

STEPS TO A MERIT BADGE TROOP 62

1. The Scout selects a merit badge of interest.
2. The Scout gets approval (in person, phone, or email) from the Scoutmaster to work on the merit badge. The Scout and Scoutmaster agree on a merit badge counselor. This step:
 - Ensures the merit badge is appropriate for the Scout's age and advancement plans
 - Informs the Scout if the badge will be worked on within the Troop soon
 - Informs the Scout if it might be better to do the badge at summer camp
 - Ensures the Scout works with a registered merit badge counselor
3. The Scout gets a signed merit badge form (blue card) from the Scoutmaster and finds a buddy to work with. A buddy is another Scout, parent, guardian, sibling, relative, or friend.
4. The Scout contacts the merit badge counselor and discusses how to do the requirements for the merit badge. The Scout and his buddy may meet with the counselor in person or by phone.
5. If the counselor recommends it, the Scout obtains a pamphlet for that merit badge. The pamphlet can be obtained from a Scout store, the Troop library, etc.
6. The Scout completes as many requirements as he can on his own. Where needed, he gets help from his buddy or merit badge counselor.
7. When the Scout is ready, he and his buddy meet with the merit badge counselor. When the counselor is satisfied the requirements are complete, she will sign the merit badge form and take the counselor portion of the blue card. If the requirements have not been met, the counselor will initial and date the completed items and tell the Scout what is needed to complete the remaining requirements. A merit badge counselor may not waive any requirements nor add requirements.
8. The Scout presents the completed merit badge form to the Scoutmaster for signature. The Scout keeps the "applicant" portion of the form for his records, and the remaining portion goes to the Advancement Chairman.

NOTES

For summer camp merit badges, the Scoutmaster and Assistants will work with the Scouts to get signed up for merit badge work according to the camp schedule. The Scout is still responsible to get the blue card signed by the merit badge counselor.

Troop leadership will plan for some requirements for certain merit badges to be done during Troop meetings and outings. The Scout is still responsible to get the blue card signed by the merit badge counselor.

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