Troop 101 Advancement During the “Stay at Home” Order 2020

Many of you are realizing that the “stay at home” order will be with us for a bit longer and are starting to work on your Scout advancement, so please use the following guidance:

1. Scout and Tenderfoot Ranks: Continue working on your rank requirements. Remember, either your Patrol Leader, Guide, ASPL and/or SPL can sign off on these requirements. You should contact them by phone, Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc. (Guides: Max Moriarty, Anthony Steines, and Ottavio Musumeci – log into the website for their contact information)
2. Second Class and First Class Ranks: Again, continue working on your rank requirements. Remember, either your Patrol Leader, Guide, ASPL and/or SPL can sign off on these requirements. You should contact them by phone, Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc. (Log into the website for their contact information.)
3. Scout through First Class rank requirements may be worked on simultaneously. If you reach a stopping point on one rank you may move onto the requirements for the next rank.
4. First Class Camp: Contact your partner and prepare individually for your camp. Menus and other planning may be done collaboratively by phone, Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc. Contact Mr. McManus for any questions about First Class Camp.
5. Star and above: You will need to contact either the Scoutmaster, ASMs, and/or any qualified registered adult leader or committee member. (Also see Merit Badges below)
6. Scoutmaster Conferences: Dr. LaPolla is available by Zoom, Skype, Facetime, etc. for your Scoutmaster Conference. He will schedule a conference after verifying that you satisfied all requirements for your rank.
7. Board of Reviews: After you complete your Scoutmaster Conference, you may contact Mr. Butler, who will guide you through that process.
8. Merit Badges (Part I): Merit badges do not satisfy requirements for Scout through Second Class Ranks, so work on those requirements before asking to work on Merit Badges. Scouts who have completed the majority of their First-Class Rank requirements and are prepared, ready and have completely planned for First Class Camp, may begin working on Merit Badges.
9. Merit Badges (Part II): You **MUST** get a Blue Card from Dr. LaPolla **after** contacting your Merit Badge Counselor and **before** beginning **any** Merit Badge requirements. Dr. LaPolla will keep your card and sign it once you complete the badge (completed requirements must be verified by your counselor). Incomplete cards will be given to the scout at our first return meeting. Regardless of where or how you work on your merit badge, you must follow the guidelines in the “Troop 101 Merit Badge Policy.” (located under the website Program tab 🡪 advancement tab 🡪 scroll to Merit Badges)
A list of merit badge counselors is available from the Scoutmaster or any Assistant Scoutmaster.
10. Parents: although you may guide your scout through the process, you may not sign off on any of your Scouts’ requirements, unless specifically stated by the requirement (i.e. Cyber Chip) even if you are a registered troop leader. (Follow the guidance above.)

If you have any questions or need clarification about anything you may see online, feel free to contact Dr. LaPolla or any registered ASM.