



**Northeast Georgia Council, B.S.A.  
Advancement Committee**

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To: All Troops, Teams and Crews

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Subject: Boy Scout Rank Advancement Changes

The rank requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are changing as of January 1, 2008. The requirements are being changed to help stress the importance of youth protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements. Any scout working on Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class rank advancement as of January 1, 2008 will need to complete the new requirements for the ranks they are working on. The new requirements are as follows.

Tenderfoot: revised requirement 9, Explain the importance of the buddy system 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: new requirement 8b, Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.

First Class: new requirement number 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 that is due out in January and should be available in the scout service centers by late January or early February. They will also be included in the revised ninth printing of the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boy Scout Handbook.

If you have any questions concerning these changes please contact your district advancement committee.

Ed Foster