

TROOP 81
MERIT BADGE PROCEDURES

- 1) Request a merit badge blue card from the troop Advancement Chair. Fill in your name, address, and name of the merit badge you wish to work on. A merit badge counselor will be assigned to you.
- 2) The blue card must then be approved and signed by the Scoutmaster.
- 3) Set up an appointment with the counselor. This can be at any place suitable to both of you. When going to this meeting and at any other meetings with the counselor you **must have a buddy with you** (another scout, a family member, or friend).
- 4) The merit badge counselor will explain the requirements for the merit badge and help you get started.
- 5) Work on the badge requirements until you complete them, meeting with the counselor whenever necessary.
- 6) You must complete the requirements as stated. You are not required to do more than the requirements listed.
- 7) When all requirements are completed and the counselor has signed the card, meet with the Scoutmaster and have him sign the card again. Then give the card to the Advancement Chair.

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- **YOU** keep the blue card until you have completed the requirements and the blue card has been signed by the counselor. If you lose the card, you will have to start the badge over unless the counselor is willing and able to vouch for what you have already completed. **DO NOT LOSE YOUR BLUE CARD.**
- If you change counselors for any reason, it is up to the new counselor whether or not he or she will accept the work you have already done.
- Your merit badge and center section of the blue card will be given to you at the next Court of Honor. **KEEP YOUR SECTION OF THE BLUE CARD UNTIL AGE 18 or you obtain the rank of Eagle Scout.**
- There is no deadline for earning a merit badge except your 18th birthday.
- If the requirements change while you are working on the badge, you may continue to use the old requirements until you complete the work, or you may choose to start over and use the new requirements. The choice is yours.