



District Advancement and Recognition Committee

The District Advancement Committee implements procedures that help achieve BSA advancement guidelines. The committee helps Cub Scout packs, Scouts BSA troops, and Venturing crews succeed. Units help youth members advance in rank. If they advance, they will have a good experience and will grow in their Scouting adventure.

MAJOR TASKS OF THE ADVANCEMENT AND RECOGNITION COMMITTEE CHAIR AND MEMBERS

- Report to the Vice Chair of Program.
- Encourage advancement and recognition of Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers.
- Ensure units establish and maintain proper advancement procedures in accordance with national policies and the *Guide to Advancement*.
- Recruit and orient qualified individuals with an understanding of the advancement program that can support all aspects of the committee function, in a timely manner.
- Establish district advancement goals, develop a plan to achieve them, and track their attainment. Assist packs, troops, and crews and evaluate their progress frequently.
- Monitor rank advancements throughout the year and aid units with little or no advancement.
- Coach troop, and crew leaders in methods for conducting boards of review and courts of honor.
- Recruit and train an adequate group of merit badge counselors for the district.
- Recommend, through a review of submissions from the district community, youth members and unit and district Scouters for special awards and recognition (lifesaving awards, Silver Beaver, etc.).
- Implement council advancement and recognition programs.
- Review and approve Eagle Scout service project plans submitted by Eagle Scout candidates.
- Participate in troop and crew boards of review or conduct district-level Eagle Scout candidate boards of review. (If an Eagle Scout board of review is held at the unit level, at least one district/council advancement committee member must serve on the board.) Promote crew review boards led by the crew president for the ALPS award.
- Review Eagle Scout candidate appeals if a unit denies their application or turns them down at the board of review.
- Educate unit committees, district committee members, and commissioners about recognition programs. Promote nominations for district, council, and national awards and recognitions.
- Provide physical facilities and experts in advancement fields that are difficult for units to secure.