

## **How to earn a Merit Badge.**

- 1 – Select a badge that you are interested in or need for advancement.
- 2 – Review the requirements for the Merit Badge at '[www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org)' for the requirements and to obtain worksheets or you can order a Merit Badge Pamphlet from [www.scoutshop.org](http://www.scoutshop.org).
- 3 – Show the requirements to your parents and try to get a scout “buddy” to work on them with you; it is much easier and you can support one another as you work on the requirements.
- 4 – Ask your Scoutmaster for a ‘Blue Card’ before starting any requirements.
- 5 – From the Troop leaders get the names and contact information of the counselors for that merit badge.
- 6 – With your parent(s) standing by, and your buddy, call the counselor to schedule an initial interview convenient to all so that both of you can go, and a parent can drive. The counselor may want to discuss the requirements by phone or in person. The counselor will explain what he requires for you to earn the badge.
- 7 – Complete all the required steps. Check them off as you complete them. If you have any questions, call the counselor. He/she is there to guide you.
- 8 – When you are ready, schedule a final meeting with your counselor. This will always be a person to person meeting. You must wear your full class ‘A’ uniform to this meeting. Take all of your materials and worksheets with you. You and your buddy will go together but be interviewed separately.
- 9 – When the counselor feels you have meet/fulfilled all the requirements he/she will sign your ‘Blue Card’ and keep one part for his/her records. If you do not successfully earn the badge ask politely what more you need to do. Remember to thank the counselor for his/her time.
- 10 - Give the Troop Advancement Chairman one part of the ‘Blue Card’ and keep the other part for your records. You will be awarded the merit badge at the next Court of Honor meeting.