Welcome to Troop 171

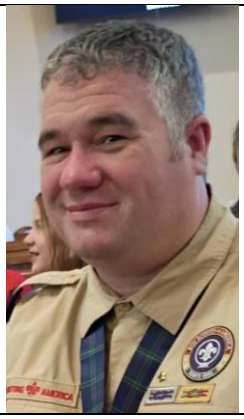








Meetings are year-round, unlike Cub Packs: Monday, 7pm to 8:30pm, Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Rd, Boiling Springs PA

Adult Leaders – "Key 3," Scout Master Team, and Troop Committee:		
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KEY TERMS for POSITIONS

PLC – Patrol Leader Council – made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Scribe, Quartermaster, and Web Master. Election to one of these positions occurs twice each year in May/June and November/December. Terms are 6 months. Positions are required for advancement beyond First Class.

SPL – Senior Patrol Leader – The senior patrol leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the highest-ranking youth leader in the troop.

ASPL – Assisted Senior Patrol Leader – The assistant senior patrol leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the second highest-ranking youth leader in the troop. The assistant senior patrol leader acts as the senior patrol leader in the absence of the senior patrol leader or when called upon. He also provides leadership to other youth leaders in the troop.

Patrol Leader – He is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the PLC

Assistant Patrol Leader - The assistant patrol leader is elected as the assistant leader of his patrol. He leads the patrol in the patrol leader's absence and participates in the patrol leaders' council.

Scribe - The scribe keeps the troop records. He records the activities and discussions of the patrol leaders' council. He keeps a record of dues, advancement, and Scout attendance at troop meetings.

Quartermaster – Keeps inventory of troop equipment and maintains in good working order.

Historian – The troop historian preserves troop photographs, news stories, trophies, flags, scrapbooks, awards, and other memorabilia.

Librarian – The librarian oversees care and use of troop books, pamphlets, magazines, and av media.

Chaplain Aide – The chaplain aide works with the troop chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program.

Web Master – The webmaster maintains the troop website. http://www.scouting171.org/troop

Positions for older boys, with advanced rank, advanced years in Scouting, and mastery of skills; appointed by the Scoutmaster in collaboration with the Troop Committee or Key 3

Troop Guide – The troop guide works with new Scouts. This older Scout helps them feel comfortable and acts as a mentor to the members of the new-Scout patrol.

Instructor – is an older troop member proficient in both teaching and Scouting skills.

Den Chief – works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and den leaders in the Cub Scout pack.

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster – an older youth, typically an Eagle Scout, who serves in a role similar to that of the adult ASM

OA – Order of Arrow – The National Honor Society for Boy Scouts of America. For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition encourages others to live these ideals too. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

OTHER TERMS

Safeguarding Youth Protection – To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, there are myriad training requirements for youth, adults, and families. Training includes videos youth watch with parents and document with the Troop, hard-copy pamphlets to review, and online modules for adults to certify annually. Registered adults are required to complete Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) annually.

Totin' Chip - Grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools.

Firem'n Chit - Certification grants a Scout the right to carry matches and build campfires. Scouts must show their Scout leader, or someone designated by their leader, that they understand their responsibility to meet the eight requirements.

Scout's Book – one of the most important things a Scout should have. The book serves as both a resource/how-to on myriad skills and as a record that the Scout completed the numerous requirements needed to advance to the next rank. A protective cover/case/bag is highly recommended: sew your own, thrift source, or buy one from the Scout Shop (~$15).

Merit Badges – Available to Scouts are 140 merit badges and counting, and any Scout, or any qualified Venturer or Sea Scout may earn any of these at any time. You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn merit badges. A scout can begin taking merit badges as soon as they join a troop, but no merit badges are required for advancement until First Class rank is achieved. Advancement to Star, Life, and Eagle all require completion of merit badges, service, and demonstration of leadership and responsibility. To reach Eagle rank, a scout must complete at least 21 Boy Scout merit badges; 13-14* must come from the Eagle-required badge list.

Blue Cards - The nationally recognized merit badge record. Paper or e-doc.

Merit Badges Worksheet – Worksheet that can be found online and used to complete merit badges. http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp

Merit Badge College – A merit badge college is a one or two weekend activity where scouts can earn merit badges. There are several local merit badge colleges. Carlisle, Pioneer, Newville, and East Shore are in council. These are an effective way for the scout to earn merit badges.

