

# HOW TO EARN A MERIT BADGE

1. Pick a merit badge to work on. There are 2 types of merit badges - Eagle Required and Non-Eagle required. There are over 135 merit badges to choose from.
  - Eagle required have silver borders on the patch and are:
    - Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Cooking, Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving, Environmental Science OR Sustainability, Family Life, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling
  - Go to [http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page) to look at all of the merit badges available
2. Once you pick a merit badge, go to the above website and print out the worksheet for that merit badge
  - Each merit badge has a booklet that has the requirements and the information you need to learn in order to earn the merit badge. The booklets can be acquired either by purchasing them at the Scout Shop, or checking them out from the Troop Library (in the green file cabinet in the middle room of the Scout House).
3. Ask Mrs. Farber for a blue card & the name and phone number of the merit badge counselor. Blue Card must be in ink, not pencil:
  - Fill out the Application for Merit Badge side:
    - Your name and address
    - Check Boy Scout and write in Troop
    - No. 330
    - District - Rio Hondo
    - Council - Greater Los Angeles Area
  - On the opposite side:
    - Left panel - put in what merit badge you are working on
    - Middle panel (Applicant's Record) - Put in your name & the merit badge you are working on
    - Right panel (Counselor's Record) - Your name, mark Troop, put in 330 as unit number and the merit badge
4. Call the merit badge counselor & tell them:
  - Your name, your troop number and the merit badge you are interested in
5. The merit badge counselor will most likely give you information of what you need to do and may want to have a meeting with you.
  - Your parent will be required to stay at the meeting with the merit badge counselor.
6. Finish the requirements and have the merit badge counselor sign off on your blue card
7. The counselor will keep their panel of the blue card and give you the Applicant's and Application panels. Give the 2 panels the counselor gives you to Mrs. Farber for signature and then give the blue card to the Troop Advancement Chairman.
8. You will receive the applicant's panel with your merit badge attached at Court of Honor.

**Please note the blue Merit Badge cards are very important. It is recommended that you store these cards in clear plastic pocket sheets (baseball cards sheets) and place them in a three-ring binder. Keep this binder in a safe place as you will need to present all blue cards with your paperwork and application for Eagle rank.**