Scoutmaster Conference Checklist

# References

* Troop Leader Guidebook, No. 33009
* Guide to Advancement 2015

# Requirements

* Cannot be denied if needed for rank
* Scout must participate, not “pass”
* Should be face-to-face not on-line
* Conducted privately but in view of others

# Guidelines

* About 15 minutes, a bit longer for Star & Life, 30 minutes for Eagle
* Conduct in a relaxed setting and unhurried manner
* Keep the tone positive
* Use open-ended questions
* Use active listening techniques
* Listen to what is said and not said
* Close with a handshake

# Objectives

* Establish trust and understanding between the scout and leader
* Reinforce the ideals of scouting
* Share ideas and ask questions of each other
* Set goals and outline steps for achieving them
* Congratulate the scout on his achievements
* Discuss scout’s ambitions, life purpose, and goals
* Provide counseling and encouragement
* Obtain feedback on the unit’s program

# Sample Questions

* How do you like your patrol? Who do you get along with most? Least?
* What troop activities have you done? Which was your most favorite? Your least favorite?
* How have you demonstrated the scout Oath and Law recently?
* How well do you think you did on the requirements for your rank? What are your strengths? Weaknesses?
* Do you want to become an Eagle scout? What do you need to do for your next rank? When can you get it done?
* What does it mean to be a leader? Can you thing of an example where you or someone else demonstrated good leadership on a recent outing?