Boards of Review - is a chance for adults to talk with the Scout about what he has done, what he has learned, how it has helped him in his advancement and how he is enjoying the program. It is an essential part of the Boy Scouting experience and required from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout.

Scoutmaster Conference - The Scoutmaster conference is a visit between the Scoutmaster and Scout held after the Scout completes most/all requirements for a rank, but before the board of review. The Scoutmaster conference determines if the Scout is ready to go before the board.

Court of Honor – a Court of Honor is a formal troop ceremony where scouts and their families come together to receive rank advancement, merit badges, and other awards.

Field Uniform – Scouting America shirt, Scouting America pants or jeans in good repair, and Scouting America cap is the official scout uniform. Appropriate, closed-toe/protective footwear – does not include crocs or sandals.

> *Worn during the school year, while travelling with the Troop to Scouting America activities, and to Courts of Honor (COH) or other dedicated events. The Merit Badge sash is worn at COH and other dedicated events.*

Activity Uniform – is less "formal" and is comprised of a Troop t-shirt and Scouting America pants or jeans, and Scouting America cap. Appropriate, protective footwear – does not include crocs or sandals.

> *Worn during the summer, outdoor service projects, and as approved by adult leaders.*
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> *Athletic clothing articles are not approved for wear with Field or Activity uniform.*

ILST – Introduction to Leadership for Troops (training program) - this program is intended to inform Scouts about unit structures and hierarchy: roles of various adults, the Charter Organization, Troop Committee, the Scoutmaster Team, and the boy-led nature of the Troop along with how their elected leaders should work together. Completion of the three modules earns each Scout the "Trained" patch, worn on their uniform sleeve. ILST is a requirement for enrollment in NYLT.

NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training – this summer camping program is offered locally, in Council or in Washington D.C. and provides youth with incredible growth opportunities as they interact with Scouts from many other units. Training is typically held for about one week in early or mid-June. Our Troop offers financial assistance to attendees if they wish (see Troop By-Laws)

Wood Badge – this program is available to registered adults who wish to hone their skills in Scouting leadership. NYLT graduates and highly trained adults present this incredible program that is recognized globally for its high-quality content. Our Troop may aid registered adults.

My.scouting and Scoutbook Plus – are online accounts you should register to use. If you were ***ever*** in Scouting/BSA as a youth or an adult leader or a parent-partner, please be sure to locate your existing Scouting member number to create your account. Creating an account from scratch causes problems with your existing training records and more. These accounts

allow you to see, various youth updates for your Scout, see membership status/print member ID cards, renew if you are not a covered leader, renew your youth if not doing so with the Troop batch, and access free, online training modules. Whatever current version of the "Scoutbook" app is in use allows you to see your Scout's Advancement record and specific requirements needed, merit badge status, and more.

STEPS FOR ADVANCEMENT

Older scouts help teach younger scouts. When a scout feels that they are ready to get a requirement signed off, they go to an approved adult, which includes the scout master, assistant scout masters, Chris Winters, Errol Huffman, or James Otto and other committee members approved by the Scoutmaster; and do what is required for the requirement. The Advancement Coordinator is not approved to sign off on rank advancements due to their role in entering advancements.

The requirements for the first four ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class can be worked on/completed at the same time, but ranks are earned in order.

STEPS FOR MERIT BADGES (MB)

The Scout will identify a merit badge that he wants to work on. It does not matter why: Eagle requirement, Summer Camp, Merit Badge College; or it just looks like fun. All scouts must follow this process as outlined by National Scouting America:

The Scout should read the requirements and make sure that he wants to complete the merit badge. *It is worth noting that Scouting America frequently updates MB requirements. Once a Scout starts a MB, they are usually allowed to work from the requirements as published at that time OR they can choose to follow the new requirements.*

The Scout can contact Scoutmaster, Advancement Coordinator, or Committee Chair for a list of current counselors for a specific merit badge.

The scout must contact a MB-counselor to discuss availability and willingness to counsel.

Once a counselor is identified, the scout must obtain a Blue Card from Scoutmaster; before starting a merit badge, the Scout must have a Blue Card signed by the Scoutmaster.

