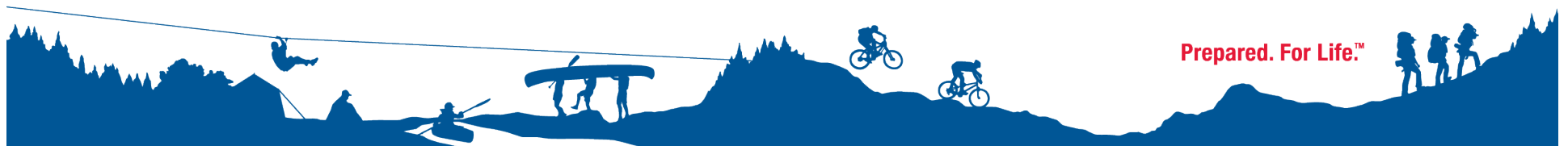


Overview of Troop 250 Advancement

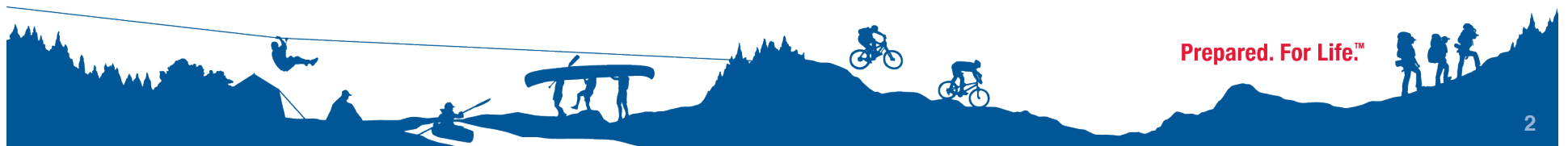
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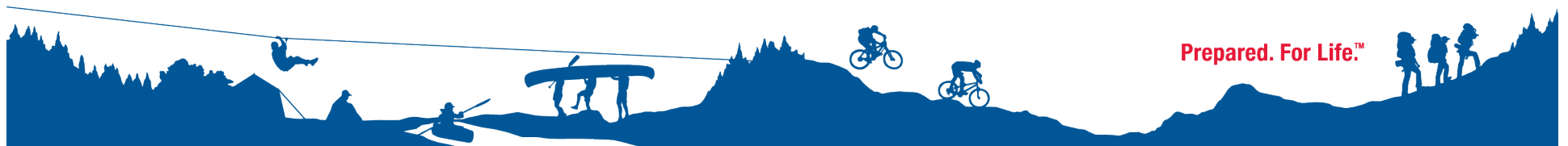
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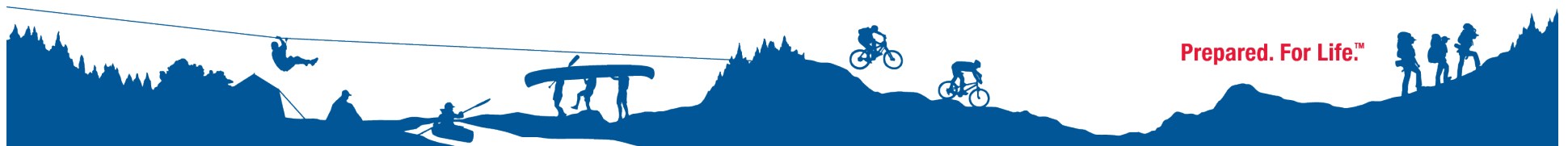
Rank Advancements





Rank Advancement – Key Points

- Scout advancement sets a pattern of setting positive goals and reaching them throughout life
- Scouts encouraged to embrace Scouting ideals
- Practice, practice, practice - skills must be practiced repeatedly to retain
- Give back - once mastered, teach other Scouts
- Not a race – Scouts advance at their own pace
- Recognition – received for individual accomplishments
- Sign-off occurs by adult leader versus parent



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Summary of Rank Requirements

Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class

Target First Class Coordinators: Devon Mahoney & John Patyk

Learn the Basics

Tenderfoot

1. Prepare to Camp
2. Camp and Pitch Tent
3. Prepare/Cook Meal
- 4a. Demo Whip/Fuse Rope
- 4b. Demo Hitch Knots
- 4c. Square Knot using EDGE
5. Explain Hiking Rules
6. Demo Flag Care
7. Scouting Principles
8. Patrol Knowledge
9. Explain Buddy System
- 10a. Physical Fitness Test
- 10b. Show Improvement
11. Identify Poison Plants
- 12a. Heimlich Maneuver
- 12b. Show First Aid
13. Scout Spirit/Scout Law
14. Scoutmaster Conference
15. Board of Review

Joining

1. Age Requirement
2. Find a Troop
3. Application Forms
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Demo Scout Sign, etc
6. Demo Square Knot
7. Scout Oath, Law, etc
8. Describe Scout Badge
9. Pamphlet Exercises
10. Scoutmaster Conference

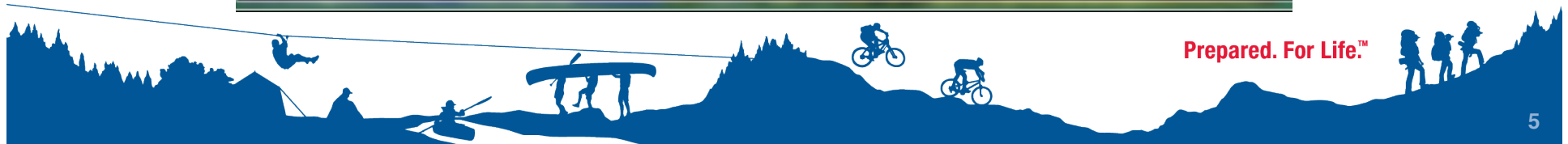
2nd Class

- 1a. Map and Compass Use
- 1b. Map and Compass Hike
2. Discuss 'Leave No Trace'
- 3a. Activity Requirement
- 3b. Select Camp Site
- 3c. Use of Knife/Saw/Axe
- 3d. Prepare Cook Fire
- 3e. Fire and Stove Safety
- 3f. Build Fire and Set Up Stove
- 3g. Plan and Cook Meal
4. Flag Ceremony/Respect Flag
5. Service Project
6. Identify Wild Animals
- 7a. Handle 'Hurry' Cases
- 7b. Make First Aid Kit
- 7c. Show First Aid
- 8a. Swimming Precautions
- 8b. Demo Swim Ability
- 8c. Demo Water Rescue
- 9a. Drug/Alcohol Program
- 9b. Personal Safety/Protection
10. Earn and Save Money
11. Scout Spirit/Scout Law
12. Scoutmaster Conference
13. Board of Review

1st Class

1. Find Way w/o Compass
2. Orienteering Course
3. Activity Requirement
- 4a. Plan Patrol Menu
- 4b. Make Food List
- 4c. Cooking Utensils/Gear
- 4d. Safe Food Handling
- 4e. Serve As Patrol Cook
5. Visit Civic Leader
6. Identify Native Plants
- 7a. Demonstrate Lashings
- 7b. Make Camp Gadget
- 8a. Demo Rescue Knot
- 8b. Demo Bandages
- 8c. Moving The Injured
- 8d. Heart Attacks/CPR
- 9a. Safe Trip Afloat
- 9b. BSA Swimmer Test
- 9c. Show Line Rescue
10. Invite Friend to Join
11. Use of Internet/Cyberbully
12. Scout Spirit/Scout Law
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OK Cancel Help





