eagle Required Merit badges earned towards this rank include: Citizenship in the Nation; Cycling; Environmental Science; First Aid; Hiking.

### Eagle (16yo)

- Earn after Scout celebrates his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Possible Eagle Required Merit badges earned towards this rank include: Citizenship in the World; Communications; Cycling; Emergency Preparedness; Hiking; Life Saving; Personal Fitness; Personal Management.

## 15 Eagle Required Merit Badges

### Camping (ST)

- Earn during 2<sup>nd</sup> year @ Yawgoog.

### Citizenship in the Community (ST)

- Earn during Fall of 2<sup>nd</sup> year (This is usually after the 2nd year @ Yawgoog).

### Citizenship in the Nation (L)

- Earn during Fall of 3rd year (This is usually after the 3rd year @ Yawgoog).
- Must have already earned Citizenship in the Community.

### Citizenship in the World (E)

- Earn during Fall of 4th year (This is usually after the 4th year @ Yawgoog).
- Must have already earned Citizenship in the Nation.

### Communication (E)

- Earn after Scout celebrates his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and before he celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Cycling (ST/L/E)

- Earn after earning First Class Rank or after Scout celebrates his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Emergency Preparedness (E)

- Earn after earning Life Rank

**Environmental Science (L)**

- Earn during 2nd year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Family Life (ST)**

- Earn during Fall of 1st year *(This is usually after the 1st year @ Yawgoog)*.

**First Aid (L)**

- Earn during 3rd year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Hiking (L/E)**

- Earn after earning Star Rank.

**Life Saving (E)**

- Earn after earning Life Rank

**Personal Fitness (E)**

- Earn after Scout celebrates his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and before he celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Personal Management (E)**

- Earn after Scout celebrates his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and before he celebrates his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Swimming (ST)**

- Earn during 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**5 Troop Required Merit Badges****Cooking**

- Earn after 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Pioneering**

- Earn after 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Public Speaking**

- Earn after 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Orienteering**

- Earn after 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Wilderness Survival**

- Earn after 1<sup>st</sup> year @ Camp Yawgoog.

**Of course “exceptions to the rule” will be allowed based on a recommendation from either the Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair and with the approval of the Merit Badge Counselor.**