# First Class Rank — Detailed Requirements & UX Notes (as of 2025-10-24)

**Purpose:** Provide product-ready requirement text for **First Class** rank (Scouts BSA), with clear descriptions, acceptance notes, and official citations that your Eagle Tracker UX can render as requirement cards. Paraphrased for clarity; link to source for exact wording.

## 1) Direct Answer (concise)

First Class rounds out outdoor leadership, cooking at scale, lashings/pioneering, orienteering & GPS, nature/weather awareness, aquatics (BSA swimmer), first aid & emergency planning, fitness continuation, citizenship/service, recruiting leadership, Scout spirit, plus Scoutmaster conference and board of review. (Official requirements summarized below with citations.)

# 2) Requirement List with Detailed Descriptions (product-ready)

**Use in UI:** Each bullet = one requirement card. Include fields: status, date\_completed, signed\_by, evidence\_link, source\_url. Group cards by the headings below to mirror the official layout.

#### **CAMPING AND OUTDOOR ETHICS**

#### FC-1a. Activities & overnights

- **Do:** Since joining Scouts BSA, participate in **10** separate troop/patrol activities; **≥6 outdoors**; of the outdoor activities, **≥3 include overnight camping**. On campouts, **sleep in a tent you pitched** or a structure you helped erect (lean-to, snow cave, tepee).
- **Accept:** Outing roster(s) + tent/structure participation confirmed by a leader.
- Source: First Class Rank PDF (2022), 1a.

## FC-1b. Outdoor ethics impacts

- **Do: Explain** the potential impacts of camping on the **environment** and on **other outdoor users**, and why the **Outdoor Code** and **Leave No Trace** protect the outdoors.
- Accept: Concrete examples from recent outings.
- **Source:** First Class PDF, 1b.

## COOKING (PLAN $\rightarrow$ SHOP $\rightarrow$ GEAR $\rightarrow$ FOOD SAFETY $\rightarrow$ EXECUTE)

FC-2a. Menu (3 meals) & nutrition — For one of the campouts in FC-1a, help plan a menu with  $\geq 1$  breakfast,  $\geq 1$  lunch,  $\geq 1$  dinner, requiring cooking  $\geq 2$  of the meals; explain how the menu aligns with MyPlate/current USDA model and the activity's nutrition needs. (Source: 2a)

FC-2b. Budget & quantities — Using that menu, list a budget and food amounts to feed three or more

youth; secure the ingredients. (Source: 2b)

**FC-2c. Cooking gear** — **Show** which **pans/utensils/gear** are needed to cook and serve the meals. (*Source:* 2c)

**FC-2d. Food handling & waste** — **Demonstrate** safe **handling/storage** of perishable foods and **proper disposal** of garbage, cans, plastics, wastewater, etc. (*Source: 2d*)

**FC-2e. Serve as cook** — On one campout, **serve as cook**; **supervise** your assistant(s) in **stove setup or cooking fire**; **prepare the breakfast, lunch, and dinner** from 2a; **supervise cleanup**. (*Source: 2e*)

#### **TOOLS (LASHINGS & PIONEERING)**

FC-3a. When to use lashings — Discuss when lashings should/should not be used. (Source: 3a)

**FC-3b.** Hitches — Tie the timber hitch and clove hitch. (Source: 3b)

**FC-3c.** Lashings — Tie the square, shear, and diagonal lashings by joining two or more poles/staves. (Source: 3c)

FC-3d. Gadget/structure — Use lashings to create a useful camp gadget or structure. (Source: 3d)

#### **NAVIGATION (MAP & COMPASS + GPS)**

FC-4a. Orienteering course — Using map and compass, complete an orienteering course of  $\geq 1$  mile that includes measuring the height and/or width of designated features (e.g., tree, tower, canyon, ditch). (Source: 4a)

FC-4b. Electronic navigation — Demonstrate a handheld GPS/phone GPS app/other electronic nav: find current location, a destination, and a route; follow the route to arrive. (Source: 4b)