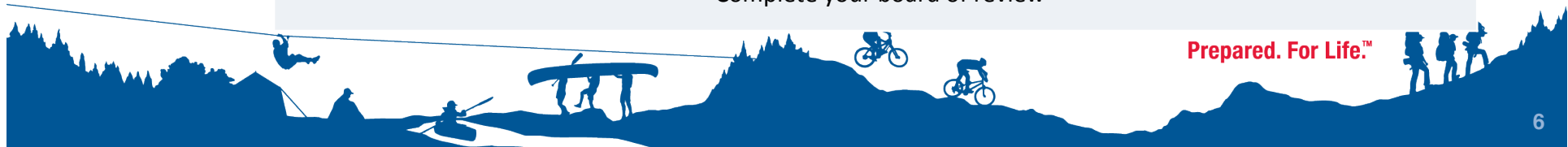
Summary of Rank Requirements

Star, Life, Eagle

Target Star / Life Coordinator: Chase Foster
 Target Eagle Coordinator: Luther Dasher

Focus shifts
-Leadership
-Service
-Community

	Star	Life	Eagle
Be active.....	...for 4 months as 1 st Class Scout	...for 6 months as a Star Scout	...for 6 months as a Life Scout
-----Demonstrate Scout Spirit-----			
Earn merit badges....	... 6 merit badges including 4 Eagle Req'd	... 5 more MBs (11 in all) Including 3 Eagle Req'd10 more MBs (21 in all) Including Eagle req'd
Service Projects....at least 6 hours while a 1 st Class Scout At least 6 hours while a Star Scout	Complete an Eagle Project
Position of Responsibility.....4 months in one or more POR while a 1 st Class Scout6 months in one or more POR while a Star Scout6 months in one or more POR while a Life Scout
Teach younger scouts	-No requirement-	While a Star Scout, use the EDGE method to teach a younger Scout skills	-No requirement-
-----Take part in a Scoutmaster conference-----			
-----Complete your board of review-----			



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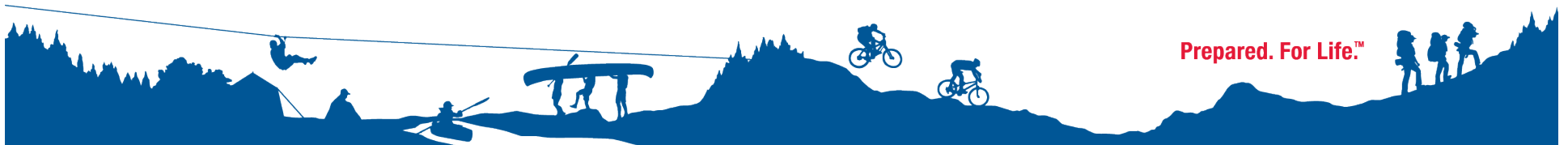
Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Review

Scoutmaster Conference:

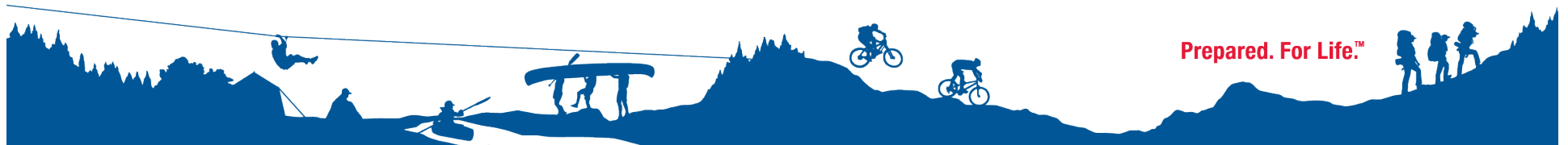
- **Purpose:** discuss your activity in the troop, understanding and practice of the ideals of Scouting, goals and accomplishments
- **Request from Scoutmaster (Robert Mercer) after requirements for rank completed**
- **How to prepare:**
 - Be familiar with rank requirements
 - Be in the full Scout uniform (shirt, pants, belt and socks)
 - Bring your parent

Troop Board of Review:

