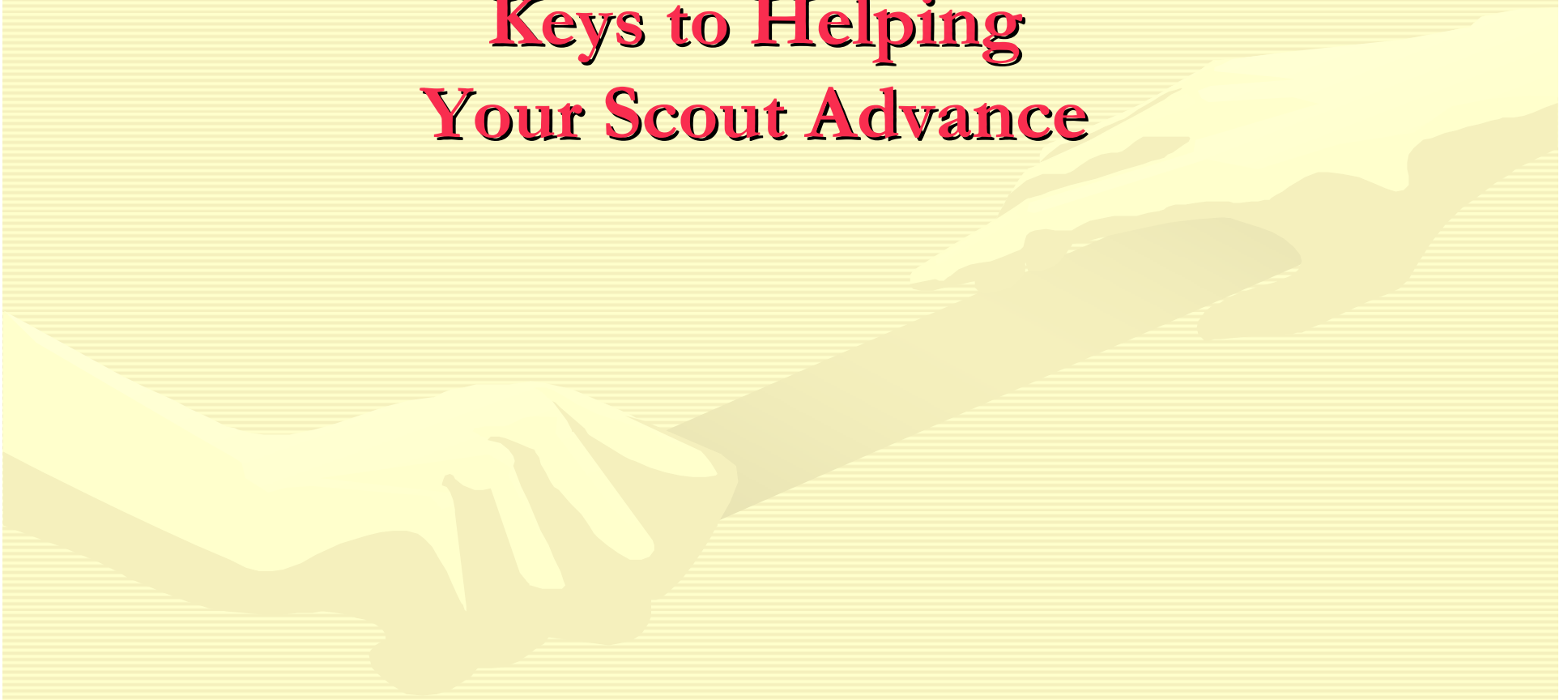


Troop 121

**Keys to Helping
Your Scout Advance**

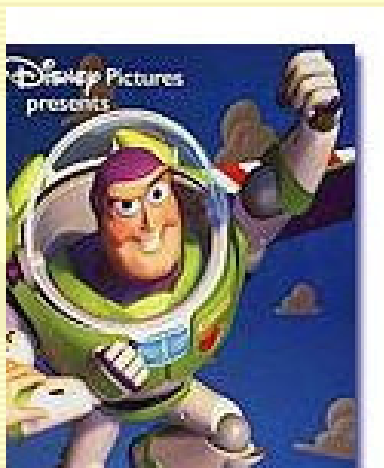


Introduction

Purpose

To give YOU the resources YOU need to help your Scout advance to Eagle

and beyond!



Agenda

Transferring the Passion

Setting the Vision

Open the Line of Communication

Know the Program

Build the Plan

The Scout Hand Book

Merit Badge Books

Field Book

What to Expect



Passion

It starts with excitement and enthusiasm

If you are excited about the program your son will be, also

Share with him your excitement and talk about what Scouting has to offer and why you like the program

Talk with him about the importance of the program, the value that Scouting brings and the fun your Scout will have learning new things and doing fun outdoor stuff!



