

Advancement & Recognition:

- **Advancement Information**

For the latest Freedom Trail District Merit Badge Counselor Information email ctrip109@yahoo.com or call 220-3290 Terry Ripski the District Advancement Committee Chairman. Ask Terry Ripski to email you a list of the merit badge counselors you specifically are looking for to contact. He will provide you the people who work with either all units or specific units, which this is done to protect the counselors personal information from unintended use of third parties.

- **100th Anniversary Historical Merit Badges are here!**

The Centennial Merit Badges requirements were approved April 1, 2010. These badges must be taught by approved merit badge counselors. Remember that these new merit badges must be completed by 12/31/2010. The Freedom Trail Advancement Committee looked at them and determined that certain current merit badge counselors are approved to do the following:

- Tracking: Nature MBC
- Pathfinding: Citizenship in the Community MBC
- Carpentry: Woodworking MBC
- Signaling: We have identified about 5 counselors for this merit badge. If you have a scout that would like to pursue this merit badge, call Terry Ripski at 220-3290.

There will be no Merit Badge pamphlets printed for these merit badges. The requirements are located at

http://scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/historical_mb_program.aspx

- [The Application for Alternate Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges & Ranks](#)

No. 58-730 is linked in the title here and available online at: <http://www.scouting.org/forms/58-730.pdf>. "Guidelines for Advancement to Eagle Scout Rank for Scouts with Disabilities" is also available at this link to be an aid for Scouts with learning, physical, and other disabilities.

- The Eagle Scout application is now available as a fill-able PDF file [here](#).

- **Merit Badge Counselor Application**

[No. 34405 "Merit Badge Counselor Information"](#) modified to be an Adobe Acrobat (.PDF) fill-able form. Please Note: You must turn in a completed BSA Adult Registration Application with this form or it will be rejected! (This form is CAC/Approve-It signature compatible [if you don't already know then it doesn't apply to you anyways]).

- **Religious Emblem Program**

To learn about the religious emblems programs and how to be a certified counselor call Brian Luss 622-3300 ext. 117 for more details.