



Troop 615

Position Paper #1

Merit Badge Days: Requests To Attend

It is not recommended that Merit Badge Days (in general) be sought for two main reasons. One, that rapid achievement on the same day may not show that the subject matter has been learned/earned. Two, that simply paying to sit in a class does not guarantee that the subject matter has been learned/earned.

However, strongly sanctioned Merit Badge Day sources that are easily supported by our Troop are Sea Base, Summer Camp, and District events. Our Scouts are welcome to avail themselves of these Merit Badge Day events.

Should a Scout request that he be able to attend a Merit Badge Day event outside of the above strongly sanctioned sources, the following shall apply to members of Troop 615:

1. The Merit Badge Day needs to be Officially approved by the BSA O.C. Council Advancement Committee. This needs to be stated on any flyer or literature that the Merit Badge Day is publishing to advertise their event.
2. The Merit Badge Day needs to be approved by the Scoutmaster in advance.
3. Prerequisites shall be completed prior to the day of the event.
4. Prerequisites shall be reviewed and signed off by the Scoutmaster (or his designated other Adult Leader) prior to the event.
5. The Merit Badge Day requires prerequisites be carried to the event as a requirement of participation.
6. The Merit Badge Day event should not greatly impact the Scout's ability to participate in regularly scheduled Troop events, and the Scout is responsible for attending and participating in the regularly scheduled Troop event as much as possible, and that the Scoutmaster is aware of his dual event scheduling.
7. The Scout is responsible for communicating with the Scoutmaster in all aspects of this request.

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