



Reading Merit Badge

Many of you will receive a Summer Reading List from school. The books you choose to read from that list can count toward Requirement 1 of this Merit Badge if you get your blue Merit Badge Application Card filled out and signed by Mr. McCabe and myself by the end of the school year.

Here are the Official BSA Requirements for this Merit Badge:

1. Learn how to use the library (card file or computer), and with the assistance of your counselor or your librarian, select six books of four diverse types (such as poetry, drama/plays, fiction, nonfiction, and biographies). After you have read this material, discuss your reading with the counselor or librarian. Using a log as a reference, explain why you chose the material, whether you enjoyed it and what it meant to you.
2. Read two books or material from any two sources (Magazines, newspapers, field manuals, etc.) about the world around you (sports, environmental problems, politics, religion, etc.) and discuss your reading with your counselor.
3. From a catalog of your choice, fill out the order form as if you intended to place an order, and discuss it with your counselor.
4. Choose ONE of the following activities and devote 4 hours of service to that activity.
 - a. Read to a sick, blind (contact the American Foundation for the Blind at 1-800-232-5463), or homebound person, in a hospital, or in an extended care facility.
 - b. Perform volunteer work at your school or public library.
 - c. Read stories to younger children in a group or individually.
 - d. Assist in a literacy program (Project Literacy may be contacted at 1-800-228-8843 for information about the nearest library center) and discuss your participation with your counselor.

For Requirement 4, try volunteering at the Kennett Senior Center, Pocopson Home, Bayard Taylor Library, Kennett YMCA Day Camp, local bookstore, or your church/synagogue Summer Vacation Bible School. If you need help or more ideas for this, please contact me.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email, or find me at a Troop Meeting.

Good luck,
Mrs. Gosselin