

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Merit Badge and Rank Requirements Release Timeline



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Merit Badge and Rank Requirements Release Coming Next Month:

We wanted to share an update on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Merit Badge and rank requirements announced earlier this year.

The National Development Team has been working feverishly on developing the requirements for the DEI Merit Badge over the past several months.

The requirements are approximately 99% completed and approved. The DEI Team has developed notes for Merit Badge Counselors and is currently working on content for Scouts to use as they begin earning the Merit Badge.

The timeline for the release and implementation of the DEI Merit Badge and rank requirements is as follows:

In **December, 2020** the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scout through 1st Class Rank requirements and the the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Eagle required Merit Badge requirements will be shared with local Councils. At that time, Councils will begin the process of securing Merit Badge Counselors for the new MB.

Starting **January 1, 2021**, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Merit Badge may be earned by Scouts.

Starting **May 1, 2021**, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Rank requirements and the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Eagle required Merit Badge will become mandatory. This will mean one more mandatory Eagle required Merit Badge, but retaining 21 Merit Badges for the Eagle Rank.

Stay tuned for details as they become available.....