

TROOP 778

MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

STEPS

- 1 Select a merit badge of interest, or one that is required for Eagle.
- 2 Check out the merit badge book from the troop library.
- 3 Read over the requirements and decide if you want to do this badge.
- 4 Obtain a merit badge card from the Scoutmaster and have him sign it for you.
- 5 Obtain the list of merit badge counselors from the Scoutmaster and contact one. You will meet with the counselor twice, once before you start working on the requirements and again upon completion. **Scouts, not parents, should contact the counselor.**

Important note: Either two Scouts may meet with the counselor or the parent may stay and sit silently during the conferences with the counselor - take a book to read, it may take an hour or more. Under no circumstances should a Scout be alone with his counselor. This is a safety factor for the Scout and the counselor.
- 6 Set up a time frame to complete your badge. Some badges require you to keep a daily log or journal of activities. The Scout will show this to his counselor.
- 7 Merit Badge Skill Centers -- Some badges are offered at skill centers. These are listed on your troop calendar. Follow the steps outlined above before attending most skill centers. Contact the Scoutmaster to register as soon as you choose one.
- 8 Completion of badge. Contact your counselor to review your work on your badge. Take your merit badge card with you for him to sign. Make sure you take any journals, projects, or pictures with you. The counselor should keep the right hand portion of the card.
- 9 Turn the center and left hand portion of your signed card in to your Scoutmaster.
- 10 A merit badge must be completed by the Wednesday before it is to be awarded.
- 11 You will receive the badge at the next meeting and will be recognized at the next Court of Honor.

CONGRATULATIONS!

KEEP ALL BADGE AND RANK ADVANCEMENT CARDS FOR YOUR EAGLE RECORD.

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TO MEETINGS WITH COUNSELORS.