



Glacier's Edge Council (620), BSA Advancement Committee

✦ Indian Trails
✦ Mohawk
✦ Wisconsin River
✦ Yahara

Council Advancement Committee Responsibilities: *Guide to Advancement* 3.0.0.1

1. Recruit enough committee members to fulfill the responsibilities described below and achieve council advancement objectives.
2. Ensure that all advancement administrators in the council receive periodic, ongoing training to maintain awareness of updated procedures, best practices, and details related to all programs of the Boy Scouts of America—Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. See “Building an Advancement Committee,” 3.0.0.5.
3. Establish objectives and action plans that stimulate advancement and lead to maximum success.
4. Inspire a positive working relationship with district advancement committees, providing clear guidance and direction on their responsibilities and objectives.
5. Plan, present, and submit for the council calendar those advancement conferences and training experiences that will strengthen the performance of district and unit advancement volunteers.
6. As appropriate, support advancement elements involved in training, and in events and activities presented by other council committees.
7. Support outdoor programs where advancement may take place, such as day camps, Cub Scout resident camp, long-term camping experiences, and specialized activities featuring advancement. See “Advancement in Camp Settings,” 5.0.1.0.
8. Establish local practices for adhering to National Council advancement procedures at outdoor programs, summer camp, and events such as merit badge fairs or midways. See especially “Group Instruction,” 7.0.3.2.
9. Support and promote Scoutbook and the BSA’s other internet portals for advancement reporting. See “Importance and Benefits of Electronic Advancement Reporting,” 6.0.0.1. Accurate advancement records are critical to program planning and analysis. Councils should work toward 100 percent electronic data entry.
10. Share advancement statistics for use in council fundraising materials and for supporting membership recruitment and retention efforts and commissioner service.
11. See to an effective merit badge program administered at a council or district level that functions according to national procedures and recruits, approves, trains, and makes known sufficient counselors to meet the needs of the council.
12. Determine, according to national procedures, consistent and appropriate methods for approving Eagle Scout and Quartermaster service project proposals and Eagle Scout, Summit, and Quartermaster project fundraising applications, providing Eagle Scout service project coaches and

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Venturing boards of review chairs, and conducting Eagle Scout, Summit, and Quartermaster boards of review.

13. Determine methods of collecting Eagle Scout or Quartermaster references.
14. Know and precisely follow official procedures for appeals and time-extension requests.
15. Establish procedures for the use of technology-based tools like Scoutbook according to “Using Technology-Based Tools in Advancement,” 5.0.8.0.
16. Know and follow proper procedures for considering special needs cases involving alternative requirements and merit badges, and registration beyond the normal age of eligibility.
17. Participate in considering and presenting special awards and recognitions according to established council procedures. This responsibility may or may not include the Silver Beaver Award.
18. Support and promote awards such as the religious emblems and the STEM Nova awards, as well as those approved by the council executive board.
19. Process lifesaving and meritorious action awards according to council practices and national procedures.
20. Notify the media to recognize significant youth achievements, such as Eagle Scout, Summit, or Quartermaster ranks; lifesaving and meritorious action awards; and other noteworthy accomplishments.

