**BSA Announces Scoutbook Lite**

The BSA announced it will release Scoutbook Lite, a new tool for inputting advancement data, in the **second quarter of 2018.**

This free solution will replace the current Internet Advancement platform, which will then be retired.

Scoutbook Lite will feature a new user interface. It will be optimized to whatever device you use: desktop, tablet or smartphone.

Once Scoutbook Lite is released, the Scoutbook database will become the official record of advancement for the BSA.

Scoutbook Lite comes from the team behind [Scoutbook](https://www.scoutbook.com/), the BSA’s advancement-tracking web app that has more than 1 million users. The Lite version of Scoutbook will incorporate key elements of the paid version.

Even after Scoutbook Lite is released, the Scoutbook team will continue to work on and improve Scoutbook as the full-featured application. That means you can expect frequent exciting updates.

**Scoutbook Lite: What to expect**

Scoutbook Lite will offer optimized functions for almost everything found in the current Internet Advancement platform.

Almost, because one feature won’t be making the leap to Scoutbook Lite. The system will no longer support the CSV data file import.

The BSA found that less than 10 percent of units used this feature in Internet Advancement. The team focused instead on tools that more Scouters need and want.

**Are you a programmer?**

As Steve Jobs used to say, there’s “one more thing.”

Scouters experienced in the development of apps or web platforms will be excited to learn that the BSA will roll out a number of APIs (application programming interfaces).

The BSA will release a selection of specific, read-only APIs to Scouting volunteers in the first half of 2018. There are no current plans to roll out APIs to third parties.