

THE BRAD SWAN STEPS TO EARNING A MERIT BADGE

- 1) **You** should decide on a merit badge of interest
- 2) **You** should read the requirements and be sure you are still interested (some either are too lengthy or are not quite what was expected). Be sure you want to do this as you will be taking valuable time from an adult volunteer.
- 3) **You** should find at least one other scout that is interested in the merit badge and has also completed steps one and two.
- 4) **You** should obtain a signed merit badge card (blue card) from your Scoutmaster. He will check that steps 1-3 are complete. The Scoutmaster will make sure the scout knows who is a counselor for the specific merit badge and how to contact him/her.
- 5) **You** should have a good idea when all those scouts working on the badge are available to meet with the counselor.
- 6) **You** should contact the counselor. You should give him/her the information on why you are calling and all those that would like to work on the badge. Then arrange a meeting place and time (the public library is always a good suggested place as it has lots of resources as well as a public place and no one has to prepare a location).
- 7) **You** should never miss a meeting with your counselor or act in an inappropriate manner- you represent all scouts.
- 8) **You** should work with your counselor (making future arrangements for meetings and completing requirements as scheduled). The entire scout group should find a way to **all** meet on the arranged dates rather than making separate dates.
- 9) **You** should follow the instructions of your counselor until you complete all the requirements. Then get the blue card signed by the counselor verifying that you have completed all the requirements.
- 10) **You** should return the signed blue card to your Scoutmaster.

****REMEMBER THE ABOVE STEPS ARE ALL TO BE DONE BY THE SCOUTS-NOT ADULTS!!**

P.S. ALWAYS KEEP YOUR PORTION OF THE BLUE CARD IN A SPECIAL (SAFE) PLACE.

