



Accommodations & Modifications





Modifications

- Written rank requirements for Scout to First Class can be modified
 - must do exactly as stated; ie Show, Demonstrate, Label
 - not just Tell
 - Alternate rank requirements needs Council approval
 - Alternate rank requirements are not available for Star to Eagle.
- Merit badges-Different Story
 - Individual requirements cannot be modified or substituted.
 - Alternative MBs may replace with Council approval





Adaptive Approaches

- Change materials, location, resources, environment used but not the objective
- Consider allowing digital (electronic) tools to assist in dictation, writing, reading, etc
 - Unit should have clear policy on use of electronic tools
 - Troop Planning,
 - Patrol Planner,
 - Menu,
 - Duty Rosters,
 - Merit Badges
- Peer Buddy





Material Approaches

- A Scout has little hand strength or coordination difficulties. He is trying to carve a piece of wood.
 - What material can be substituted?
- A Scout has poor fine motor skills. He is trying to tie knots.
 - What material can be substituted?





Architectural Approaches

- A troop is planning a hike to Pali Ridge. A Scout in a wheel chair is unable to go because the trail is inaccessible.
 - What can the SM do?





Cooperative Approaches

- A Scout has difficulty following the steps in a project. It does not appear he will finish in the time allotted.
 - What can be done?





Environmental Adaptations

- The meeting room walls are cluttered with arts and crafts, and other memorabilia. You have a Scout that is easily distracted.
 - What can you do?





Alternative Merit Badges

Guide to Advancement, Topic 10.2.2.3

Merit badge requirements ***must not*** be modified, but it is permitted to substitute one entire badge for another.

- ✦ Substitute must be “as challenging.”
- ✦ Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, No. 512-730, is required.
- ✦ All required merit badges achievable by the Scout must be completed before applying.





Peer Buddy's

A Leadership Position





Peers as Partners

- At unit leader's discretion
- Scouts may hold leadership position qualifying for rank advancement
- Unit leader must set:
 - Clear Expectations of Peer
 - Help develop independence, offer encouragement, acceptance
 - Discuss roles for peer, buddy, leaders, and parents
 - Fixed time
 - Define responsibilities for Peer





Peers as Partners

- Peer should attend PLC meetings
 - Anticipate needs for buddy in planning events
 - Help facilitate positive scout experience
 - Anticipate problems
 - Have a Plan B, C, D
 - Be prepared to slow down activities
- Disability Awareness Merit Badge
- Confidentiality
- Be an Advocate





Resources

- Your observations of the youth
- BSA publications
- Guide to Advancement 2015 (#33088)
- Individualized Scouting Achievement Plan (ISAP)
- A Scoutmaster's Guide to working with Scouts with Disabilities (#33056)
- Scouting for Youth with Disabilities (#34059)

