

## **The Merit Badge Process**

The merit badge process is aimed at those scouts who are first class and above, who are working on the Star rank. While it is possible and at times fun for a scout who is not a 1st class to get merit badges, a new scout can rapidly be overwhelmed by the requirements and may lose interest in scouting, because he feels it is beyond his capability.

The process at summer camp is somewhat different than the process below, but it is basically the same approach.

### **The process goes like this:**

1. The scout identifies a Merit Badge that he wants to work on.
2. He gets a "Merit Badge Application" form (blue card) signed by the Scoutmaster.
3. He gets a copy of the Merit Badge pamphlet (some are available from the Troop Librarian, others you may have to purchase from the Scout Shop in San Leandro.
4. The scout locates a Merit Badge Counselor and makes a date to talk to him/her.
5. The scout completes the requirements in the Merit Badge book .
6. The Merit Badge Counselor reviews and approves the completed requirements.
7. The Merit Badge Counselor signs the blue card and gives it to the scout.
8. The Scout brings the blue card to the Scoutmaster, who reviews and signs completion.
9. The Scoutmaster gives the blue card to the Troop Advancement Chairman, who purchases the Merit Badge, and logs the completion of the Merit Badge in to the troop data base.
10. The Merit Badge is presented at the next Court of Honor.