



Troop 8

Merit Badge Procedures:

Scouts normally earn merit badges in one of the following ways.

1. They can earn badges in-group classes at Troop 8's Summer and Winter Camp.
2. They can pursue completion of the requirements on their own with the guidance of an adult Troop 8 Merit Badge Counselor using the following format:
 - a. Select the merit badge you want to earn from the list in the **Boy Scout Handbook**.
 - b. Scout receives approval to work on a merit badge from one of Troop 8's Advancements team Mrs. Cox or Mrs. Campo. They will check the Scout's record to see if any prerequisites are needed before providing the Scout with a Blue Card. Prerequisites can include attaining a certain rank or receiving a prerequisite merit badge.
 - c. From the Merit Badge Counselor list and phone numbers is posted on Troop 8 web site, the Scout will choose an approved counselor and call the counselor **before** starting the merit badge. The counselor will advise the Scout how to proceed in completing the requirements for the merit badge.
 - d. The Scout obtains the Merit Badge Counselor's approval on the Blue Card upon completion of the merit badge requirements.
 - e. Scout submits completed Blue Card to Advancement team Mrs. Cox or Mrs. Campo for approval and record entry into the Troop Master Database.

For partial merit badges that were started at either a Troop 8 Winter Camp or Summer Camp, the Scout should obtain a Blue Card from either Pollard or Cox and follow steps b, c, d, and e outlined above. A Scout needs to complete all merit badge requirements with the same Troop 8 merit badge counselor. Earned merit badges will be presented to the Scout at the Troop's next Court of Honor following his earning the badge.

Experience has shown that when a merit badge has not been completed after one year the Scout may not retain the skills or knowledge required for the merit badge. The Scout might need help in a particular area or with a certain skill, and may need to be retested later to ensure the requirement has been fulfilled.