

You can always try to get one of the dads or and Assistant Scoutmaster to work with you at a Troop meeting. But you have to be prepared. It is not supposed to be a training session - it is a time to show that you have already mastered the material. Here's how you do it:

1. Study the Scout Handbook. Read everything and underline or highlight the important stuff. If it is a skill, like tying a knot, practice until you can do it with your eyes closed.
2. When you think you know it, explain what you learned to your folks, a sibling, a friend, a Scouting buddy.
3. Then read the material in the Scout Handbook again. Make notes on the things you learned when you presented the material the first time and do more practicing.
4. Then go to your Patrol Leader and explain it all to him. If he feels you are ready, pick out a dad or Assistant Scoutmaster that you want to talk to get the requirement signed off. It would be best to email him ahead of the meeting to ask for an appointment but if you are prepared, feel free to approach any of the leaders at any time.
5. Before you go to the leader, review the material in your Scout Handbook one more time (that should be easy, especially if you have underlined important information and made notes in your handbook).
6. When you have it down cold, meet the leader at the meeting. Have your book open to the proper page for him to sign and know which pages cover the material. (Sometimes the leader will want to reference these pages as he questions you). You also need to have a pen in hand – give that to the leader when you hand him the book. Don't expect others to be prepared for you. Your aim is to eliminate every hurdle between you and your goal – even the little stuff like having a pen!

That is what it means to “Be Prepared” as it relates to advancement. It also means that you will probably advance much more rapidly while at the same time you develop some really great life skills.