

# INTERNET ADVANCEMENT 2.0

## ANNOUNCING THE NEW AND IMPROVED INTERNET ADVANCEMENT

Good news for unit leaders who have been using Internet Advancement to track their Scouts' progress along the Scouting trail. The BSA has recently introduced a new upgraded version of Internet Advancement. The improvements make inputting advancement updates faster, allow leaders to search advancement history easily and give Scouters more control over printable reports including those that are used to make purchases at the Scout Shop.

Knowing that opportunities to manage unit advancement may happen when access to a desktop or laptop is not convenient, the BSA has optimized Internet Advancement for all devices: desktop, tablet or smartphone. These enhancements to Internet Advancement are only the beginning. More improvements are on their way later in 2019.

### WHO USES INTERNET ADVANCEMENT?

Unit Key 3 users, unit Key 3 delegate users and unit advancement chairs can access Internet Advancement. Internet Advancement is primarily used by unit leaders who have decided they aren't yet ready to switch over to Scoutbook. Unlike before, advancement approvals are immediately stored in the BSA database with the new version. There is no longer a "Submit to Council" step after users have approved all desired items. If you're already using Scoutbook, you can stop reading now. You already have these new features. (Now that Scoutbook is free, most units – including all new units – will want to use Scoutbook to manage and track their Scouts' advancement.)

### WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT INTERNET ADVANCEMENT NOW?

New features include:

- The ability for unit leaders to quickly select multiple youth before recording one or more advancements, speeding up data entry. A notification for unit leaders when youth have completed advancements. All pending items can be approved at once. The ability for unit leaders to quickly search the full advancement history for all youth in their unit using the activity tab. Search criteria may include youth name, rank, advancement type or advancement status.
- A choice of three reports – all of which can be run for one or more selected youth in the roster or for everyone in the roster if no one is selected. These reports are: Advancement History, Unit Roster and the Advancement Report, which is used to make purchases at the local Scout Shop.
- A Private Unit Forum, where unit leaders can hold private discussions within their unit. Go to [discussions.scouting.org](https://discussions.scouting.org) to give it a try. A unit roster that's fully searchable by youth name, member ID or rank. The ability for unit leaders with multiple units to quickly switch between units by clicking on their unit icon in the upper right corner. The ability for unit leaders with multiple units to save a default unit in their settings page so their device remembers which unit to load by default.
- Instant feedback if the unit leader attempts to record a rank out of order or after the youth has aged out of a program. The ability to provide a partially completed Eagle application for youth who have completed the Life rank. Unit leaders can find this by attempting to record the Eagle Rank for a youth.

## HOW CAN SOMEONE ACCESS INTERNET ADVANCEMENT?

Internet Advancement can be accessed via one of the following locations using my.Scouting credentials:

At [scoutbook.scouting.org](https://scoutbook.scouting.org)

From the Legacy Tools menu in my.Scouting.org.

Through A link in Scoutbook.com.

From the current Internet Advancement Platform.

The report Unit Leaders will use to purchase items at the Scout Shop is called the “Advancement Report” and can be run from the reports menu just above the roster. The report will include all items that have been approved since the report was last run. The “Advancement Report” looks a little different from the report in the previous version. But don’t worry. The BSA has informed Scout Shops about the new format, so they’ll recognize it right away.

## QUESTIONS ON THE NEW INTERNET ADVANCEMENT 2.0?

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