

Suggested Quartermaster Board of Review Questions

The list below is a list of suggested questions to be asked at a Quartermaster Board of Review. Not all the questions must be asked, nor is the list exhaustive.

General:

1. What will you do as a Quartermaster to give back to Scouting?
2. How do we keep Sea Scouting viable as a program?
3. Which is more important: earning the Quartermaster award or wearing it?
4. At what moment did you realize you wanted to earn the Quartermaster award?
5. What is your most memorable achievement in your ship?
6. What was the most difficult requirement in Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, or Quartermaster for you to master? Why was it difficult and how did you master it?
7. What is the best quality or ideal which you have gotten from your involvement in Sea Scouting?
8. What is your most enjoyable experience in your ship?
9. Where do you think you need to improve the most?
10. What do you believe our society expects from a Quartermaster Sea Scout?
11. If you could do this all over again, would you? Why?
12. What lessons did you learn on the path to Quartermaster? How do you think these lessons will help you in your future endeavors? In other words, what did you take away from this experience?
13. How would you describe your effort in your Scouting career?
14. What advice would you give a new Sea Scout?
15. What is the one memory of Scouting that is going to put a smile on your face for the rest of your years?
16. There is a saying in Sea Scouting, "Once a Quartermaster, Always a Quartermaster". If you achieve the rank of Quartermaster, how will you continue to demonstrate the qualities of a Quartermaster Sea Scout throughout your life?
17. If you could talk to anyone throughout history, who would it be and why?
18. If you could change one requirement for the rank of Quartermaster, what would it be and why?
19. If you could add one point to the Scout Law, what would it be and why?
20. If you could remove one point from the Scout Law, what would it be and why?
21. What is something you think Scouting could improve upon?
22. With so many other activities for young people, have you ever thought about quitting Scouts? What made you stay?
23. Have you ever had a Scout refuse to comply with one of his or her duties? How did you react?
24. How has Scouting changed the way to interact with others, both Scouts and non-Scouts?
25. How do you exemplify the "Scouting Spirit" in your daily life?
26. What was your "Good Turn" today?
27. What is the difference between earning a Quartermaster and being a Quartermaster?

28. The first ten words of the Sea Promise are, “ As a Sea Scout, I promise to do my best...”
What does that mean to you?
29. What question were you worried we would ask you?
30. Where do you see yourself in Scouting in the next five years?
31. Once you are a Quartermaster, you are a Quartermaster for life. What does that mean to you and are you prepared for the responsibilities it implies?
32. One day, you may have children of your own, what will you tell them about Scouting?
33. Which are harder to lead, youth or adults?
34. Who was your favorite teacher in school? Why?
35. What book have you read recently that was not assigned in school and why did you choose it?
36. If you could describe your Scouting experience in one word, what would it be? Why?

Project:

1. Describe your service project. How do you think it went?
2. What did you learn from your project?
3. Were there unforeseen problems with your project? How did you rectify them?
4. Was your project easier to plan or to execute? Please explain your answer.
5. Was there a leadership lesson you learned from your project? If so, what was it?

Leadership:

1. What offices have you held in your ship? What was interesting about each?
2. Which office did you find the most challenging? Why?
3. If you served as your ship's boatswain or boatswain's mate, what was the most rewarding experience you had in the position? What was the most challenging?
4. What advice would you give to a new boatswain or boatswain's mate?
5. What is the hardest part of communication as a youth leader?
6. How did you handle dissent within the crew?
7. How did you handle arguments within the crew?
8. Describe your greatest success and your greatest failure as a leader.
9. What did you learn about the type of leader you are? How can you improve?
10. What makes a good leader? What qualities do you have?

Values:

1. Why do you want to be a Quartermaster Sea Scout?
2. Have you found things you value in Scouting? What are they? Why are they valuable to you?
3. Which adult leaders made the greatest impression upon you? Why are they important to you?
4. What kind of person do you want to be in life?
5. What does the Sea Promise mean in life? The Scout Oath? The Scout Law?

6. Which of the twelve points of the Scout Law was the hardest for you to follow? Which was the easiest? Why?
7. Why do you think Scouting is important?
8. Have you attended SEAL, Sea Badge, NYLT, Wood Badge, Powder Horn or any other Scout leadership course? If so, what did you find most helpful in the course?
9. Would you volunteer to become an adult leader in Scouting? Why or why not?
10. What would you tell a group of your peers is the most important value in Scouting?

Experience:

1. What was the funniest mistake you made in Sea Scouting?
2. Have you worked with Scouts from other programs? Please describe.
3. Have you attended Council, Area, Regional, National or International Scouting events? If so, which? Were you a participant or a staff member or both?
4. Which Sea Scouting skills have you found most useful?
5. What maintenance projects have you taken part in? Can you tell us what you learned?
6. What is your most memorable cruising experience?
7. What is your most challenging cruising experience?
8. What was the most interesting experience of your Quartermaster cruise? Why?
9. In your Scouting experience, what is the one thing you are most proud of and why?

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Closing:

1. Would you tell us about your immediate plans for the future? Your goals for your career, education or personal goals?
2. Are there any questions you would like to ask of us?
3. Is there a question you would like to ask the next Quartermaster candidate?
4. Is there a moment in Scouting for you in which the twelve points of the Scout Law came together?
5. Finally: Why do you feel you have earned the rank of Quartermaster?

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