

MERIT BADGE PROCEDURE

1. Decide on the Merit Badge
2. Get a copy of the Merit Badge pamphlet. You can purchase these at the Scout Shop, or your troop library or a Scout who has finished the badge may have a copy.
3. Get a "Blue Card" from your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair. Ask your Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster to sign the card. You need the approval of a leader in your Troop BEFORE you begin. Keep careful track of the blue card!
4. Select a Counselor. Your Scoutmaster will have a copy of the list of Counselors for the Merit Badge you have chosen to work on. Your Scoutmaster will probably give you two or three names (and phone numbers) to choose from. Remember, counselors are often very busy and may not be able to "take on" another Scout right away. You must choose another counselor or wait.
5. Call the Counselor and set up an appointment. The Counselor cannot meet alone with you, so you will need to take a buddy -- a friend in the Troop who also wishes to work on the same badge is probably your best bet. You MUST NOT begin working on your merit badge requirements before talking to your counselor.
6. Do the required work. Your Counselor will advise you if you are not certain what to do. Your Counselor has the final say as to whether or not you have completed the work.
7. Call your Counselor and set up an appointment for an interview. If (s)he agrees that your work is complete, (s)he will sign and date your card. The Counselor needs to keep one third of the card for his/her records.
8. Keep the other two parts together and show it to your Scout Leader. You will be given one part for your records. **KEEP IT SAFE!!** Your best bet is to keep the blue cards in the plastic sleeves used for baseball card collections in your Scout Binder.
9. Your Scout Leader will give the last part of the blue card to the Advancement Chair for the recording and obtaining of the badge. The Troop will keep this last part of the 3-part card. Ask your Scoutmaster if you are not sure when to expect to be presented with your badge.



EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGES

(See your *Boy Scout Requirements* book or *Boy Scout Handbook* for more information)

1. FIRST AID
2. CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY
3. CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION
4. CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD
5. COMMUNICATIONS
6. PERSONAL FITNESS
7. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
-OR- LIFESAVING - Swimming Merit Badge must be earned first
8. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
-OR- SUSTAINABILITY
9. PERSONAL MANAGEMENT -- requires a minimum of 90 days
10. SWIMMING
-OR- HIKING
-OR- CYCLING
11. CAMPING -- requires 20 days and nights of camping (1 week of Summer Camp may be counted)
12. COOKING
13. FAMILY LIFE -- requires a minimum of 90 days

