

Troop 400 Advancement Course

All Scouts' Star and above who want the responsibility of signing off Scouts on rank requirements from Scout through First Class, must complete this course and it must be documented by the Advancement Chair before signing off any rank requirements.

Two of the Scout Law points are Trustworthy and Honest. Your Scoutmaster *trusts* that when you signoff a task for a scout that you are being *honest* and that they really know what it is or how to do it. The skills you learn from Scouting can and have saved lives. If you are on an adventure and get hurt, you want the Scout next to you to really know how to help you.

Please follow the EDGE Method when teaching advancement skills. As you are teaching advancement you are responsible for teaching the Scout how to do this advancement skill. **When signing off on a skill, you are saying that you know that this Scout has the knowledge of this skill.**

1) **Explain.**

- a) Tell the Scout about what the advancement skill involves
- b) Tell about the history or how it effects us as a Scout or Troop
- c) Explain what to do for this skill

2) **Demonstrate**

- a) Demonstrate the advancement skill and show the Scout what to do.
- b) Repeat the demonstration until the learning Scout understands the process

3) **Guide** the Scout

- a) Guide the Scout through the process. As he does it, have him say the process out loud.
- b) Repeat (A) until the Scout thinks he is ready

4) **Enable**

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a) Allow the scout to demonstrate the skill to you. **If he can't do it, go back to #2 and/or #3 (Demonstrate or Guide)**. If the Scout can do the skill, you may sign off on this advancement skill.