

Significance of the First-Class Badge.

The First-Class scout badge is obtained after one has completed the Scout, Tenderfoot, and Second-Class ranks. After obtaining First-Class, almost all of the basic skills have been taught and tested. Additional skills are obtained through Merit Badges, especially those required for rank of Eagle Scout.

In addition, First-Class scouts are now available to be elected to The Order of the Arrow (OA), Scouting's National Honor Society, and are eligible to take on greater leadership roles within the troop like Senior Patrol Leader (SPL).



Parts of the First-Class Badge.

- 1) The three points of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.

On my honor I will do my best...

- 1) To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
- 2) To help other people at all times;
- 3) To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

- 2) The shape of the Scouts, BSA badge resembles the North Point on an old compass and means that a Scout can point the right way in life just like a compass in the field. The design resembles an arrowhead or a trefoil – a flower with three leaves. It is also known by the French name “fleur-de-lis”, which means lily or iris flower. It is also the basic shape of World Scouting patch and the badges used by Scout organizations in other countries.

- 3) There are two stars on the badge that symbolize truth and knowledge.
- 4) The eagle and shield stand for freedom and a Scout’s readiness to defend that freedom.
- 5) The scroll bearing the Scout motto, “Be Prepared,” is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.
- 6) The knot at the bottom of the scroll represents the Scout Slogan, “Do a Good Turn Daily”.