- **Purpose:** to ensure that you have completed all of the requirements, to determine the quality of your troop experience, and to encourage you to advance toward the next rank
 - Passing BOR is not automatic
- **Request from BOR Coordinator (Scott Miller) after SM conference**
- **How to prepare:**
 - Bring your Scout Handbook, rope and compass
 - Know how to tie knots!
 - Be in the full scout uniform



Merit Badges

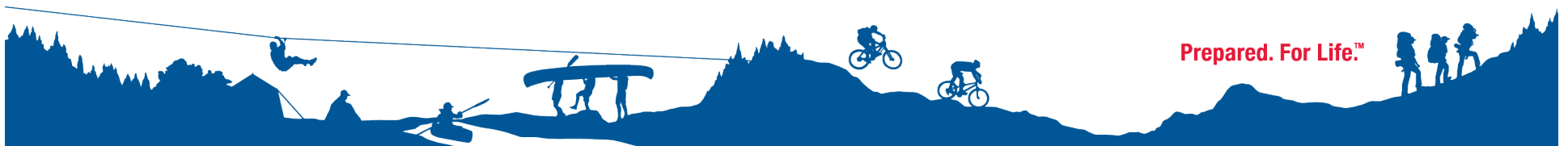




Merit Badges

- **Scouts may begin earning merit badges at any time**
 - Scouts should concentrate on achieving the rank of First Class before devoting a lot of time to working on merit badges.
 - Scouts should actively work on no more than two at a time until they reach the rank of First Class, and no more than five at a time thereafter.
- **Information about merit badge requirements can be found:**
 - Online at the web site www.meritbadge.org
 - In Merit Badge Pamphlets for purchase at the scout store
 - In Merit Badge Pamphlets available in the troop library (see Alex Lucas, Troop Librarian)

**** If you purchase a pamphlet, please consider donating it to the Troop library when you are done with it**



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Steps to Earning Merit Badges

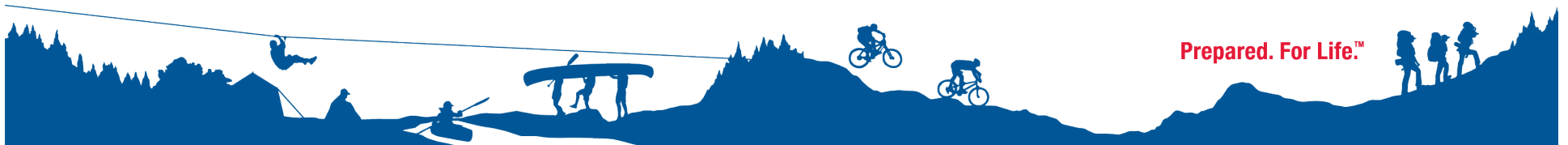
1. Select / Determine Merit Badge Counselor

- A scout must work with a merit badge counselor to complete a merit badge
- Not all merit badges have local counselors
- Many merit badges that do not have local counselors are offered at camps or events that are scheduled throughout the year (ex: Oceanography is offered during the annual Yorktown trip)
- A list of counselors can be found on the troop website

2. Contact the Merit Badge Counselor to confirm their availability

3. Request permission to begin a merit badge

- Permission can be obtained from:
 - Advancement Committee Coordinator - Kaye Boone
 - Merit Badge Coordinator - Rick Pugh
 - Scoutmaster – Robert Mercer
- If approved, the Scout will be given a merit badge blue card



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Steps to Earning Merit Badges

4. Set up an appointment with the Merit Badge counselor

- This can be at any place that is suitable to both of you. Along with a buddy (another Scout, a family member, or a friend), meet with the counselor.
- The counselor will explain the requirements for the merit badge and help you get started.