Vision

Set his Sights on Accomplishment!

Help your Scout envision what Scouting offers

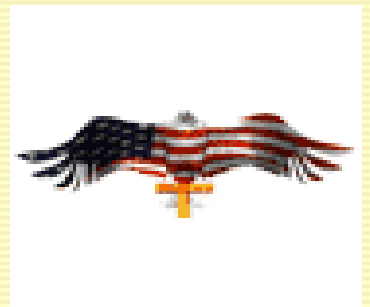
Camping - Advancement – Skills – Knowledge - Experience

Review with him the Exciting Programs

**Archery, Rifles, Canoeing, Hiking, Biking, Rock Climbing,
Repelling, Fishing, Backpacking, White Water Rafting**

Help him see himself as an Eagle Scout

**Cast the vision of where you see him in a few
months and a few years from now**



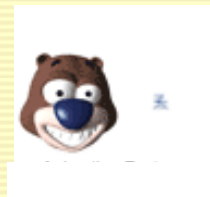
Communication

Set a time to Meet with your Scout

We spend 15 seconds a day of quality time with our children

A quote from James Dobson of Focus on the Family

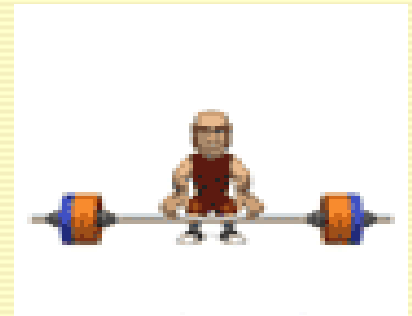
- Review his recent accomplishments
- Let him know that you are proud of him
- Cover the next objectives toward advancement
- Plan how he will work toward the goal



Build the Base

Help your Scout understand that you...

- **Believe in him**
- **Will spend time with him**
- **Will help him succeed**
- **Want to work with him**
- **Are there to support him**



Know the Program

Take time to understand the current program

- Know what the Troop is planning – Events and Campouts
- Know the current training agenda – Merit Badges / Rank
- Attend the annual Adult Summit and Semi annual meeting
- Know what is expected for your Scout to advance
- Discuss with the Scoutmaster the current agenda
- Talk with the Assistant Scoutmaster / Patrol Advisor for your Scouts Patrol about current events and programs

Build a Plan

Work with your Scout and set goals

- ✓ Consider spending 10 minutes a day working on Scouting with you son – have a specific meeting time and place
- ✓ Help him focus on meeting specific goals and objectives
 - ✓ Discuss where he is in the program and what is next
 - ✓ Review goals – merit badges and rank advancement
- ✓ Schedule the next meeting and what should be accomplished



The Boy Scout Hand Book

Foundation of the Scouting Program

- Trail to First Class – Core Program Knowledge
 - Star, Life and Eagle – Leadership Training
 - Merit Badges – Required Achievements
- Hiking, Camping, Cooking, First Aid, Citizenship
 - Making the most of yourself
 - Getting along with others
 - Physically Strong
 - Outdoor Adventures
 - Older Scouts
 - BSA Policy
- Record of Progress



Merit Badge Books

All about Merit Badges

- ❖ First Section of the book - Questions
- ❖ Two kinds of books – Electives and Eagle Required
 - ❖ Merit Badges – Required Achievements
 - ❖ 12 Eagle require and 9 electives required
 - ❖ One Eagle Required covered at home
 - ❖ Five Eagle required covered at camp
 - ❖ Six Eagle required covered at Scout meetings
- ❖ All Scouting meetings badges require home work
- ❖ All home work requires your attention!



Merit Badge Books

You, your son and Merit Badges

- Talk with you son about the book he has chosen
- Review the questions in the book with him
 - Are any requirements already completed
 - Have him read the book
 - Discuss the questions and the answers
- Help him prepared to present the information to his merit badge counselor
- Make sure that he does the work



Field Book

Review Field Book and Related Activities

- Purchase a field book for your Son
- Review the book with him and discuss it's contents
 - Review the book with him prior to outside
- Look for areas that will be covered at the camp outs



What can be Expected?

Your Son will evolve through the program

- ✓ Your relationship will grow stronger
- ✓ He will evolve to enjoy his time with you
- ✓ He will learn the value of the program
 - ✓ He will learn to come to you for help and direction
 - ✓ His advancement will be significantly greater
- ✓ He has a greater chance of reaching Eagle
 - ✓ He will stay in the program longer



**Thank you, for being a
part of Troop 121!**

Questions?

