

## COMPLETING A MERIT BADGE

Ten steps to complete a merit badge:

1. Decide what merit badge you wish to work on.
  - a. Review the requirements for your next rank.
  - b. Review the requirements for Eagle.
  - c. See what your friends are working on.
2. Review the requirements for the merit badge.
  - a. The Boy Scout REQUIREMENTS book lists all merit badge requirements.
  - b. Look at the specific Merit Badge book. (Borrow it from the Troop library.)
  - c. The back of THE BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK lists requirements for the merit badges required for Eagle.
  - d. [WWW.MERITBADGE.COM](http://WWW.MERITBADGE.COM) has a detail listing of all requirements.
  - e. The Troop Library has over 100 Merit Badge books for your review.
3. Let the Scoutmaster know you wish to take as specific Merit badge and ask him to sign a Merit Badge card (blue card) before you begin the badge..
4. Contact a registered merit badge counselor.  
See the Advancement Chairman (Mr. Rohlfing) for a list of counselors.
5. Arrange the first meeting with your counselor.  
note: DO NOT start work on the merit badge without prior approval from the counselor.
6. Get a copy of the Current Merit Badge Book for the specific badge you are working on. You can not do a merit badge based on the requirements alone. You must read the book.
  - a. Buy one
  - b. Borrow one from another scout or the Troop 1607 Barbara & Bill Birmingham Library.
7. Meet with the counselor.
  - a. Review the specific requirements.
  - b. Give the merit badge counselor your merit badge card.
  - c. Create a schedule to complete the badge.
8. Do the requirements. Don't forget to read the merit badge book. When doing written requirements, be neat and place your name, the date, the requirement number and merit badge name on all pages being turned in
9. Have the counselor sign your merit badge card.
10. Give the completed merit badge card to the Advancement Chairman, keeping the Scout portion for yourself.