

## Changes in Boy Scout Rank Advancements

The National Youth Protection Committee recommended additions to Boy Scout rank requirements that were approved and will become effective January 1, 2008.

These changes will help us advance the importance of Youth Protection training beyond the initial Boy Scout joining requirements, and keep youth informed and actively engaged in understanding the key elements of personal safety and protection.

### **Tenderfoot Rank**

Revised requirement 9:

*Explain the importance of the buddy system as it relates to your personal safety on outings and in your neighborhood. Describe what a bully is and how you should respond to one.*

### **Second Class Rank**

New requirement 8b:

*Explain the three R's of personal safety and protection.*

### **First Class Rank**

New requirement 12:

*Describe the three things you should avoid doing related to use of the Internet. Describe a cyberbully and how you should respond to one.*

The changes will be represented in the *2008 Boy Scout Requirements* book and the revised ninth printing of the 11th edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook*.