

ADVANCEMENT POLICY

The Council Advancement Committee, under the supervision and authority of the Executive Board has mandated guidelines for the processing of merit badges by the Old Colony Council camp staff. The camp counselor will only be able to certify a Scout for the **COMPLETION** of requirements completed at camp. It is the Scout's responsibility to have the merit badge application signed by the **TROOP'S** merit badge counselor. Consequently, a Scout will not be required to ask his Scoutmaster for a letter verifying requirements completed outside of camp. The **SCOUTMASTER WILL BE ABLE TO VERIFY THE WORK DONE DIRECTLY ON THE MERIT BADGE APPLICATION.**

In preparing your summer camp program, a reminder that certain merit badge requirements cannot be completed within a Scout's stay at camp. There are six badges in particular in which only partial completion can be awarded by the camp staff.

1. CAMPING

For requirement #8d, the Scout must cook 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner.

For requirements #9 a, b, c the Scout has to sleep under a tent under the stars for 20 nights.

2. PERSONAL FITNESS

For requirement #1b, the Scout must visit a dentist and get a written statement pertaining to his tooth care.

For requirement #8, carry out daily for 12 weeks six exercises for all-round physical development.

3. SPORTS

For requirement #3, a Scout must participate for a full season as a member of an organized team sport.

4. GOLF

For requirement #7, a Scout must play a minimum of 2 nine-hole rounds or one 18-hole round of golf.

5. ART

For requirement #4, the Scout must visit an art museum or gallery.