

Attendance Policy

Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts said, “The open-air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success.” Troop 282 believes active participation in camping, preparation meetings, and service to the community and environment are essential for a successful Scout. As such, Troop 282 strongly encourages all Scouts to attend campouts, meetings, and events as often as possible.

It is expected for the rank advancement of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, and Star, an active Scout is one who attends at least fourteen (14) Troop 282 Scouting events within a four-month period, with at least two being a Troop 282 campout. For the purpose of Life and Eagle rank advancements, Troop 282 has the expectation that an active Scout is one who attends at least twenty-one (21) Troop 282 Scouting events within a six-month period, with at least three being Troop 282 campouts. Scouting events are Troop Meetings, Campouts, and Service Projects. Some four-month periods may have as few as 20 events, where some may have many more depending upon the number of service projects the Scouts arrange. Troop 282 Scouts meet weekly and go on campouts monthly. Positions of leadership are expected to attend more events.

The Scoutmaster, under the advisement of the ASM and senior leadership and SPL and Advancement Chair, will determine if the Scout has met the criteria of being “active” for rank advancement and the Scout’s readiness to proceed to the Board of Review.

Special circumstances will be taken into consideration with advanced written communication to the Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair, including dates of conflict (i.e. schedules for extracurricular activities). A Scout is still considered “active” for advancement if a Scout can explain and a Board of Review agrees that Scouting values have already taken hold and have been exhibited. This might be evidenced, for example, in how he lives his life and relates to others in his community, at school, in his religious life, or in Scouting. It is also acceptable to consider and “count” positive activities outside Scouting when they, too, contribute to his growth in character, citizenship, or personal fitness.