

Here are some questions from Apalachee News Roundtable (9/13)

Cub Scout - What happens when a cub scout earns a Tiger Rank. They leave the Pack and don't earn their Wolf Rank. They join back and earn their Bear. Can they enter the Bear without having their Wolf Rank?

They should be able to enter Bear without Wolf as Cub Scout ranks are age / grade specific. Cubs dont go back and earn ranks under their age / grade level.

Troop - They buy their advancements weekly. Do they need to do them in Scoutnet each week?

Troops buying weekly - they should already be turning in a advancement report each week to but the badges (national policy - paper work to buy badges) so yes they need to enter into scoutnet weekly to be able to print a advancement report to turn in. They should already be doing the old handwritten one each week anyway.

Both - Can they use the reports from their tracking system to turn into the scout store? Will there come a point where the scout store will only accept reports from Scoutnet?

Both - they need to print the Scoutnet reports and turn those in, reason being the service center people know what the internet adv report looks like (I have shown them all one) and they know if they get one of those they do not need to enter the advancements because they have already been entered all they do is file the report. If they get a "tracking system" report or a old paper adv report they will try to enter the data of course after trying the first few they should realize the advancements have already been entered but odds are they will check them all to be sure all of them were entered which inturn does not save them anytime.

The scout stores will always continue to accept the old paper reports etc. There are no plans to make internet advancement mandantory

Troop - Are there only certain versions of TroopMaster they work with Scoutnet?

Versions of Troop Master - Troop Master has been around a long time (I used it 20 yrs ago when I was SM). You can always call TroopMaster or check their frequently asked question section. I am not sure when Troopmaster came out with the software packet that worked with Scoutnet and got approved by national to be used with Scoutnet. Versions of Troop Master prior to this will not work with Scoutnet.

Cub Scout - Since Belt Loops were not previously reported, do they need to enter the previous belt loops which have been earned?

Belt Loops - They do not have to enter prievious belt loops unless they want to be sure the scouts records are 100% accurate. Basicially its up to them but getting everyones records correct and current would help with the tracking national does to see what belt loops to stop offering etc.

What is the benefit to the Packs and Troops to do double the work on the advancements?

I assume this refers to entering advancements into Troop Master etc then entering into Scoutnet ? Troop Master etc auto uploads so it is not too time consuming. But the biggest advantage is it will ensure the scouts get the correct credit for what they earned. They all need to remember

using internet advancement is a option it is not required that the use it. If they thinks it is to much work they can continue doing as they have with the paper reports.