

## Welcome to Troop 325's Merit Badge Midway



### Scholarship OR Reading Merit Badge

**Scholarship - Do all the requirements and bring all documentation with you. Be prepared to discuss with your counselor. For reading see the next section**

1. **[Bring report card(s) to show evidence of a or b]**

Do ONE of the following:

- A. Show that you have had an average grade of B or higher (80 percent or higher) for one term or semester.
- B. Show that for one term or semester you have improved your school grades over the previous period

2. **[ Bring your written reports]**

Do TWO of the following:

- A. Make a list of educational places located where you live (other than schools). Visit one, and report on how you used the place for self-education.
- B. With your counselor's and your parent's approval, interview two professionals (other than teachers or other professionals at your school) with established careers. Find out where they were educated, what training they received, and how their education and training have helped prepare them for the career they have chosen. Find out how they continue to educate themselves. Discuss what you find out with your counselor.
- C. Using a daily planner, show your counselor how you keep track of assignments and activities, and discuss how you manage your time.
- D. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods of research available to you for school assignments, such as the library, books and periodicals, and the Internet.

3. **[Bring your note]**

Get a note from the principal\* of your school (or another school official named by the principal) that states that during the past year your behavior, leadership, and service have been satisfactory.

4. **[Bring evidence of your involvement in the activity]**

Do ONE of the following:

- A. Show that you have taken part in an extracurricular school activity, and discuss with your counselor the benefits of participation and what you learned about the importance of teamwork.
- B. Discuss your participation in a school project during the past semester where you were a part of a team. Tell about the positive contributions you made to the team and the project.

5. **[Bring your written essay]**

Do ONE of the following:

- A. Write a report of 250 to 300 words about how the education you receive in school will be of value to you in the future and how you will continue to educate yourself in the future.
- B. Write a report of 250 to 300 words about two careers that interest you and how specific classes and good scholarship in general will help you achieve your career goals.

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**Reading Merit Badge**

REQUIREMENTS were REVISED effective January 1, 2004

1. **[Use the form below to record your requirements that were met with a librarian at school in or in the community. Explain to the librarian what you need to do. Ask her/him to sign your form. It is your responsibility to do ALL of #1.]**

Do EACH of the following:

- a. Learn how to search your library's card catalog or computerized catalog by author, title, and subject.
- b. With the assistance of your merit badge counselor or a librarian, select six books of four different types such as poetry, drama/plays, fiction, nonfiction, biographies, etc.). Ask your librarian or counselor about award-winning books that are recommended for readers your age and include at least one of those titles.
- c. Find the books in the library catalog. With your counselor's or a librarian's assistance, locate the books on the shelves.

- d. Read each book. Keep a log of your reading that includes the title of the book, the pages or chapters read, the date you completed them, and your thoughts about what you have read so far. Discuss your reading with your counselor. Using your log as a reference, explain why you chose each book and tell whether you enjoyed it and what it meant to you.
2. **[Bring your two sources to the Midway.]**  
Read about the world around you from any two sources books, magazines, newspapers, the Internet (with your parent's permission), field manuals, etc. Topics may include sports, environmental problems, politics, social issues, current events, nature, religion, etc. Discuss what you have learned with your counselor.
  3. Do ONE of the following:
    - a. **[Bring order form to midway]**  
From a catalog of your choice, fill out an order form for merchandise as if you intended to place an order. Share the completed form with your counselor and discuss it. OR
    - b. **[If you have an Internet agreement form at school, ask for a copy and bring to midway. Otherwise, I will discuss Internet safety with you]**  
With your parent's permission, locate at least five Web sites that are helpful for your scouting or other activities. Write the Internet addresses of these sites in your log. Talk with your counselor or a librarian about safety rules for using the Internet.
  4. **[You MUST call me or e-mail me your choice of volunteer service. A letter from the place of service MUST be brought to the Midway.]**  
With your counselor's and parent's permission, choose ONE of the following activities and devote at least four hours of service to that activity. Discuss your participation with your counselor.
    - a. Read to a sick, blind, or homebound person in a hospital or in an extended-care facility.
    - b. Perform volunteer work at your school library or a public library.
    - c. Read stories to younger children, in a group or individually.

## Reading Merit Badge

\_\_\_\_\_ has completed the following requirements

- 1a. searched library's card catalog or computerized catalog by author, title, and subject

b. selected six books of four different types such as poetry, drama/plays, fiction, nonfiction, biographies, etc)

Asked about award-winning books that are recommended for readers my age and one title is

\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Found books in the library catalog. Located the books on the shelves.

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Librarian

School/Community

Date