5. Work on the badge requirements until you complete them

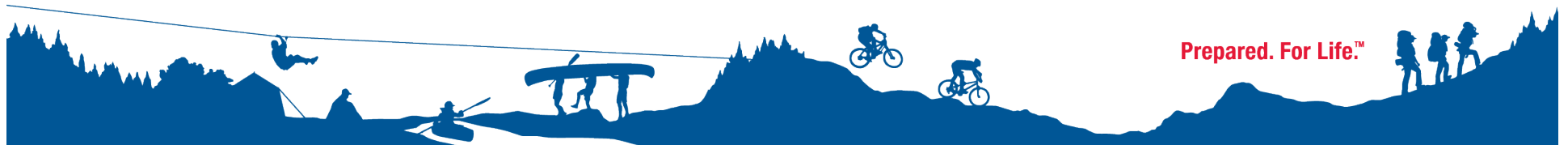
- Meet with the counselor (along with your buddy) whenever necessary
- Scouts must complete the stated requirements and satisfy the standards of each merit badge.
- Scouts are responsible for keeping the merit badge blue card until he has completed the requirements and the counselor has signed the card.

6. Turn in the completed & signed card to the MB Coordinator (Rick Pugh) or Advancement Coordinator (Kaye Boone)

- The scout must keep a portion of the blue card for their records. If there is any issue with the scouts record not showing completion of the merit badge, the scout can/should provide their copy as proof of completion.

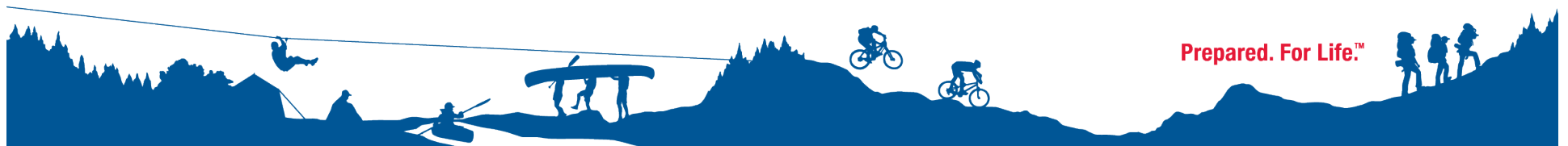
7. Scouts will receive their merit badge shortly after turning in the blue card

- Badges are typically awarded at the next troop meeting
- Recognition (and the pocket card) is also done at the next Court of Honor



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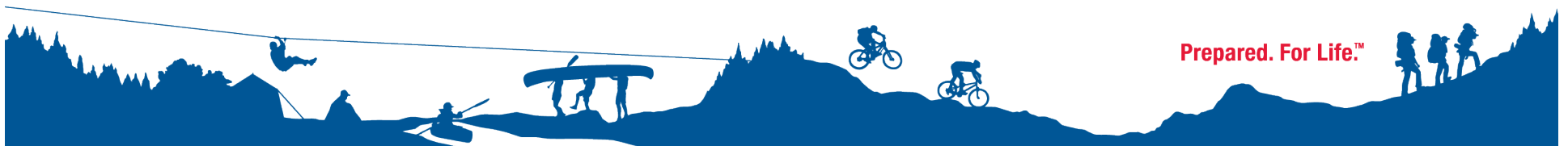
Advancements Recordkeeping





Records

- **Advancement records are important. These records demonstrate your completion of a specific Scout advancement requirement.**
 - Remember, if its not recorded...it didn't happen!
- **Your advancement records are kept in three places**
 - Council office
 - Completed merit badges and ranks only
 - Troop's advancement database (Troopmaster),
 - Yourself

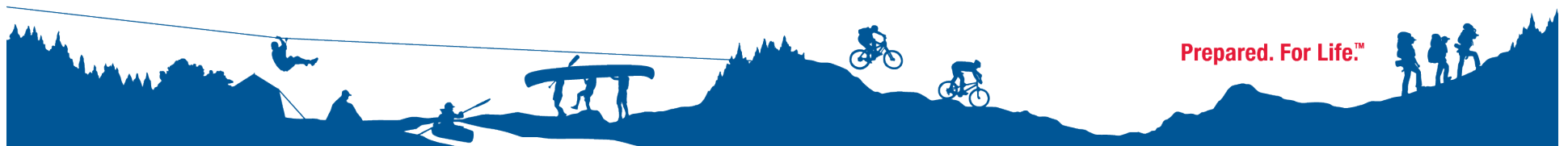


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Reports

- **You receive two reports from the Troop each month**
 - Individual History Report
 - Individual Progress Report
- **Scouts are responsible for reviewing these reports for accuracy**
 - Discrepancies should be reported to the Advancement Coordinator (Kaye Boone)

