

## **TIPS FOR MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS**

- ✓ The merit badge counselor does not give out the blue cards. The scout must ask the Scoutmaster for a blue card.
- ✓ Make sure the scout has filled out his name, address, Troop 7, District (Hopewell), Council (Dan Beard) and name of merit badge on both sides of the blue card.
- ✓ Make sure the scout has the Scoutmaster's signature in two locations on the blue card before starting the merit badge.
- ✓ On the "Applicant's Record" section, list the requirements (Number and Letter) for the merit badge. Initial and date as the requirements are completed.
- ✓ Use the buddy system when working with a scout on merit badges. (One other person present with you and the scout.)
- ✓ Nothing more, nothing less philosophy. Do the requirements as listed for the merit badge. "Write," "Discuss," etc.
- ✓ Make it fun. This is an opportunity to get to know the boys better.
- ✓ Stay current on the requirements by periodically checking out [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org) website.
- ✓ Fill in the Merit Badge Counselor information after the scout has completed the merit badge. Sign your name in two locations and date in three locations.
- ✓ Keep the "Counselor's Record" Section of the blue card when the scout completes the merit badge. Return the other two sections to the scout.
- ✓ You can only sign off on requirements for a merit badge that you are registered for. (Adult and Merit Badge Counselor applications on file with the Council.)