



The Dulaney District Advancement Committee *Venturing News*

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Venture Crew Leaders of Dulaney District:

Most of the following is excerpted from the National Advancement News, Jan-Feb 2018 issue:

1. Scoutbook Lite to Replace Internet Advancement in the Second Quarter of 2018:

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is excited to roll out a new solution in the second quarter of 2018 that will leverage core components of the Scoutbook platform.

The current Internet Advancement platform will be retired and replaced by a new online tool called Scoutbook Lite.

This new application is being developed now from the ground up so that unit leaders can quickly key in advancement and other key data. It will sport a slick new user interface optimized for desktop, tablet, and mobile devices.

The BSA has found that less than 10% of units use the CSV (comma – separated values) data file import feature in Internet Advancement. In the interest of focusing on tools that serve more Scouters, the CSV data file import will not be supported once the current Internet Advancement platform is discontinued.

Other than the CSV import feature, Scoutbook Lite will offer optimized functions for everything found in the current Internet Advancement platform.

The Scoutbook database will become the official record of advancement for the Boy Scouts of America.

And we will continue to work on and improve Scoutbook as our full feature application.

And one more thing.

Are you a programmer?

For Scouters who are experienced in the development of apps or web platforms, the BSA is excited to announce the upcoming roll out of API's (application programming interface).

A selection of specific, read-only API's will be made available to Scouting volunteers in the first half of 2018. There are no current plans to roll out API's to third parties.

For more information, you may contact Tom Jansen at Thomas.jansen@scouting.org .

The process is graphically described on the next page:

INTRODUCING SCOUTBOOK

BEFORE SCOUTBOOK



SCOUT COMPLETES
ADVANCEMENT AND
RECORDS IT IN THEIR
HANDBOOK



SCOUT MEETS
WITH LEADER TO
REVIEW WORK



LEADER APPROVES
AND MARKS
ACHIEVEMENT
IN THE BOOK



ADVANCEMENT CHAIR
GATHERS ALL APPROVED
ITEMS FROM ALL BOOKS
FOR RECORD KEEPING



KEY 3 (OR DELEGATE)
SUBMITS AN INTERNET
ADVANCEMENT REPORT
TO THE LOCAL COUNCIL



ONCE RECORDED,
SCOUT IS RECOGNIZED
AND THE DATA IS GOOD.
YOU HOPE...

AT THIS POINT, YOUR SCOUT'S ADVANCEMENTS
ARE NOT FULLY IN THE BSA NATIONAL SYSTEM

BSA CURRENTLY HAS 3 DATABASES THAT HAVE TO BE SYNCED
TO MANAGE ADVANCEMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP DATA

AFTER SCOUTBOOK



SCOUT COMPLETES
ADVANCEMENT AND
RECORDS IT IN
SCOUTBOOK.COM



SCOUT MEETS WITH
LEADER WHO LOGS INTO
SCOUTBOOK.COM AND
APPROVES ADVANCEMENT
THEN MARKS ACHIEVEMENT
IN HANDBOOK



ONCE APPROVED,
ADVANCEMENT DATA IS
AUTOMATICALLY RECORDED
AT THE COUNCIL
AND NATIONAL LEVEL.



SCOUT IS RECOGNIZED
AND THE DATA IS GOOD.
YOU KNOW.

LEARN MORE AT
[SCOUTBOOK.COM](https://scoutbook.com)

2. Sample Venturing Summit Award Service Project

One of the requirements to earn the Venturing Summit Award is to complete a service project. Venturers must use the workbook found at https://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-938_WB.pdf . This workbook will help guide Venturers through the process of planning, completing, and reviewing their service project. To illustrate this process, see how the project would proceed for a sample Venturer.

Jennifer is a Venturer seeking to climb to the Summit. She has brainstormed many ideas for projects but has chosen to build a bridge over a stream at a nature center. This would allow the trail to be extended for guests of the nature center. She meets with an adult advisor from her crew who agrees to be the advisor for the project. They discuss the idea and the steps to take. Now that Jennifer has the idea, she needs to use the workbook and start completing the proposal portion. She meets with a representative from the nature center to discuss the project idea. They come up with a design template for the bridge. The sponsor is thrilled and can't wait to see the project when it is completed! The proposal is submitted to her crew and project sponsor and both sign for approval of the proposal.

They discuss the scope and complexity of the project and the impact that it will have on the local community.

The nature center has agreed to provide the tools needed but only has limited funding for the project. Jennifer is able to work with a local hardware department store for a donation of supplies for the project. She then asks members of her crew and some friends from school to help in completing the project. She plans a weekend and strategizes on how many people she will need and what they will do. She will need five people on the first day to help cut the lumber and assemble portions of the bridge. The next day, she will need 10 people to help move the larger pieces and assemble the bridge in the desired location. She gets the supplies needed for the project and organizes them prior to crew members and friends meeting at the nature center. She provides leadership to the group and helping them to understand the ultimate goal. She has several copies of the template of the bridge. After several full days of work, the crew has completed the building and placing the bridge. Of course, the group tests it out and finds that the bridge works great!

When Jennifer returns home, she writes a review of how her project went and how she met the scope of the project. She then meets with the project sponsor and crew advisor to get final approvals that she has actually completed the agreed-upon project and met the project standards. The workbook can then be submitted to the crew advisor for official documentation and the service project requirement can then be signed off! A job well done, Jennifer!

For additional information see *Guide to Advancement 2017, Section 4.3.2.0*, The Venturing Summit Award Service Project.

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