## **NATURE & WEATHER AWARENESS**

**FC-5a. Native plants (10)** — **Identify or show evidence** of ≥**10 kinds** of **native plants** in your local area or campsite (evidence can be leaves/fruit collection or your photos). (*Source: 5a*)

**FC-5b.** Weather forecasts — Identify two ways to obtain a weather forecast for an activity; explain why forecasts matter in planning. (*Source: 5b*)

FC-5c. Hazard indicators — Describe ≥3 natural indicators of impending hazardous weather, the possible dangerous events, and the appropriate actions to take. (Source: 5c)

**FC-5d. Extreme local weather** — **Describe** extreme outdoor weather in your area; explain **how to assess risk in advance**, **alternate plans** to avoid risk, and **how to prepare/respond**. (*Source*: *5d*)

#### **AQUATICS**

**FC-6a. BSA swimmer test** — **Successfully complete** the **BSA swimmer test**. (Source: 6a — see Swimming MB for test details)

**FC-6b. Safe trip afloat** — **Tell** the **precautions** for a **safe trip afloat**. (*Source: 6b*)

**FC-6c. Boat parts** — **Identify** the basic parts of a **canoe**, **kayak**, **or other boat**, and the parts of a **paddle or oar**. (*Source: 6c*)

**FC-6d. Body positioning** — **Describe** proper **body positioning** in a watercraft by type/size and **why** it matters for stability/safety. (*Source: 6d*)

**FC-6e.** Line rescue — With a helper and a practice victim ~**30 ft** from shore in deep water, **show a line** rescue as **tender** and as **rescue**. (*Source*: *6e*)

- Special note: In exceptional climates/areas without safe access to suitable water, a council may

authorize **alternatives** for **6a & 6e** on an **individual** basis; all other requirements must be completed **as written**. (Footnote in PDF)

#### FIRST AID & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

**FC-7a. Bandaging** — **Demonstrate bandages** for: **sprained ankle**; injuries on the **head**, **upper arm**, and **collarbone**. (*Source*: 7a)

**FC-7b. Carries/transports** — **Show** how to:

- Transport a person from a smoke-filled room;
- Transport ≥25 yards a person with a sprained ankle. (Source: 7b)
- FC-7c. Heart attack & CPR steps Tell the five most common signals of a heart attack and explain the steps (procedures) of CPR. (Source: 7c)
- **FC-7d. Utilities & hazards Tell** what **utility services** exist in your home/meeting place; **describe hazards** and **how to respond** in emergencies. (*Source: 7d*)
- FC-7e. Home emergency plan Develop a home emergency action plan for fire, storm, power outage, water outage. (Source: 7e)
- **FC-7f. Potable water in an emergency Explain** how to **obtain potable water** in an emergency. (*Source:* 7*f*)

#### FITNESS (CONTINUATION)

FC-8a. Daily activity — four weeks — After completing Second Class 7a, be physically active ≥30 min/day, 5 days/week, for 4 weeks; keep a log. (Source: 8a)

**FC-8b. Share & plan ahead** — **Share** challenges/successes from 8a; **set a goal** to continue daily activity as part of your life. (*Source: 8b*)

## **CITIZENSHIP & SERVICE**

FC-9a. Civic discussion — With a leader-approved individual (e.g., elected official, judge, attorney, civil servant, principal, teacher), discuss the constitutional rights and obligations of a U.S. citizen. (Source: 9a)

**FC-9b.** Local environmental issue — Investigate an environmental issue affecting your community and share what you learned with your patrol/troop; **tell** what you/your community could do. (Source: 9b)

**FC-9c. Reduce/reuse/recycle in practice** — On a Scouting/family outing, **record** trash/garbage you produce; before the **next similar** outing, **plan and apply** reduce/reuse/recycle changes; **compare results**. (*Source:* 9c)

**FC-9d. Service (3 hours)** — **Participate in three hours of service** (one or more **Scoutmaster-approved** projects) *not the same* as Tenderfoot 7b or Second Class 8e; **explain** how your service relates to the **Scout Law**. (*Source: 9d*)