The Scout then downloads the free merit badge book/pamphlet and makes a plan to complete the requirements as written. MB books can be purchased from the Scout Shop, if desired.

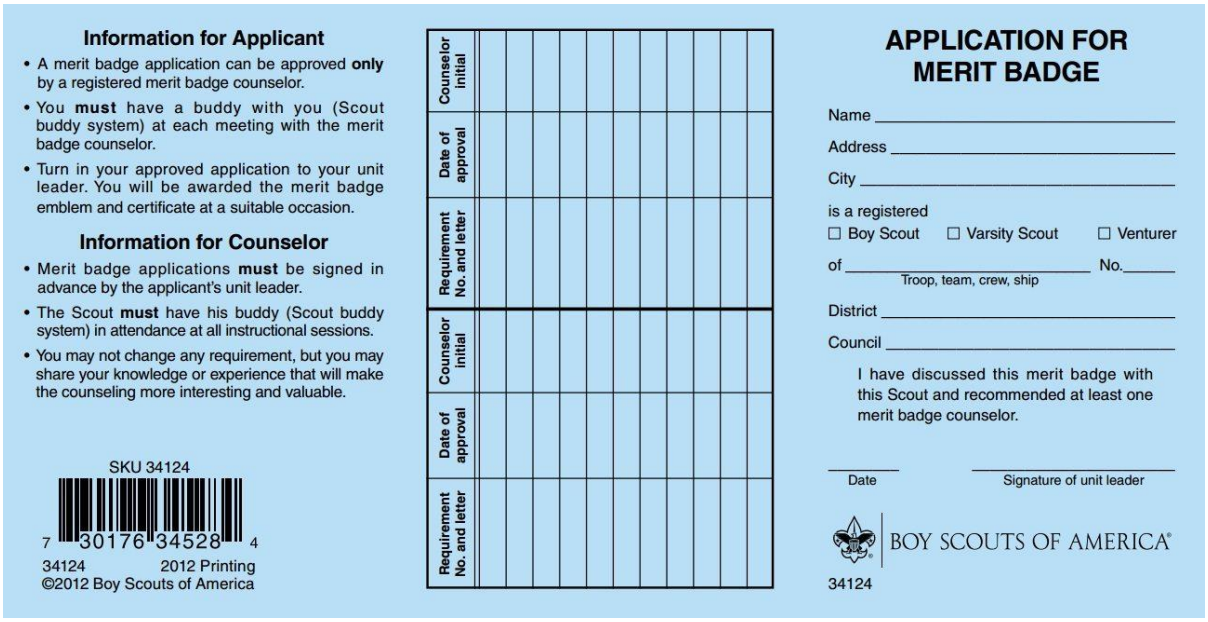
The Scout should download a current MB worksheet (different from the book/pamphlet) and use the document to record answers, write out plans, and more.

The Scout should maintain contact with their MB counselor and/or Advancement coordinator to make sure completed requirements are recorded. Parent/guardian should consider using Scoutbook Plus to invite the chosen counselor so they can update requirements electronically.

Once the scout has completed the merit badge. The signed Blue Card is returned to the Advancement Coordinator

How to fill out Blue Cards

The Scout will complete the Blue Card as neatly as possible using an ink pen.



Information for Applicant

- A merit badge application can be approved **only** by a registered merit badge counselor.
- You **must** have a buddy with you (Scout buddy system) at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.
- Turn in your approved application to your unit leader. You will be awarded the merit badge emblem and certificate at a suitable occasion.

Information for Counselor

- Merit badge applications **must** be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.
- The Scout **must** have his buddy (Scout buddy system) in attendance at all instructional sessions.
- You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable.

