

Troop 889 Scoutmaster Conferences

The Scoutmaster Conference (SMC) is the final requirement in all rank advancements prior to a Board of Review (BOR). It is simply a chance to talk to a Scout about how he is doing, how he feels about the troop and his role in it, how he is advancing, and how he is striving to live up to Scouting’s ideals. It is an informal conversation between Scout and Scoutmaster (SM) (or Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)). It is not a retesting of the requirements he has already had signed off.

In Troop 889 the Scout has the responsibility to initiate contact with the SM or ASM to arrange for a Scoutmaster Conference (SMC). The SMC must be completed prior to signing up for a BOR for any rank advancement during the Scout’s career.

Which ASMs may conduct an SMC depends on the particular rank the Scout is requesting. The Scout should use the table below and then refer to the Scoutmaster Corp Training List on the Troop’s web-site to determine which Adult Leader meets the qualifications for the specific rank.

Rank Requested	Which Adult Leaders May Conduct
Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class	Current SM Or ASM with SMS and IOLS Training
Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, Eagle, & Eagle Palms	Current SM Or ASM with Wood Badge Training

For Star and Life Scout Rank Advancement SMC’s, please follow the procedure below:

1. Prior to scheduling the SMC, the Scout must verify with the Advancement Chair his leadership rank requirements have been are fulfilled, e.g., time in rank, leadership, and merit badges earned. Documentation that community service hours have been fulfilled must be available at the SMC;
2. If there are clarifications or changes that need to be made, the Scout needs to contact the Advancement Chair and resolve the issue. Once the issues have been resolved, the Scout can request a SMC;
3. All the requirements for that rank must be signed off in the Scout’s Handbook prior to requesting the SMC.

NOTE: The Troop does not track service hours. The Scout is responsible to track and present the hours to the Scoutmaster at the SMC, and then submit those forms to the Advancement Chair or the Service Hours Coordinator.