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The thread concerning Scout Spirit and active was cut some weeks ago.  At
our March roundtable our program feature dealt with Scout Spirit and
active.
The topic was timely as one of the unit leaders shared the concerns being
raised in his unit on the topic.  In fact, he shared the response he receive
from national on the subject of active.

His letter concerned the advancement requirement of "being active in the
troop" and "serve actively" in a troop position of responsibility.

The response came from Mr. John P. Dalyrmple, Director,
Advancement/NESA,
Boy Scouts of America, National Office.


>"The National Advancement Committee has determined that to be active a
Scout must be reistered in a Scout troop and be making progress on his
advancement."

>"There is no requirement that says a Scout must be at 40%, 50% or 65% or
the troop meetings and activities.  If the troop feels a Scout is not active
you should notify him that you are dropping his registration."

>"The leadership position is similar.  We are not going to set a standard.
If the troop feels that the Scout is not doing the job then you should
replace him.  If a Scout remains in the position for a six month period, he
has met the requirement."

>"We appreicate your concern and all that you do for Scouting."

Sometimes questions get answered sometimes they don't.  I believe that
both
paragraphs 2 and 3 were addressed on Scouts-L.  Paragraph 3 brings up
that
point about Board of Review and the word "active".  If the scout has
completed his six month tenure, no matter how _unactive_ he may have
been,

having not been removed from his position, he has completed the requirement.

I have often been in discussions that talk about "allowing the Scout to fail" in order that the Scout has the opportunity to learn.  Perhaps allowing for failure is not as easy as a leader expects it to be.

Sometimes a person needs to take steps backward in order to move forward.

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