

Merit Badge (BLUECARD) Procedures

So, you want to work on a Merit Badge? Please follow these simple steps to achieve success.

1. Pick a topic of interest and look up the requirements and see if you think you want to do this. (requirements books are printed annually because a few change each year.. they can also be looked up on the web at www.meritbadge.com/bsa/mb)
2. The scout (not the parent) asks the Advancement Chairperson (currently Mrs. Green) for a “Bluecard”. This “almighty, all powerful bluecard” is your responsibility to keep up with at all times, and you have 1 year to complete the Merit badge (MB)... it is now listed in your advancement records as a “partial”.
3. Mrs. Green will issue the “almighty all-powerful bluecard” which will include your counselor’s name and phone number.
4. Get a MB book from the Troop library or it can be purchased at the scout shop (& the Troop library appreciates it as a donation when you finish it). Make sure the book you are using has the latest requirements (see #1).
5. The scout (**not the parent**) should then contact the counselor.... Tell him or her that you are ready to start working on the MB.. they may request a meeting, give you advice or OK your plan, each counselor & each MB is a little different.
6. Now you’re ready to work on the MB.. you may be working alone, with another scout or going to a clinic/workshop or at camp. Your counselor may ask you to check in at intervals or maybe just to get back in touch when you’re complete.
7. When you’re done, get your counselor to sign and date the “almighty, all powerful bluecard”. They might keep the counselor’s section or may return all 3 sections to you.
8. Get Mr. Morin to sign the “unit leaders” line AFTER your counselor signs and dates.
9. Turn in ALL parts of the bluecard (may be 2 parts if counselor kept one or all 3 parts) to Mrs. Green.

YOU WILL RECEIVE THE “Applicant’s Record” section of the bluecard, along with the MB certificate and the MB emblem AT THE NEXT COURT OF HONOR. The emblem is worn on the BSA sash, not on the uniform.