

Troop 50 Advancement Policy (Revised 12/01/2010)

Troop 50 follows the BSA policies for Rank advancement - “no council, district, troop or individual has the authority to add or subtract from any advancement requirement”¹

Rank Advancement - A new 12th edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook* (34622) was issued in the summer of 2009. That book contains new requirements for each rank, which officially took effect on January 1, 2010. Scouts working toward ranks in 2009 may use the new requirements, or may continue to use the old requirements, at their option. If a Scout has started work toward a rank before January 1, 2010, using requirements that were current before January 1, 2010, he may complete that rank only using the old requirements. Any progress toward a rank that is begun after January 1, 2010, must use the requirements as they are presented in the *Boy Scout Handbook* (34622) or in the *Boy Scout Requirements* book (34765).²

Merit Badges - The requirements for all Merit Badges are listed in the *2010 Boy Scout Requirements* book (#34765). Scouts who began working on any old requirements before January 1, 2008, may continue to use them if they wish, or may use the current requirements. Since the new requirements became effective on January 1, 2008, Scouts BEGINNING work on a Merit Badge now MUST use the current requirements.²

¹Source: Troop Committee Guidebook – page 27

²Source: US Scouting Service Project -

www.usscouts.org/advance/boyscout/intro.asp