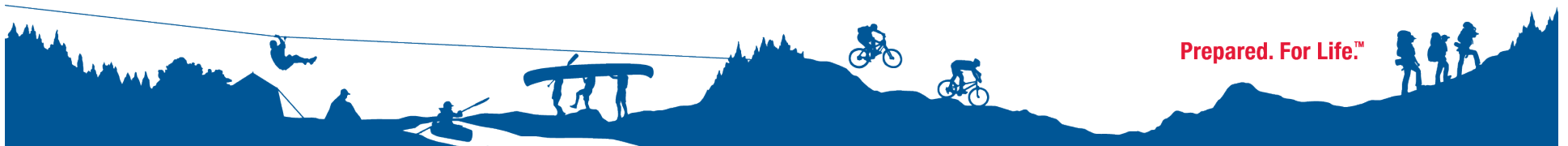


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Merit Badge and Rank Advancement Cards

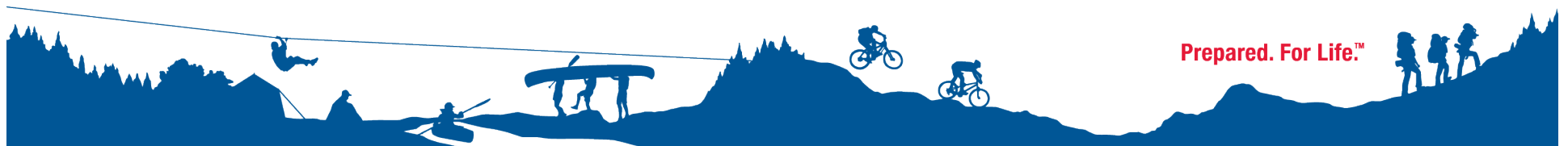
- **Once you attain a rank or earn a merit badge, you will receive a signed card.**
- **Retain these cards for your records until you reach the rank of Eagle Scout in case there is a discrepancy in the Troop or Council records.**
- **The signed merit badge blue card should be saved until you receive your signed merit badge certificate.**





Service Hour Records

- **Service hours must be reported to the Service Hours & Participation Coordinator (Mike Stacy)**
 - Troop sponsored events – SPL to report
 - OA Events – OA Rep to report
 - Eagle Projects – Eagle candidate must report hours
 - Other events - Event leader or Scout to report
- **Service hours associated with a Position of Responsibility are NOT counted or reported.**
- **Remember, service hours must be pre-approved by the Scoutmaster and must be community service oriented.**