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APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

is a registered

☐ Boy Scout ☐ Varsity Scout ☐ Venturer

of _____ No._____

Troop, team, crew, ship

District _____

Council _____

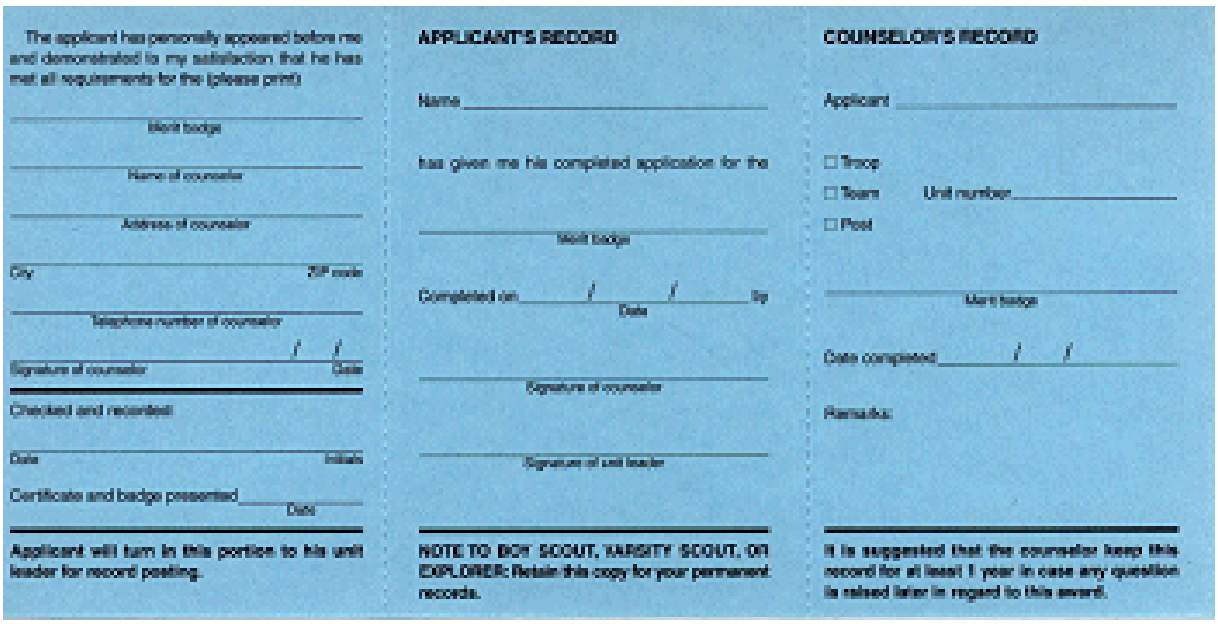
I have discussed this merit badge with this Scout and recommended at least one merit badge counselor.

_____ _____

Date Signature of unit leader

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The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)

_____

Merit badge

_____

Name of counselor

_____

Address of counselor

City ZIP code

_____

Telephone number of counselor

_____ / /

Signature of counselor Date

Checked and recorded:

_____

Date Initials

Certificate and badge presented _____

Date

Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name _____

has given me his completed application for the

_____

Merit badge

Completed on _____ / _____ / _____ by

Date

_____

Signature of counselor

_____

Signature of unit leader

NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR EXPLORER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant _____

☐ Troop

☐ Team Unit number _____

☐ Post

_____

Merit badge

Date completed _____ / _____ / _____

Remarks:

It is suggested that the counselor keep this record for at least 1 year in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

On the Front of the card: Scout name, address, and city. Check Boy Scout, then fill in Troop and No.171. District is Pioneer and Council is NBOF.

On the back-left, fill in the name of the merit badge only.

On the back middle, fill in Scout's name and the name of the merit badge they are working on.

On the back right, fill in Applicant using the Scout's name, check Troop, Unit number 171 and the name of the merit badge they are working on.

DO NOT BEND, FOLD or SEPARATE any of the 3 perforated sections.

In-Troop Merit Badge Counselors

List is subject to change and may not include all MBs offered by all adults. Many other people are also available from across the New Birth of Freedom Council Scouting's Official and Current List of All MBs: https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/

Before starting any merit badge, see Scoutmaster for counselor information and Blue Card

Choose your MBC wisely: it is okay to interview counselors or investigate their expertise to make sure you get the best experience possible. Not all counselors possess deep knowledge or expertise or supporting resources in the Merit Badge disciplines for which they have volunteered to be counselors.

Please refer to our current and separate list of Troop Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) on the Troop Resource page. A paper copy is available in the PLC room, updated 1-2 times a year. Of the current 140 MBs, Troop 171 MBCs cover +90 and counting. All Eagle-Required MBs except the choose-one-from-three options of Cycling are offered by the Troop; Swimming and Hiking choices are offered.