

## Advancement

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The Boy Scouts of America provides recognition for Scout achievements. The advancement program allows Scouts to progress from rank to rank. A fundamental purpose of advancement is the self-confidence a young man acquires from his participation in a troop. Requirements serve as the basis for a Boy Scout's rank advancement. The four steps to advancement are learning, testing, reviewing, and recognition. Many Scouts have been introduced to a lifelong hobby or rewarding career through the merit badge program. Merit badges help Scouts develop physical skills, social skills, and self-reliance.

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Congratulations to our 2012 District Award of Merit recipients

Jim Salamon Scoutmaster Troop 451

Bill Robbins Scoutmaster Troop 486

Both of these unit leaders have worked to bring thier units to the front in supporting District events