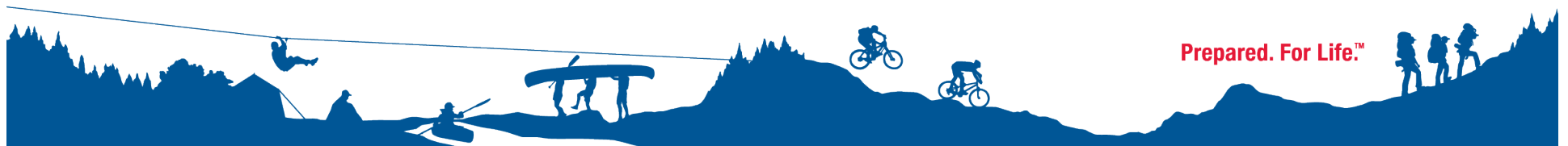


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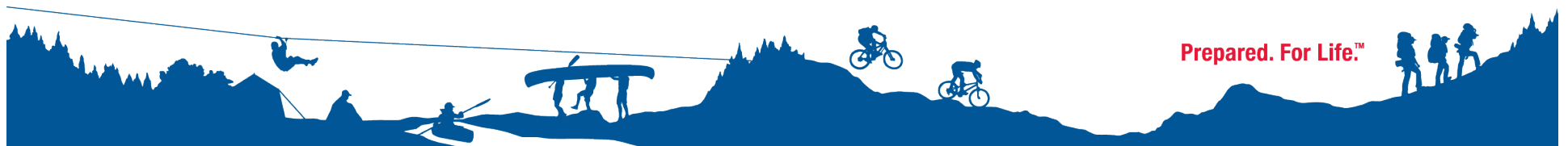
Activity Records

- **The following must be reported to the Service Hours & Participation Coordinator (Mike Stacy)**
 - Nights camped
 - Troop Campouts – SPL to report
 - OA Events – OA Rep to report
 - Other events – Event leader or Scout to report
 - Miles hiked or miles cycled
 - Reported by the SPL for Troop event or by the Scout otherwise



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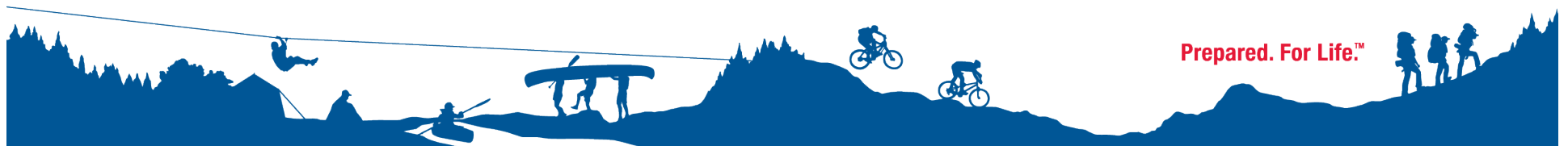
Advancements and Scout Dues





Scout Dues

- As part of demonstrating responsibility, each Scout is expected to pay his dues to the Troop on a monthly basis (currently \$2 per month).
- These fees go towards covering Troop operating expenses such as BSA supplies, badges, advancements, awards, etc.
- Scouts who are up to date in their dues or owe no more than \$4 will be permitted to participate in Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review, as well as receive their rank advancements and merit badges.
- Scouts owing \$6 or more will not be eligible for Scoutmaster conferences, Boards of Review, or receive their rank advancements and merit badges until they are caught up on their dues.

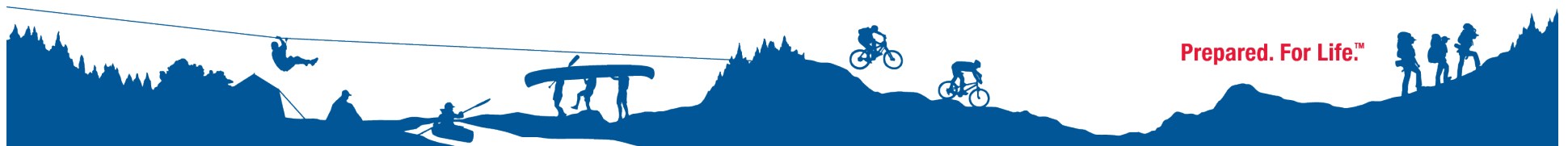


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Troop 250 Advancement Resources

Questions or Assistance	Primary Contact
Advancement Coordinator	Kaye Boone
Target First Class Coordinator	Devon Mahoney John Patyk
Target Star & Life Coordinator	Chase Foster
Eagle Coordinator	Luther Dasher
Board of Reviews	Scott Miller
Merit Badge Coordinator	Rick Pugh
Awards Coordinator	Jeff Valerio
Service Hours & Participation Coordinator	Mike Stacey
Scoutmaster Scoutmaster conference, Position of Responsibility	Robert Mercer



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“Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and, when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best.”

- Lord Baden-Powell

