

Who can get free

Scoutbook?

Three easy steps to qualify to receive **SCOUTBOOK** for your unit from now thru December 31, 2017 at no charge:

1. One or more members of your unit attend your District Kick-off

- Honest Abe District
August 8, 2016
Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church
7:00 p.m.
- Log Cabin/Railsplitter District
August 11, 2016
Raymond Family Living Center
7:00 p.m.
- Lincoln Home District
August 9, 2016
Rochester United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

2. Turn in Popcorn Commitment Form by August 26, 2016.

- Online commitment at www.alincolnbsa.org or
- Form in Program kick-off packet

3. Hold a Recruiting Event*

- *Packs* - Hold a recruiting night by September 23, 2016.
- *Troops* - Hold an open house by October 31, 2016

*Contact your district executive to help with recruiting resources, boy talks, and scheduling.

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SCOUTBOOK

A whole new way
of tracking
advancement and
communicating to
your families...
Introducing
SCOUTBOOK



Look inside to
see how this
revolutionary new
product can be
FREE to the
families in your
unit and what it
can do.

What is

Scoutbook?

Scoutbook is a data tracking and communicating tool, created just for the Boy Scouts of America.

Developed by a volunteer, it is now owned by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

What is it? It is a seamless way of tracking a boy's advancement throughout his Scouting career – from Tiger Cubs through Boy Scouts.

It is expected that it will be the sole electronic link for advancement to a boy's official record in the near future, eliminating the need to purchase other software such as Packmaster, Troopmaster, and Scout Tracks.

It will save time for leaders, eliminate paperwork, involve parents with their sons and so much more.

Here are a few comments from users:

"My families are more aware and have actually gotten more involved since we adopted Scoutbook."

James Grable, Troop 113, South Jacksonville

"As a parent I can invite my son to 'connect' and give him access to his account. He can't approve anything but can see what has been approved, what still needs to be done, what events are coming up, etc. It even allows you to see a little image of a gauge showing the percentage completed towards each rank."

Annaleis Smith, Den Leader

Why use

Scoutbook?

Let's face it... most Scout Leaders don't get involved in Scouting because they like paperwork... they get involved to have fun with their sons, to guide them to the future, perhaps even be a kid themselves to some extent.

Everyone has heard the old saying, "many hands makes light work." Scoutbook is just the ticket to accomplish that. Boys (or their parents) enter their accomplishments on their own record... and your advancement chair just needs to approve it with a few clicks of a button.

Rank advancements, when approved, will write directly to the BSA's system, giving them credit for the advancement. A shopping list can be printed for use in the store... it's that simple.

Features of the program include the following:

- Track advancements
- Families can enter on their own, but it must still be "approved" to go on the official record
- Messaging capability to leaders, youth members and parents
- The ability to share a calendar of events
- Upload photos and videos
- Advancement updates daily

How do we start to use

Scoutbook?

Once we have verified that your unit has met the simple criteria, you will be given an access code.

You'll sign on and download your roster. Youth members can be assigned to dens or patrols.

If a boy is no longer active, he can be moved to an "inactive" category... he's still a member of the Boy Scouts of America until December 31st, just in case he returns, or if he has moved and joins another troop.

You'll provide families access, and parents, in turn, can provide access to their sons.

Scoutbook is hosted at a secure, state of the art virtual data center facility in Texas owned and operated by IBM. We comply with Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

It's web-based so you can access it from your computer, tablet or phone. That means you have access to it from almost anywhere.

