

Troop 957 Rank Advancement Board of Review Questions List

Life Rank



I am the Life. I have shown the world that scouting is in my heart. I have mastered the knowledge of subjects that will benefit my country and my fellow man. I am ready to reach for my wings to fly.

The Life rank is the final rank before Eagle. The Life Scout should be fully participating in the Troop, with emphasis being placed on leadership in the unit, as well as teaching skills and leadership to the younger Scouts. Merit Badge work should be a regular part of the Scout's career. Scouting values and concepts should be an integral part of the Scout's daily life.

The approximate time for this Board of Review should be 30 - 45 minutes. As it is the last Board of Review before Eagle, it should be more formal and detailed than what the Scout has experienced before, in order to serve as a foretaste of what he will experience in an Eagle Board. For that reason, all members forming a Life Board of Review must have previous BOR experience. The Life requirements are:

1. Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Star Scout.
2. Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your everyday life.
3. Earn 5 more merit badges (so that you have 11 in all), including any 3 more from the [required list for Eagle](#).
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4. While a Star Scout, take part in [service projects](#) totaling at least 6 hours of work. These projects must be approved by your Scoutmaster.
5. While a Star Scout, serve actively 6 months in one or more of the positions of responsibility listed in [requirement 5 for Star Scout](#) (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop).
6. Take part in a Scoutmaster conference
7. Complete your board of review.

Sample Questions:

1. What is the most ambitious pioneering project with which you have assisted? Where?
2. What has been your worst camping experience in Scouting?
3. How many outings have you been on in the last year? Which did you like the most and why?
4. Is the Troop's Outdoor Program adequate to develop skills and maintain the interest of the Scouts? What changes would you make?
5. Which service projects did you work on for the rank of Life? What did you do?
6. Why do you think that Star and Life Scouts are required to contribute so much time to service projects? What service projects are most rewarding to you? Why?
7. Why do you think that a Board of Review is required for rank advancement?
8. How has Scouting prepared you for the future?
9. What does "Scout Spirit" mean to a Life Scout?
10. How can you personally help keep up the Scout Spirit in the Troop?
11. The Scout Oath refers to "Duty to Self"; what duty do we have to ourselves?
12. In what year was Boy Scouts of America founded? [*February 8, 1910 - BSA Birthday*]
13. How are you doing in school? What do you like the most about it?

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14. How does Scouting influence your interactions with people?
15. Other than your parents, who do you think has influenced your life the most? Why? Whose life do you think you have the most influence over? Why?
16. Name one thing you hate doing, but you do it anyway because you know it will please someone. How do you feel afterward?
17. What does "A Scout is Brave" mean to a Life Scout?
18. In this fast paced time of great stress, what should "Be Prepared" mean to a Life Scout?
19. What should others be able to expect from you as a Life Scout?
20. What does "On My Honor" mean to you?
21. What is the most difficult part of the Scout Oath and Law for you to live up to in your daily life? How do you overcome it?
22. What have you done since becoming a Star Scout, in carrying out additional responsibilities in the Troop? In your Patrol?
23. What do you like most about the Patrol Method? Least?
24. What leadership position did you hold for this rank? What was your biggest challenge? How did you handle it? What, if any, leadership position would you be most interested in?
25. What is your current (most recent) leadership position within the Troop? How long have you held that position? What particular challenges does it present? What is Leadership?
26. What is "Shared Leadership"? How do you see it in your Patrol and in the Troop?
27. What do you think is the most important skill for a leader? Why?
28. Outside of Scouting, tell me about a time when you have had to be a leader. How did it make you feel afterward?
29. What do you think you can do to help younger Scouts?
30. Which scouting skill do you like the most? Why? Least? Why?
31. What additional merit badges did you earn for Life?
32. What was the most difficult merit badge for you to earn? How often did you meet with your counselor on that one?
33. Which merit badge did you enjoy the most? Why?
34. Who helps you or coaches you in preparing for merit badges?
35. Which merit badges are you working on now?
36. Have you found any merit badges that you think are too hard for scouts to earn? Which ones? What makes them so difficult?
37. Have any of the merit badges you have earned led to hobbies or possible careers?
38. Of the merit badges you have earned, which one do you think will be of greatest value to you as an adult? Why?
39. Why do you think that the three "Citizenship" merit badges are required for the Eagle Rank?
40. What does it mean to say, "A Scout is Reverent"?
41. What does "Duty to God" mean to a Life Scout? How do you fulfill your duty?
42. What do you think about the Order of the Arrow program?
43. If the Scout is a member of OA: (what role does OA play in Scouting, what honor do you hold in OA, what is the difference between Scout "ranks" and OA "honors")
44. What was the most important thing you learned while working toward Life Scout?
45. Have you begun to think about an Eagle Service Project? What are you thinking about doing? When?

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What Every Scout Should Know

Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law:

A Scout is ...
Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
Reverent.

Scout Motto:

Be Prepared.

Scout Slogan:

Do a good turn daily.

Outdoor Code:

As an American, I will do my best to --
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.