#### LEADERSHIP, SCOUT SPIRIT, CONFERENCE & BOARD OF REVIEW

**FC-10. Recruit/share Scouting** — **Tell** an eligible youth or **inactive Scout** about your Scouting activities; **invite** them to an event; **provide join info** OR encourage re-engagement; **share efforts** with your leader. (*Source: 10*)

**FC-11. Scout spirit** — **Demonstrate** Scout spirit by living the **Oath & Law**; **tell** how you have done your **duty to God** and lived **four different** points of the Law (not used for previous ranks) in daily life. (*Source: 11*)

**FC-12. Scoutmaster conference** — While working toward First Class and **after completing Second Class** 11, participate in a **Scoutmaster conference**. (*Source: 12; policy: not a retest*)

FC-13. Board of review — Successfully complete a First Class BOR. (Source: 13)

- Notes: Scout→First Class ranks may be worked on simultaneously but must be earned in sequence. Alternate requirements may be approved for qualifying disabilities. (Notes in PDF)

# 3) Acceptance & Policy Notes (for implementers)

- **Testing/Sign-off authority:** Unit leader designates who may test/sign; record name & date with each requirement.
- **Cooking execution:** Model 2e as three sub-tasks (breakfast, lunch, dinner) within a single campout event; require gear and food-safety tasks (2c–2d) to be completed **before** allowing 2e sign-off.
- Aquatics alternatives: Show the **council-approved alternative** pathway for **6a/6e** only when a jurisdictional flag is toggled; store proof of council authorization.
- Service tracking: Allow multiple entries to sum to three hours with project approval metadata.
- **Emergency plan artifact:** Provide a simple template upload for **7e** (PDF/image) plus a text summary field.
- **Recruitment (10):** Capture invitee name (optional), event, and method (verbal/text/social); allow privacy-friendly redaction in exports.
- BOR workflow: Gate "Ready for BOR" when FC-1 through FC-11 complete and FC-12 recorded.

# 4) Data Model Suggestions (UX)

- Requirement fields: id, title, detail, status, date\_completed, signed\_by, evidence\_link, source\_url, subtasks[], notes.
- **Cooking schema:** menu (items, nutrition notes), budget, quantities list, gear checklist, food-safety checklist, campout link, meals prepared (B/L/D), assistants, cleanup verified.
- **Navigation schema:** course distance, height/width measurement method, GPS route GPX, arrival verification.
- Aquatics schema: swimmer test results, trip-afloat checklist, craft type, line-rescue drill log.
- **First aid schema:** bandages demonstrated, transports, CPR steps explained, utilities hazards, emergency plan file, potable-water methods.
- Service schema: hours, project(s), approval, reflection linking to Scout Law point(s).

# 5) Uncertainty Box

- **Unknowns:** Mid-year edits to wording; rare council-approved aquatics alternatives procedures and documentation.
- **Assumptions:** The **2022 First Class PDF** matches the current online requirements and the **Scouts BSA Requirements 2025** book.
- Data quality: High for rank text (official PDF); high for policy (Guide to Advancement).
- **Reduce uncertainty:** Link live to the **First Class PDF** and the **Requirements 2025** book; show an admin-visible "last verified" timestamp (this doc: **2025-10-24**).

· Confidence: High (checked 2025-10-24).

## 6) Citations (official)

- 1) Scouting America. *First Class Rank Requirements (official PDF handbook reprint).* 2022-09. https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/2022-First-Class-rank.pdf
- 2) Scouting America. *Scouts BSA Requirements 2025 edition (3321624).* 2025-04. https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/3321624-Scouts-BSA-Requirements.pdf
- 3) Scouting America. *Guide to Advancement 2025 (33088).* 2025. https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf

# 7) Evidence Table (claims → sources)

#	Claim	Source(s)	Pub date	Checked	Notes
1	FC-1 through FC-13 accurately paraphrase current First Class requirements.	1, 2	2022- 2025	2025-10-24	Exact wording in source PDF.
2	Conference is not a retest; simultaneous work allowed; alternates exist.	3	2025	2025-10-24	Policy guidance.

## Ready to proceed

If this meets your needs, I'll produce **Star** next with the same structure (requirement cards, UX fields, and sources).