

# Leadership Merit Update 2019

## Situation

- Current requirements state that each Leadership Merit may only be received by completing a specified set of leadership lessons.
- Each age group's advancement trail specifies that only leadership merits of specific color categories may be used to satisfy advancement award requirements.
- Smaller outposts with combined age groups may be unable to provide leadership merit instruction that applies to all age groups represented by their class.
- Boys who fail to attend every week where a leadership merit is taught, or are unable to attend the full leadership merit weekend event, are unable to earn the merit, and are therefore unable to achieve advancement.
- Leadership merits are not well suited for completion at home or make-up work by a boy on his own.

## Update

- All leadership merits will be referred to as "leadership lesson sets" rather than specific merits (as is currently being done with Bible lessons)
- Boys may now use ANY leadership lesson from any set to satisfy leadership merit requirements. Boys will receive the next leadership merit for their current age group once they have met the following requirements:
  - Participate in any (4) leadership lessons from the official RR curriculum
  - Participate in a group service project
- Outposts leaders teaching combined groups can teach one leadership lesson, and every boy in the group receives credit toward his next leadership merit. Regardless of the lesson being taught...
  - Discovery Rangers receive credit toward the next RED leadership merit
  - Adventure Rangers receive credit toward the next GOLD leadership merit
  - Expedition Rangers receive credit toward the next SKY BLUE leadership merit
- The structure of the RR advancement system remains unchanged. Only the manner in which leadership merits may be earned is changing.

## Benefits

- Enables boys in outposts with combined groups to more easily earn leadership merits
- Promotes advancement among boys who may not attend regularly