

## MERIT BADGES

As you may or may not know, they are offering less and less Eagle required merit badges such as Personal Management, Family Life and Communications at Summer Camp. With this in mind, we are trying to have you boys do some of these merit badges at home with merit badge counselors that are approved by Theodore Roosevelt Council. Many of you that have taken merit badges at summer camp will find out that it's a lot different doing a merit badge at home.

### Here are some helpful tips:

1. If you think that you want to do a merit badge, come and see either Mr. Peron or Mr. Mage for a blue card and have it signed. They will give you the names and telephone numbers of the counselors who do that merit badge. If the merit badge book is available in our library, you can borrow it to see what the requirements are or you can go online to [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com) You can also buy a merit badge book at the Scout Shop in Massapequa.

**It is your responsibility to call them.** Once you speak to them, tell them that you want to do the merit badge and ask them if you can start right away, or if they want to meet you first. Also ask if any changes have been made that are new and not in your merit badge book.

**Here's where this is different than summer camp. Be prepared to call your counselor several times since they may not return your call right away. If there's a problem, please let Mr. Peron, Mr. Mage or Mr. Matesich know about it.**

2. You must complete everything that is required for the merit badge. Don't think that by doing 5 of the 6 requirements that the counselor will let you slide. **No Way!!**
3. Keep in mind that some of the Eagle required merit badges have 3 month projects such as Family Life and Personal Management and Personal Fitness. Most merit badges aren't done in one day. **Be prepared to allow lots of time to do them.**
4. When you meet with your counselor you must be in full uniform. One of your parents must be with you when you go to see the counselor.
5. **Most important—Keep a record of all dates**
  - **Date that Mr. Peron or Mr. Mage signed your blue card**
  - **Date that you first called the merit badge counselor**
  - **Date that he or she returned your call**
  - **Dates when you started & finished each requirement**
  - **Date that you called the counselor to meet with you to go over the requirements and complete merit badge**
  - **Visit Troop 93 website at: [www.fstroop93.org](http://www.fstroop93.org)**