



TROOP 123 GUIDE TO MERIT BADGES

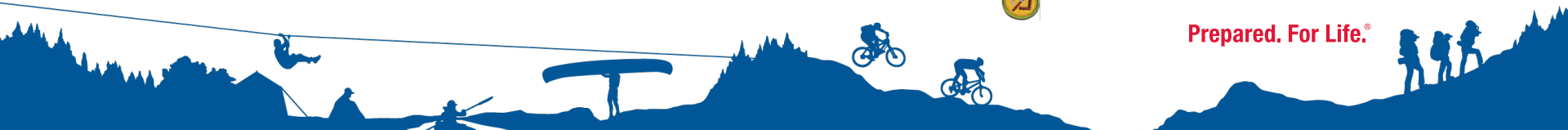
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- ♣ The Basics
- ♣ “White Ringers”
- ♣ The Blue Card and the Process



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THE BASICS

♣ 4 Steps to Advancement

- The Scout learns
- The Scout is tested
- The Scout is reviewed
- The Scout is recognized



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THE BASICS

♣ Two types of Merit Badges:

- General Interest
- Eagle Required or “White Ringer”

♣ Can be earned at any time, but required for:

- Star
- Life
- Eagle

♣ Not just a Summer Camp Activity – can be earned year-round



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THE BASICS

More than 130 merit badges in 14 subject areas:

♣ Agribusiness



♣ Arts and crafts

♣ Business and industry

♣ Communications

♣ Conservation



♣ Hobbies

♣ Natural science

♣ Personal development

♣ Physical science

♣ Professions

♣ Public service

♣ Sports

♣ Trades

♣ Transportation



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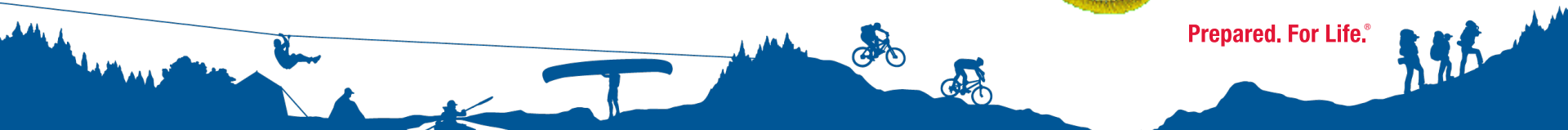
THE BASICS

Benefits:

- ♣ **Contribution to the aims of Scouting: citizenship, character, and fitness**
- ♣ **Development of confidence, self-reliance, and social skills**
- ♣ **Physical fitness and healthy lifestyles**
- ♣ **Career and hobby choices may result**
- ♣ **Exposure to positive role models**



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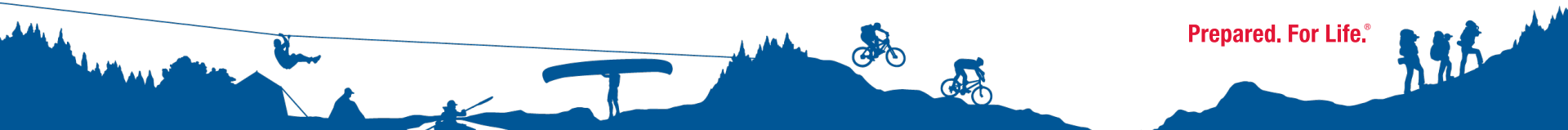
THE "WHITE RINGERS"

Required to earn Eagle Scout:

- 4 by Star
- 3 more by Life
- 6 more by Eagle



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THE “WHITE RINGERS”

- ♣ Camping
- ♣ Citizenship in the Community
- ♣ Citizenship in the Nation
- ♣ Citizenship in the World
- ♣ Communications
- ♣ Cooking



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THE “WHITE RINGERS”

- ♣ Family Life (3 months)
- ♣ First Aid
- ♣ Personal Management (3 months)
- ♣ Personal Fitness (3 months)



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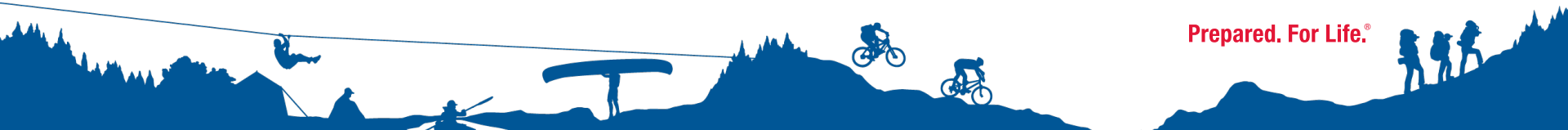


THE “WHITE RINGERS”

- ♣ Lifesaving (Swimming is prerequisite) or Emergency Preparedness
- ♣ Environmental Science or Sustainability
- ♣ Cycling or Hiking or Swimming



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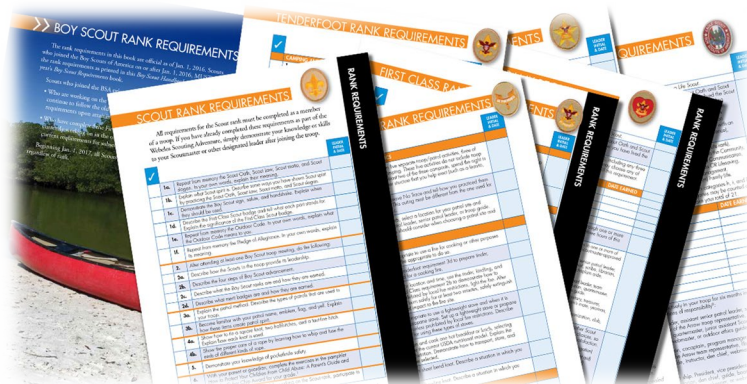




IMPORTANT RECORDKEEPING

Scout's responsibility to track:

- Merit Badges in Scout Handbook for Star, Life or Eagle rank requirement as appropriate
- At Court of Honor, the Scout will receive "Applicant Record" portion of Blue card along with a Merit Badge Card to be maintained in his Red Notebook, and the Merit Badge (for his sash)
- Cards will be needed when ranking to Eagle.



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♣ http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges

♣ <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/meritbadges.asp>

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