



## Merit Badges

*Learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business and future careers as you earn merit badges.*

**PICK A SUBJECT**-Read the requirements of the merit badge that might interest you. Pick one and find a buddy with the same interest. Your Advancement Coordinator (David Livingston) will give you the name and phone number of the counselor for that particular merit badge.

**CALL THE COUNSELOR**-Get a signed merit badge card from your scout leader. Contact the merit badge counselor and inform him/her that you and your buddy are interested in earning the merit badge. (Specify which badge as some counselors represent more than one merit badge. Also make sure that the counselor still does that particular merit badge). The counselor may wish to meet with you and your buddy so they may explain what is expected of you. Once you have the expectations, begin to learn and do the things required. Ask your scout leaders or counselor to help you to learn the things you need to know or do. Most information can be found in the merit badge book itself. Merit badge books can be borrowed from the troop, local library, or purchased at Freedlander's in Wooster.

**GET REVIEWED**-When you and/or your buddy is ready, contact the counselor and make an appointment to go over the requirements you have completed. Remember to take along the things you have made or prepared to meet the requirements. The Counselor will expect you to do each requirement so they may ensure you know your stuff and have done all the things required.

**MEET REQUIREMENTS**-You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated—**NO LESS**. You are expected to do exactly what is stated for the requirements. If it says "show or demonstrate," that is what you must do. Just telling about it is not enough. The same thing holds true for words such as: make, list, in the field, collect identify, and label.

**GET THE BADGE**-When the counselor is satisfied that you have met the requirements, they will sign your merit badge card. Present the signed card to the Advancement Coordinator so your badge may be recorded and ordered.

*\*\*Every six weeks each scout is required to have an advancement review with the Advancement Coordinator. Rank Advancement along with merit badges earned will be awarded at one of the 4 Court of Honors during the year.*