

ACCOMMODATIONS vs. MODIFICATIONS



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CUB SCOUT

ACCOMMODATIONS and MODIFICATIONS

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SCOUT

ACCOMMODATIONS and MODIFICATIONS

***Satisfy requirements
as written***



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ACCOMMODATIONS

- Assisting with a task
- NOT changing the task required
- Providing additional supports in order to help the Scout achieve their goal



MODIFICATIONS

- Changes the requirement
 - Reduces the requirement or
 - Substitutes it for something else



WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE USED?

- Timing
- Scheduling
- Setting
- Presentation
- Response



TIMING

- Scout requires more time to read, write, use devices
 - May require electronic devices or assistance to stay on task
 - Allow to complete in small chunks



SCHEDULING

→ Coordination with the effects of medication

- ◆ Schedule task when medication is at its most effective
- ◆ Provide frequent breaks



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SETTING

- Scout has difficulty focusing in a group setting, distracting other youths
 - ◆ Personal assistance including supervision and cues
 - ◆ Preferential seating, etc.



PRESENTATION

→ Scout has specific sensory needs

- ◆ Change the group size
- ◆ Determine the rate of new skill introduction
- ◆ Teach prerequisites
- ◆ Provide visual/auditory cue cards
- ◆ Adapt existing materials



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RESPONSE

- Scout has a sensory or physical disability their limits their ability to respond, memorize, etc.
- ◆ Allow Scout record answers (scribe), respond orally, uses assistive technology, etc.



MODIFICATIONS



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CANNOT CHANGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY MERIT BADGE

- If it says “show” or “demonstrate”, that is what they have to do
- But think outside the box to meet the requirements



Alternate Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class Requirements

A Scout who has been designated as having a disability may request changes:

- Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks
- Full guidelines and procedures are described in:
 - Current Scouts-BSA Alternative Requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class Rank
 - Then, an Individual Scout Advancement Plan (pub# 512-936) should be filed with your Council's Advancement Committee for review and approval.



Alternative Eagle Merit Badges

A Scout with a permanent physical or mental disability may select an alternative merit badge in lieu of a required merit badge if the disabling condition prohibits the Scout from completing the necessary requirements of a particular required merit badge.

- This substitute should provide a “similar learning experience.”
- Full guidelines and explanations provided on: [Application for Alternative Eagle Scout Rank Merit Badges, No. 512-730.](#)

