

2016 Program Changes



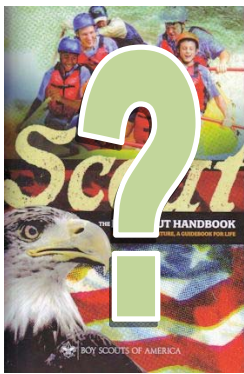
BOY SCOUTS

Assessment Phase:

- No perceived need for significant program design changes.
- Insufficient content in some emerging areas of importance.
- More of a requirements tweak than a redesign.

NOT Changing

- Current ranks or approach (T-1 concurrent; S-E sequential)
- Use of merit badge program

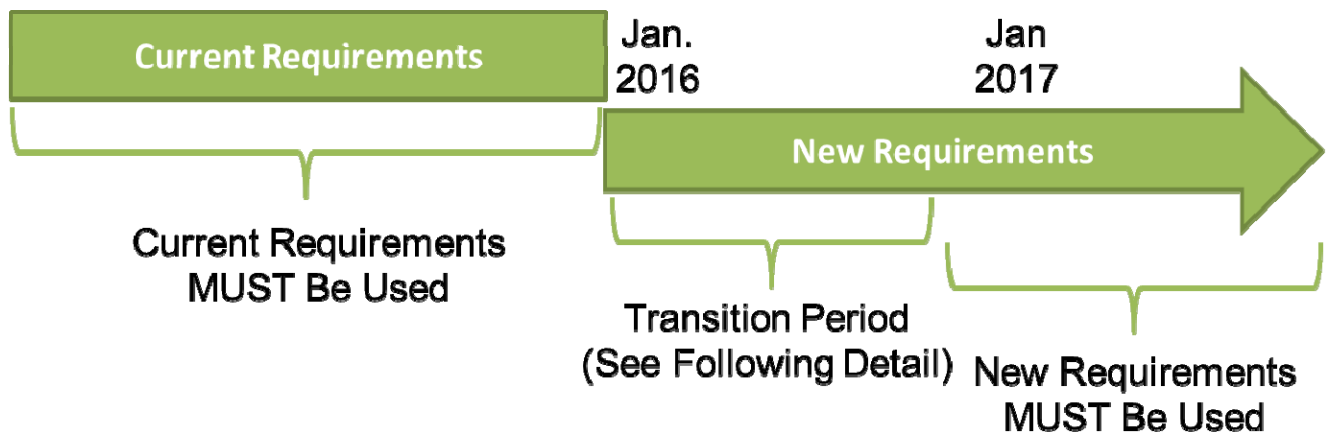


An updated Handbook will be released in January 2016.

CHANGING

- Scout becomes a rank
- Additions:
 - Service @ all ranks (conservation related at Life)
 - Health eating/habits
 - Some reordering (T-1)
 - Physical fitness at each rank – T-1
 - Outdoor ethics – LNT & TL
 - Weather safety, risk assessment & mitigation
 - Duty to God incorporated in requirement to show Scout Spirit.

Transition Plan



Based on the work of the Strategic Plan Goal 411 Task Force, a new set of Boy Scout requirements will become effective on January 1st, 2016. Timing for the release and implementation of the new requirements is as follows:

May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Boy Scout Requirements Released (at National Annual Meeting)
Summer 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Requirements Incorporated in Advancement and Boy Scout Conferences at Philmont Training Center (schedule TBA)
Fall 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Requirement information and interpretation shared via Advancement News, roundtables, etc.
January 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2016 Boy Scout Requirements book released 2016 Boy Scout Handbook released New requirements become effective

The release of the new requirements in May 2015 is to allow unit leaders adequate time to plan their Scouts' transition into the new requirements. Transition and adoption of the new requirements will be determined by the Scout's joining date and current rank being worked on as of January 1, 2016 as follows:

For 2016:

- Boys joining on/after 1/1/2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to 1/1/2016:
 - Who are working on Tenderfoot thru First Class **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon attaining First Class.
 - Who have completed First Class **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the current requirements but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

For 2017: All Scouts **MUST** use the new requirements regardless of rank.

Questions related to transition timing or process may be directed to either of the following: 411@scouting.org or advancement.team@scouting.org.