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Advancement Corner

New Boy Scout Requirements Added

The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008. These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.



Tenderfoot Rank

Revised requirement 9:

Explain the importance of the buddy sys-

tem as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.



Second Class Rank

New requirement 8b:

Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.



First Class Rank

New requirement 12:

Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.

The changes will be represented in the

2008 Boy Scout Requirements book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook*.

Notice of these requirements was just received with no further details. We assume that they will apply immediately to all and that they will need to be completed by any Scout before sitting before a board of review for any of these ranks.

We ask that Scout Leaders make their members aware of these new requirements and suggest that you keep your eye on the national website. If there is to be any text or podcast posting explaining these requirements and giving the Scout some background information, we will probably see it there first.

Leaders may wish to make a copy of this article or type these new requirements for their scouts to paste or tape into their Scout handbooks.