

**BSA TROOP 1988**  
**PARTICIPATION GOALS**

Each Scout is expected to be active and participate regularly both at the troop and patrol level comprised of meetings and activities. This assures he is exposed to the benefits of the Scouting program, has the opportunity to acquire outdoor skills and is able to advance through the Scouting ranks at his self-determined pace by meeting rank requirements. Participation is a key component, explicit and implied, of rank advancement and the following goals are designed to facilitate a Scout's achievement of the various rank requirements as outlined in the Scout handbook.

**Scout Activities** fall into three categories:

ACTIVITIES	FREQUENCY	Other Related Activities
Troop Meetings	Bi-Weekly	Storage clean-up; swim nights
Patrol Meetings	Bi-Weekly	Special patrol hikes, outings
Outdoor Program	Monthly camping trip; summer camp	Webelos Day; Eagle projects; Scouting for Food; service projects; day hikes

**Participation** – Recordkeeping related to rank advancement and participation should be kept by the individual Scout in his Handbook; the patrol is responsible for attendance records of patrol and troop meetings to be reported to the Scribe monthly. Troop electronic records will reflect the above.

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>50% minimum for Scout activities</b>
<b>RANK ADVANCEMENT</b>	In addition to general participation, meet the following requirements (as set forth in the Scout Handbook and facilitated by troop and/or patrol activities)
<b>Tenderfoot</b>	Spend at least one night on a patrol or troop campout
<b>Second Class</b>	Participate in 5 separate troop/patrol activities (other than meetings), two of which include camping overnight
<b>First Class</b>	Participate in 10 separate troop/patrol activities (other than meetings), 3 of which include camping overnight. Five of these, including at least 1 camping activity, should be completed <i>after</i> earning Second Class
<b>Star and Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Be <i>ACTIVE</i> in your troop and patrol for at least 4 months (Star) or 6 months (Life) since attaining previous rank. Troop recommends minimum of 50% participation in both outdoor activities and meetings</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Take part in service projects totaling at least 6 hours since attaining previous rank</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Serve actively for 4 months (Star) or 6 months (Life) in a position of leadership since attaining previous rank</b></li> </ul>
<b>Eagle</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Be <i>ACTIVE</i> in your troop and patrol for at least 6 months as a Life Scout</b></li> <li>▪ <b>While a Life Scout, serve <i>ACTIVELY</i> for 6 months in a position of leadership</b></li> </ul>
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	Scouts serving in leadership position have, by the very nature of leadership, greater responsibilities for meetings and participation. They are role models and must lead by example. To assure these leadership responsibilities are met consistently, troop and patrol leaders are expected to participate in at least 50% of outdoor activities, 70% of other (including meeting) activities and 80% of any leadership meetings, such as the monthly Patrol Leader Council. Patrols need to be represented by the PL, APL or a designated substitute Scout. Patrol attendance issues should be discussed with the patrol advisor; troop leadership participation issues should be resolved through the Scoutmaster.
<b>JASM's (Junior Assistant Scoutmaster)</b>	These older Scouts are frequently involved in many academic and other pursuits, but they are expected to be actively involved in the troop, participating at least 50% in meetings and 30% in outdoor or other activities. Should be serving troop or patrol with their particular skills and strengths. May be responsible for planning one or more troop programs.