

Request for Input – Troop 65 Advancement Form

At the February 21st Troop 65 Trained Leader Meeting I volunteered to seek inputs from Troop 65 members (Scouts and Adults) regarding the current Troop 65 Advancement Form. It was acknowledged that the form needs to be revised to reflect the current state of the troop.

Please be reminded that the form was originally created to both provide guidelines/expectations to Scouts and to gather ‘input’ for the Scoutmaster relative to a Scouts readiness to advance. It was intended to alleviate some unclear participation issues, provide insight into the choices of time by the Scout, and attempt to address the subjective ‘demonstrate Scout spirit’ component of advancement.

I have modified the form by adding lines throughout for comments. I also added a blank section to seek inputs not specifically covered on the form. You will note that the items currently on the form are mostly related to attendance / participation. Feel free to add comments / items which you feel should be included.

The form for comments is a Microsoft Excel file: AdvancementFormComments.xls. It is posted on the Troop 65 website. You may choose to download it (please change the file name so your input is unique) and update the file, or print a copy and handwrite comments. Electronic copies may be forwarded to me at raini121@aol.com. Handwritten copies may be given to me or Denise at the next Troop or Parent Meetings. Inputs are desired by the end of the March 16th Troop Meeting.

I look forward to your thoughtful inputs on this matter. I will tabulate comments received and share them with Troop 65 scouts and leaders. A separate meeting devoted to this form will be scheduled.

Yours in Scouting,

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