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AN IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE COUNCIL FREE RANK ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Scouters

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge your dedication to the advancement of our Scouts. Currently we have seen an increase in the total number of ranks advancements over the past year. Your hard work is being noticed and "Thank you" for a job well done.

In an effort to continually provide a quality program for our Scouts, we reviewed the free rank program available to each unit. For many years if your unit was "100% Boys Life", then you received free rank advancement for each Scout. We are changing the criteria for units to receive free rank advancement. The reason for the change is to create a greater focus on youth advancement, trained leaders and unit/council fundraising efforts. These criteria for free rank advancement are in alignment with the Unit's Journey to Excellence requirements. Listed below are the new criteria for free Rank Advancement. The Middle Tennessee Council continues to believe and support Boy's Life magazine as an enhancement to a young person's Scouting Experience.

To receive free rank advancement your unit will need to meet/complete the following:

1. Unit Recharts on time, turned in prior to deadline
2. Achieve 95% of all leaders Youth Protection Trained
3. Achieve 80% of Overall Leaders Trained for their specific position
4. Annually hold Family Friends of Scouting presentation from a Council Representative
5. Sell Popcorn during the Popcorn Sale
6. Sell Camp Cards during the Camp Card Sale

Your unit can elect to adopt the new criteria at your next recharter or remain with "100% Boys Life". Beginning December 2018 all units will have to adopt the new criteria listed above to receive free rank advancement.

Thank you for your continued support to provide a safe and quality program to the Scouts of the Middle Tennessee Council.

Yours in Scouting

Karen Bengtson
Council Commissioner

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