

Advancement Sign Offs in Troop 479



In the BSA Scout handbook, it states

“your Scoutmaster or someone designated by your Scoutmaster” will initial each completed requirement for advancement. There are no further guidelines on whom a Scoutmaster should designate so it is up to each troop to decide how much assistance is needed and what qualifications are necessary. Some troops just have the Scoutmaster do all sign offs, some have all First Class and above scouts sign off, others use only registered adults.

In Troop 479, the following guidelines explain how we will handle advancement sign offs:

Rank	Can Sign Off
Scout	Scoutmaster
Tenderfoot, 2 nd Class, 1 st Class	- Troop Guide, trained and currently in position - Eagle, Life, or Star scouts currently members in the “Order of the Golden Pen” - Troop 479 adult wearing a BSA uniform
Star, Life, Eagle	Scoutmaster
Eagle Palm	Scoutmaster

- The person signing should be expert in the skill being signed off. If you do not feel qualified, do not sign off. This ensures you know the skill is being done correctly and can provide guidance if done incorrectly. Then, the scout can try again at a future time.
- Scouts and adults do not sign off for family members.
- 1st Class scouts do not sign off unless currently a Troop Guide and trained.
- The “Order of the Golden Pen” is just a fun reminder for experienced scouts to take their mentoring role seriously.