

## Troop 329 Bayport | Advancement Guide for Parents

As your Scout works towards a Merit Badge a Blue Card is filled out. When the Merit Badge is completed the Merit Badge Counselor will sign the card and take his/her portion of the Blue Card. The Application portion is handed into Suffolk County Counsel, and the Applicant portion is handed back to the Scout who passed the Merit Badge requirements. Please hand me the Application and Applicant's portion when your merit badge is completed.

It is very important that this portion (Applicant) of the Blue Card is returned to the Scout and is kept in a SAFE place. A good place is a safe deposit box or somewhere in the home where it cannot not be lost or damaged. This is necessary because when your Scout is working toward the Eagle Rank of Scouting the boys will be requested to show these cards at their Board of Review. If they are lost, they will not be able to become an Eagle Scout.

Advancement of Rank and Merit Badges are worked on by the Scouts at Campouts, Day Outings, Troop Meetings and Advancements day, with the help of Junior Leaders and Adult Scout Leaders.

The boys need to be assertive when a Merit Badge or Rank Advancement is required to be signed off. This is done by the Junior Leaders or Adult Leaders (if the Junior Leaders are not available.) After the completion of Rank requirements, a Scout Master's Conference is required. When this is completed and signed off by the Scout Master a Board of Review is needed and this completes all the necessary steps to receive a Rank Advancement. All awards will be received at the Court of Honor, which takes place three times a year.

If you are in need of a Board of Review (after a Scout Master's Conference) for Rank Advancement, please let me know. Board of reviews are scheduled a few weeks before the Court of Honor, check the schedule..

The Scout handbook is the step by step guide, and the reference for most of what a Scout does in the program. Please speak with a scoutmaster if you need more information.