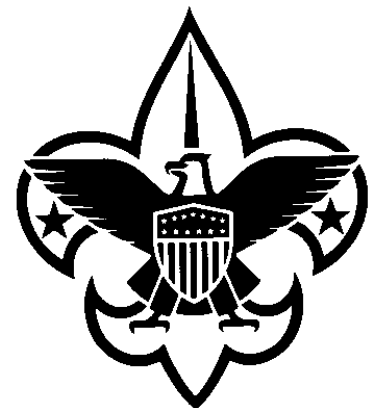
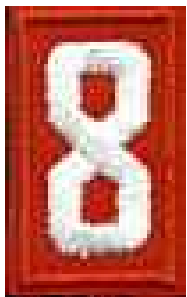


# Troop 8 Scoutmaster's Conference Workbook

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### **Note to Scoutmasters:**

- (1) Read Part 1-6 for each rank before you conduct the SM Conference.
- (2) Do not give these books to Scouts. They are kept in the file cabinet. Scouts may download a copy from the website.
- (3) Scouts must come to the SM Conference with their Scout Handbook. Have them use the book if they need a quick reference. Scouts need to know how to reference their book.
- (4) Intent of SM Conferences for T/F through 1C is teaching unless the Scout is totally unprepared or clueless. If so, send them back to study. You should be more demanding for Star – Eagle. They must know their T/F – 1C Scout Skills; if not – stop the conference, send them back to study, and reschedule only at your convenience. Chide them for wasting your time. We want the Star-Eagle Scouts in the business of teaching younger Scouts – we cannot do that if they do not know their skills.
- (5) When Scouts request a SM Conference, remind them that it is their job to review the material prior to the SM Conference. If it is apparent that they have not reviewed the material, inform them that you will not begin the Scoutmaster Conference and it will be rescheduled at your convenience.
- (6) This booklet is a guide. The SM May ask additional technical questions from prior ranks (use the Scout Handbook) if warranted by the fact that the Scout does not have a good grasp on ALL T/F – 1C technical skills.
- (7) Finally, use this as an opportunity to get to know the Scout better. Find out what he likes and dislikes about Scouting and the Troop – use that as feedback for the monthly Scoutmaster’s meetings.

### **Note to Scouts**

- (1) It is your job to contact the ASM associated with your patrol to arrange a SM Conference. Any SM may do you SM Conference. However, you should only ask other SMs if the ones associated with you patrol are not available. This means that you have contacted them personally and they said no because of their schedule.
- (2) The questions noted in the booklet are a guide for the SM. He/She may ask you additional questions for past ranks. You are expected to know all Scout technical skills for this rank and your previous ranks. This requirement becomes much more stringent if you are going for Star through Eagle. If the Scoutmaster determines that you have not prepared, he/she will stop the conference and you will reschedule at the convenience of the SM since you have wasted their time once.
- (3) You are required to bring your Scout Handbook to the SM Conference. It is acceptable if you need to **occasionally** refer to your book to answer a question or demonstrate a skill – note the emphasis placed on occasionally.



# Scout

## Scoutmaster's Conference Workbook – Scout

*Scoutmasters – Complete items 1-6. Upon completion of the Scoutmaster Conference, place this workbook back in the Scout's individual file folder in the office filing cabinet. Do not give this book to Scouts. They can download a copy from the website.*

### 1. General Information

(a) Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Date \_\_\_\_\_

2. Scoutmasters must evaluate the Scout on all requirements for the Scoutmaster Conference rank. The intent is **“hands-on”** as much as possible – demonstrate not discuss. Use the Scoutmaster Conference buckets for “hands-on” items. Some items (such as axes, stoves, lanterns, and other equipment) are located in the trailers or shed. Questions starting with the word “demonstrate” mean demonstrate (not discuss) by the Scout.

As discussed at the Scoutmaster Meeting, the purpose of this type of forum is:

- Ensure that our Scouts know the material as we will expect them to be the teachers of the future – this provides a quality check in the troop.
- Objectivize the SM Conference – i.e. 85% “Go” rate in paragraph 3.
- Equalize SM Conference among Scoutmasters. It also serves as a memory jogger for Scoutmasters.

Credit should be given for the tasks if the Scout **generally** knows the material – exactness is required for some but not all questions. For instance, they do not need to recite by rote all of the symptoms for a heart attack. However, if it is clear that they do not know the material on a particular subject, move on and have them do that at a later date. Allows Scouts to use their handbook on an infrequent basis - we want ensure that they know how to navigate within their book. The GO/NO GO questions are a guideline. Scoutmasters have the prerogative to ask additional T/F –

1C questions from past ranks if it is clear that the Scouts does not have a grasp on technical skills.

Complete the following spreadsheets as the Scout finishes each part.

Rank	Part	GOs	NO-GOs	TOTAL
Scout	Part I			16
				16

Score Recapitulation

Number of GOs	
Number of NO-GOs	
TOTAL	
Number of GOs/Divided by Total*100	

3. Summary:

Achieved 85% or better on all questions.

Go	No-Go
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

All GO's, then sign-off Scoutmaster's Conference in Scout Handbook.

4. Have the Scout state three goals that he wants to complete by the next Scoutmaster's Conference.

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Have the Scout state when he plans to attain the next rank: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Make a copy of this page and give it to the Scout. Place Scoutmaster Conference Workbook in the Scout's individual file folder in the office filing cabinet.

