Transitioning to the 2016 Boy Scout Requirements

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 will be as follows:

May 2015	• New Boy Scout requirements released (at National Annual Meeting)
Summer 2015	• New requirements will be reviewed in detail in Philmont Training Center conferences (schedule TBA)
Fall 2015	• New requirement information and interpretation shared via *Advancement News*, roundtables, etc.
January 2016	• 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. Beginning work in the new requirements will be determined by the Scout's joining date or current rank as of January 1, 2016:

For 2016:

- Boys joining on or after Jan. 1, 2016 **MUST** use the new requirements.
- Boys who have joined prior to Jan. 1, 2016:
    - Who are working on the Scout badge **MAY** continue to work on the existing requirements, but **MUST** convert to the new requirements upon completion of the Scout badge.
    - Who are working on Tenderfoot through 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 existing requirements, but then **MUST** convert to the new requirements for subsequent ranks.

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

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