

How do I earn ranks?

Ranks including Boy Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class teach you basic Scouting and outdoor skills. Many of these requirements will be done with the Scoutmasters in meetings or on campouts, but they may also be done at home or at other activities.

1. Follow the requirements listed in your Scout Handbook.
2. Have an adult leader sign off each requirement as you finish it. Your parents may sign off on the requirements but you still need to have a signature from a Scoutmaster.
3. After you have finished all the requirements, meet with a Scoutmaster for a Scoutmaster Conference.
4. At the BOARD OF REVIEW, show your Scout Handbook with all the requirements signed off.
5. You will be presented with your award during the next Court of Honor.

How do I earn merit badges?

Merit badges are not just earned at summer camp. You can earn merit badges at any time throughout the year.

1. Choose a BUDDY and pick a merit badge you would like to complete (even if you know the counselor, you must still work with a buddy).
2. Ask a Scoutmaster for the name and phone number of a merit badge counselor. Also, obtain a BLUE CARD from the Scoutmaster (one per Scout) and fill it out.
3. Call the counselor and set up a meeting time. Also discuss requirements you should complete before meeting with the counselor.
4. After you have completed all the requirements with the counselor, have him/her sign your blue card and turn it in to the Scoutmaster. Remember to keep your part of the blue card for your records.
5. Make sure at your Board of Review that the merit badge has been turned in.
6. You will be presented with your merit badge(s) during the next Court of Honor.

