2016 Boy Scout Program Changes

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Transition to New Requirements

- Boys who join after 1/1/16 must use new requirements
- Boys joining before 1/1/16 *may* continue to work on existing:
  - Scout badge, but *MUST* convert to new requirements after completion
  - Tenderfoot – 1st Class, but *MUST* convert to new requirements after attaining 1st Class

Transition to New Requirements - 2

- Boys joining before 1/1/16:
  - Those who have completed 1st Class *MAY* complete the rank they're currently working on w/ existing req's
  - But MUST convert to the new req's for subsequent ranks
- For 2017- everyone *MUST* use new requirements

Scout Rank

- "Scout" now considered a rank
- New patch
- Requirements a little harder than before
- Should be easy for those w/Cub background

OLD

NEW

Scout Rank – Requirements 1

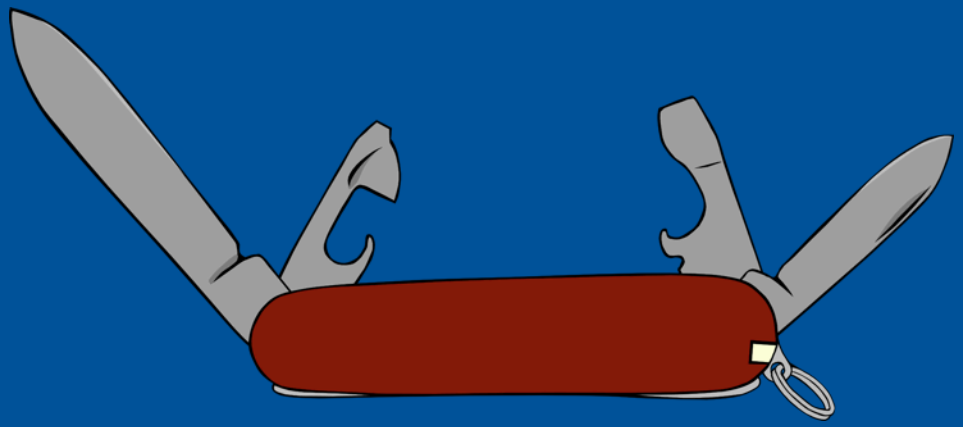
- Repeat from memory the Scout Oath, Law, motto & slogan
- Repeat from memory the Outdoor Code
- Show how to tie square knot, 2 half-hitches & taut-line hitch
- Learn to whip & fuse ends of different kinds of rope

Scout Rank – Requirements 2

- *After attending a Scout troop meeting…*
- Describe how the Scouts in the troop provide its leadership
- Describe the 4 steps of Boy Scout advancement
- Describe the Boy Scout ranks & how they are earned
- Describe what merit badges are & how they are earned

Scout Rank – Requirements 3

- Explain the patrol method
- Familiarize yourself w/patrol name, emblem, flag & yell
- Demonstrate knowledge of pocketknife safety



Service Hours

- Desire for Scouts to "help other people" at every rank
- *1 hr at Tenderfoot*
- *2 hrs at 2nd Class*
- *3 hrs at 1st Class*
- Star & Life remain same
- At least 3 of 6 hrs at Life must be conservation-related

Duty To God

- Every rank Tenderfoot - Eagle *(plus palms)* will include a “Duty to God” requirement
- Asking Scouts to reflect on their *own* belief, how he fulfills his duty
- NOT a two-way conversation about religion w/ Scout leader

Physical Fitness

- New requirements for Tenderfoot –> 1st Class
- Recognition of childhood obesity issue
- Tenderfoot
  - Show *improvement* in 1 mile walk/run time *(30 days)*
  - Pull-ups dropped

Physical Fitness - 2

- 2nd Class & 1st Class
  - Be physically active at least 30 min/day for at least 5 days/week
  - Do this for four weeks
  - Keep chart

Upcoming Merit Badges

- Exploration
- Major update to Photography *(digital)*
- Biometrics *(major update to Fingerprinting)*
- CAD
- Multimedia
- Advanced Computing