

Proposal for Cybersecurity Merit Badge

Pilot Survey Results

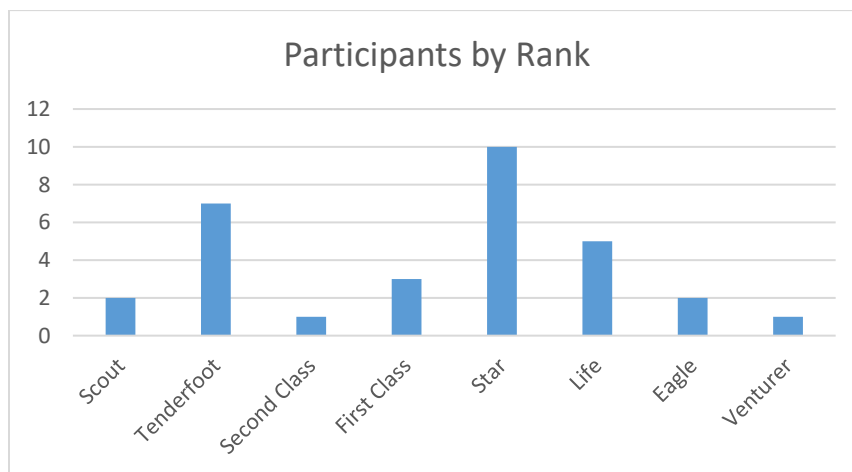
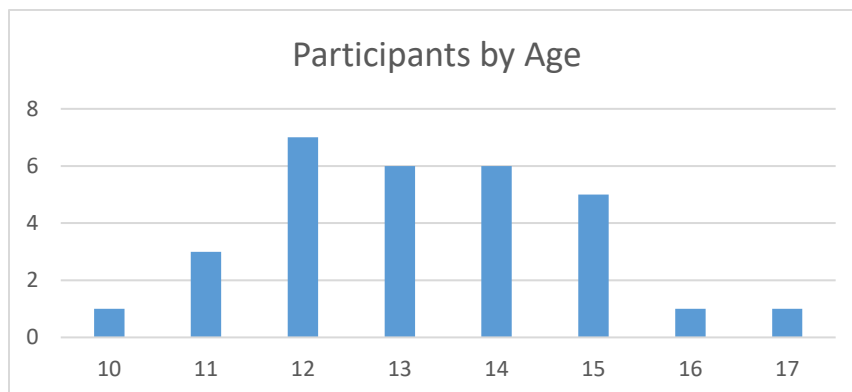


On May 12th, 2018, a Cybersecurity pilot event was held at a regularly-scheduled merit badge clinic hosted by the Simon Kenton Council in Columbus, Ohio (<http://scouts.mbsupersaturday.org>). Four sessions of approximately 90 minutes each were conducted, with activities selected from the recommended set of requirements contained in the initial merit badge proposal. After each session, the Scouts were asked to complete a brief survey. Individual responses have been anonymized to protect privacy, and are only presented here in aggregate.

Demographics

There were 31 participants from 23 different units. Age and rank distributions were fairly typical for a Boy Scout merit badge event.

The average age was 13 years old; 80% were 12-15 years.

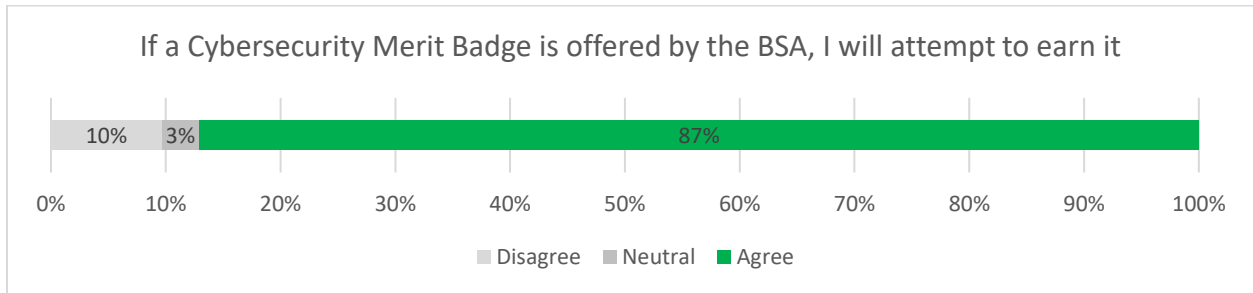


Survey Responses

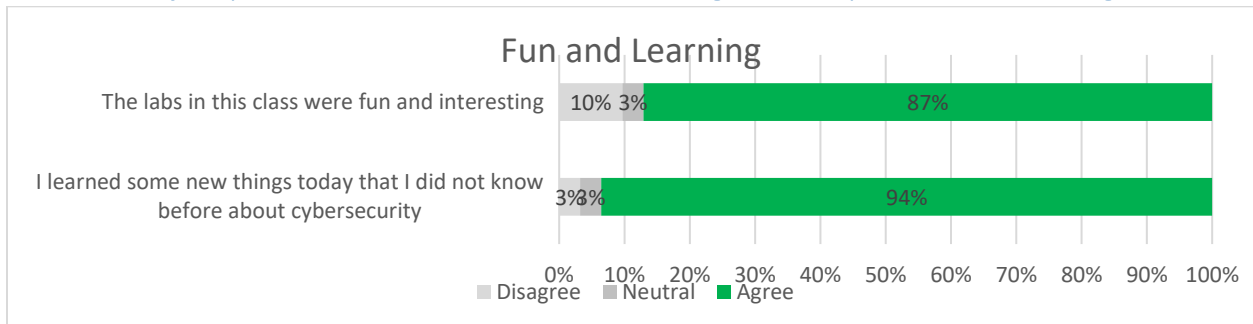
Participants were asked to rate how much they agreed with some sentiments on a scale of 1—10.

The vast majority said they would go for the merit badge if offered.

87% of Scouts would attempt to earn a Cybersecurity merit badge if offered. The average response was **8.23** (out of 10). **42%** gave a full 10.



The vast majority found the activities fun/interesting, and they learned new things.



Scouts generally found the cybersecurity activities age/skill appropriate.

While not everyone thought cybersecurity would be easy, they didn't think it would be too difficult, either. Almost every Scout that didn't think cybersecurity would be easy still reported that they would likely go for the badge. This seems to indicate that even if cybersecurity is perceived as a challenging subject, it is interesting enough to attempt anyway (or maybe precisely because it is challenging).

