Internet Advancement

MANDATORY AS OF 1/1/2016 FOR THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL

Benefits of Internet Advancement

- Provides straightforward and direct method of reporting
- Eliminates issues with deciphering handwriting
- Helps in council verification of Eagle Scout Rank Applications
- Records ranks, badges, and awards in accordance with BSA advancement rules
- Consolidates data files to reduce or eliminate record gaps when Scouts transfer units
- Supports national data analysis for advancement statistics
- Assures advancement is counted in the Journey to Excellence

Important information needed to know when inputting information into Internet Advancement

- NAMES SHOULD MATCH LEGAL NAME (BEST TO ENTER IN FRONT, MIDDLE, AND LAST)
- CAN ONLY PLACE ADVANCEMENT UNDER 1 ACCOUNT
- WHENEVER A NEW MEMBER IS ADDED, RELOADING THE ROSTER IS NEEDED
- IF A SCOUT IS NOT REGISTERED, THE NAME WILL NOT SHOW UP TO ADD ADVANCEMENT TO
- BSA MEMBER IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS ARE UNIQUE ONLY WITHIN EACH COUNCIL. A SCOUT'S ID NUMBER CANNOT BE ACCESSED BY ANY OTHER COUNCILS. WHEN A SCOUT IS MOVING, A PRINTOUT NEEDS TO BE SENT WITH THE SCOUT TO THE NEW COUNCIL

Procedure to upload other software into Internet Advancement (aka ScoutNet)

- TO PREP FOR UPLOAD, MAKE SURE BOTH PROGRAMS HAVE THE EXACT SAME MEMBER NAMES/ID NUMBERS

- INDIVIDUAL SOFTWARE PROGRAMS HAVE A FEATURE TO EITHER UPLOAD A FILE TO SCOUTNET OR A BUTTON TO SUBMIT TO LOCAL COUNCIL. COMPLETE THE TASK PER THE SOFTWARE

- PRINT OUT ADVANCEMENT REPORTS/SHOPPING LISTS FROM INTERNET ADVANCEMENT AFTER LOGGING IN AND CONFIRMING A SUCCESSFUL UPLOAD

Benefits of Internet Advancement

Unit can print out official record

Needed for all replacement ranks and merit badges

Needed for any Scout that is moving to another council or transferring into another unit

Do not need to submit misc forms

Emergency Preparedness

CS Outdoor Award

Conservation Award

Nova Supernova Awards

Outdoor Ethics Award

Historic Trails Award

50 Miler Award

National Outdoor Award

Intrepreter Strip

Will make transition to ScoutBook seamless when the program is updated in the future

Resources to help in the transition

Link site to Internet Advancement: www.alamoareabsa.org/units/advancement

Questions that are not found on site(s): email melissa.moore@scouting.org