

# TROOP 351

**ADVANCEMENTS**



# LOWER RANKS

- **SCOUT**
  - **TENDERFOOT**
  - **SECOND CLASS**
  - **FIRST CLASS**
- Requirements for these ranks can be worked on in any order
  - No Merit Badges required, but it's a good idea to start earning them anyway.
  - To reach Eagle by age 16, complete First Class within 1 year.
  - Take your book on every campout and get requirements signed off during downtime

# UPPER RANKS

- **STAR (4 MONTHS)**
  - **LIFE (6 MONTHS)**
  - **EAGLE (6 MONTHS)**
    - **EAGLE PALMS**
- Leadership positions
  - Service hours
  - Merit badges

# MERIT BADGES

- **Around 135 merit badges**
- **21 merit badges are required for Eagle**
- **14 of those 21 merit badges must be from the list of 18 “Eagle required” badges**
- **Earn them at Summer Camp, at a Merit Badge University event, or on your own**

# MERIT BADGES

- **A blue card is required before you start working on a merit badge**
- **Get a blue card from the **Scoutmaster** (Mr. Cybuckl)**
- **Download the requirements from **scouting.org****
  - **Workbooks are available from a third-party site: **meritbadge.org****
- **Work with an assigned counselor and complete the requirements**
- **Turn in the completed blue card to the **Advancements Team** (Mr. Sperr or Mr. Sleasman, usually standing at the back of the troop meeting)**
- **Certificate awarded at the next troop meeting**
- **Merit badge awarded at the next Court of Honor (once every 3 to 4 months)**

# FAQ

- If I don't have a Blue Card of a completed merit badge (like one earned at Summer Camp or one that I lost), but I have the certificate, can I get a replacement for the blue card?
  - It's not necessary: the certificate is adequate proof that you completed the merit badge. If you just want a commemorative blue card for sentimental reasons, you can ask the Scoutmaster.
- How do Summer Camp merit badges work?
  - If you completed the merit badge at camp, you'll get the certificate and patch awarded at the next Court of Honor. If you only partially completed it, you'll get a blue card a few weeks after summer camp with a list of requirements you need to complete.