

Board of Review Syllabus

Summary: Intent is to discuss the Boy Scout board of review process

Time: 45 Minutes

Setup: Each individual will receive one handout. Room will be setup to have a mock board of review after initial discussions (3 chairs setup facing a single lone chair).

Initial Briefing/Discussion:

- A. Introduction
- B. Four Steps of Advancement
 - a. The Scout Learns
 - b. The Scout is Tested
 - c. **The Scout is Reviewed – Discuss applicability to Board process**
 - d. The Scout is Recognized
- C. Highlight BSA Guide to Advancement
- D. Highlight purpose of board
 - a. Board is not a retest
 - b. Board is meant to be a growth opportunity for the Scout
 - c. Questions should be opinion based
- E. Discuss standard BOR
 - a. 3-6 Adults over 21
 - b. Non-threatening environment
- F. Discuss a successful completion of a board
- G. Discuss what happens if a Scout fails/has an issue with the board
- H. Mock Board
 - a. Ask for 4 volunteers
 - i. 3 will be board members
 - ii. 1 will be Scout
 - b. Perform Mock board
 - i. Start with Scout Oath /Law
 - ii. Ask opinion questions / insert bad questions
 - iii. Discuss with class what they think of each question
- I. Questions?

Mock Board Scout Instructions

- Answer the questions as given
- It is acceptable to purposely mess up a few questions
- Think like a pre-teenage/teenage boy
- You are a newer Scout going for your Second Class rank

Mock Board Member 1
Instructions / Questions

Character: Your task is to act as a seasoned advancement member who knows the rules

Question 1 - You are acting as the board chair, start by introducing yourself and ask the Scout to recite the Scout Oath

Question 2 - What do you think was your hardest merit badge?

Question 3 - How does he feel about wearing his uniform in public?

Mock Board Member 2
Instructions / Questions

Character: Your task is to act as a new parent just crossing over from Cub Scouts that was grabbed to sit on the board. You don't necessarily know what is going on, but are eager to help.

Question 1 - What do you think about the Scout Troop?

Question 2 - Can you tell me how to tie a square knot?

Question 3 - What was your favorite event that you have gone to so far?

Mock Board Member 3
Instructions / Questions

Character: You are a parent that was a Scout themselves. You recently started with your son's Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Your knowledge is slightly dated on Scout processes and you have not taken any of the new training outside of Youth Protection.

Question 1 - Why do you think we have merit badges?

Question 2 - Explain how to treat a broken arm

Question 3 – What is the purpose of the Scout Law?