

TROOP 778

MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

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STEPS

1. Look at the list of merit badges on the back side of this page and select one that interests you or one that is required for Eagle Scout.
2. Check out the merit badge book from the troop library.
3. The requirements in the book may not be up to date. You must use the latest set of requirements. Go to: <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp> There is an alphabetical list of all merit badges on the left side that will lead you to the workbook and latest requirements
4. Go to the Greater St. Louis Area Council's website: www.stlbsa.org Click on the Advancement tab and find the Directory of Merit Badge Counselors. The directory is searchable by District, zip code, etc. Find two counselors and write down their names and phone numbers.
5. Obtain a merit badge card from the Scoutmaster and have him sign it for you. You must have the counselor names and phone numbers when you do this.
6. You must contact the merit badge counselor prior to beginning any work on the merit badge. The counselor will provide guidance on how to work on the badge and what his or her expectations will be for you to complete the requirements. Scouts, not parents, must contact the counselor.

You must contact the counselor at least twice – once to set up the first appointment and again when you have completed the requirements. You may also need to contact the counselor for help and guidance while you are working on the badge.

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 a merit badge counselor.

7. 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.
8. Merit Badge Skill Centers -- Both the Greater St. Louis Area Council and some of its Districts provide merit badge skill centers. You can see a list by going to the Advancement section of the Council's website. These skill centers have been approved by the Council's Advancement Committee and you are welcome to participate in them. You must register for each one, and you must obtain a merit badge card from the Scoutmaster before attending.
8. Once you have completed the requirements for a badge, contact your counselor for the final review. Take your merit badge card with you for him to sign. Make sure you take any journals, projects, or pictures with you. Keep the signed merit badge card and give it to the Scoutmaster at the next Troop meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR UNIFORM TO MEETINGS WITH COUNSELORS.

Eagle Required in Bold

American Business
American Cultures
American Heritage
American Labor
Animal Science
Archaeology
Archery
Architecture
Art
Astronomy
Athletics
Auto Mechanics
Aviation
Backpacking
Basketry
Bird Study
Camping
Canoeing
Chemistry
Cinematography
Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World
Climbing
Coin Collecting
Collections
Communications
Composite Materials
Computers
Cooking
Crime Prevention
Cycling
Dentistry
Disabilities Awareness
Dog Care
Drafting
Electricity
Electronics
Emergency Preparedness
Energy

Engineering
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Science
Family Life
Farm Mechanics
Fingerprinting
Fire Safety
First Aid
Fish and Wildlife Management
Fishing
Fly Fishing
Forestry
Gardening
Genealogy
Geology
Golf
Graphic Arts
Hiking
Home Repairs
Horsemanship
Indian Lore
Insect Study
Journalism
Landscape Architecture
Law
Leatherwork
Lifesaving
Mammal Study
Medicine
Metal Work
Model Design and Building
Motorboating
Music and Bugling
Nature
Nuclear Science
Oceanography
Orienteering
Painting
Personal Fitness
Personal Management
Pets

Photography
Pioneering
Plant Science
Plumbing
Pottery
Public Health
Public Speaking
Pulp and Paper
Radio
Railroading
Reading
Reptile and Amphibian Study
Rifle Shooting
Rowing
Safety
Salesmanship
Scholarship
Sculpture
Shotgun Shooting
Skating
Small Boat Sailing
Snow Sports
Soil & Water Conservation
Space Exploration
Sports
Stamp Collecting
Surveying
Swimming
Textile
Theatre
Traffic Safety
Truck Transportation
Veterinary Medicine
Water Sports
Weather
Whitewater
Wilderness Survival
Woodcarving
Woodwork