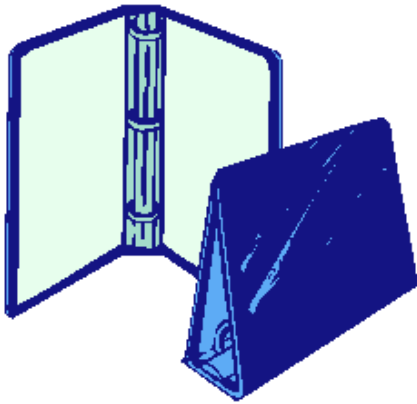


SCOUT BINDERS

Each Scout should have a binder that holds their important papers and records. It can also hold mementos and patches. Anything that is of importance to the Scout, or that will be necessary to have for his Eagle Board of Review.



- Some Scouts use a 3 ring binder
- Some Scouts like a binder that zips closed
 - It could have places for pens or paperclips, or you can put a pencil holder pouch in the binder

Buy some full size page protectors to hold full sheet papers, like the letters that document your service hours. Or you can put a sheet of card stock that has your favorite patches attached to it in one of the page protectors

You will also need several baseball card (or other collectible card) holders. These are for your rank and badge record cards. It is the card that is important in documenting your advancement, not the actual badge or patch. The badges look great on your sash, but your Eagle board of review will need to see the signed dated cards neatly organized.



Several scouts have also included some photo protector sheets that are divided into 4 pockets that seems to work well for those Position of Responsibility patches and rank badges.

Finally, scouts do not need to bring their binder with them to each scout meeting, unlike their book, which should come to each troop meeting and campout, especially at the earlier ranks. The binder must be presented at boards of review for 1st class, Star, Life and of course, Eagle. But it will make your life much easier to start your binder as soon as possible since you will soon be receiving merit badge record cards that you **DO NOT WANT TO LOSE !!**

What to keep: You must keep rank record cards, merit badge record cards, blue cards for merit badges in progress, letters that document your service hours. What you might want to keep: Rank badges, POR patches, favorite patches, merit badge worksheets you are working on.