

Troop 447 Merit Badge Process

Information for Applicant

- A merit badge application can be approved only by a registered merit badge counselor.
- You must have a buddy with you (Scout buddy system) at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.
- Turn in your approved application to your unit leader. You will be awarded the merit badge emblem and certificate at a suitable occasion.

Information for Counselor

- Merit badge applications must be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.
- The Scout must have his buddy (Scout buddy system) in attendance at all instructional sessions.
- You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable.

APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 is a registered _____
☐ Boy Scout ☐ Varsity Scout ☐ Explorer
 of _____ No. _____
 District _____
 Council _____
 and is qualified to begin working for merit badge noted on the reverse side.

Date _____ Signature of unit leader _____
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Boy Scout Merit Badge Blue Card

1. A Merit Badge (MB) application submitted to Advancement/Award Chairman
2. The Scout then gets the Scout Master's Approval by getting the Blue Card signed by the scoutmaster.
3. A [Merit Badge Counselor](#) (MBC) is assigned by Advancement/Award Chairman or Scout Master and then the scout is given the signed Blue card.
4. All [merit badges](#) must be completed on the troops [Merit Badge Worksheets](#)
5. The MBC and Scout have a conference about the MB.
 1. This Troop 447 Merit Badge Process is explained to the scout requesting the blue card.
 2. They discuss in detail what is required and expected for each and every requirement.
 3. The MBC explains which part can be done at home and what is required for proof of completion.
The MBC explains which parts has to be presented in front of troop.
 4. The MBC explains which parts need to be done in front of the MBC.
 5. This is all done so everything is understood before going in to each endeavor.
 6. At this time it is explained which of the requirements must be recorded on the MB worksheet.
6. The MBC and Scout (Initiated and requested by the scout unless the MBC deems otherwise) will have weekly, bi-weekly or monthly status reports.
 1. This time period really depends on the complexity and length of MB in question and is set during the MBC conference) to track scouts progress and further clarify the requirements if needed.
 2. The MBC will initial on the worksheet each requirement that has been satisfactorily completed.
7. Upon full completion of the MB Worksheet, a full review of the MB to the MBC to confirm compliance with the requirements.
8. Signature of MBC on blue card.
9. Signature of Scout Master on blue card.

10. Blue Card divided into three parts, Troop Record, Applicants Record and Counselors record.
11. Scout receives the badge he has earned.
12. Scout receives the applicants' record from the blue card.
13. Scout is officially recognized (Presented MB Card) at the Court of Honor in front of peers, parents and leaders

NOTES:

- *MB Worksheets can be typed or hand written as long as they are legible.*
- *The work **MUST** be the Scouts work; parents should help but let the scout earn it.*
- *It's not the badge that's important, but what is learned by completing the requirements.*
- *One or two word answers on the worksheet are not acceptable.*
- *The scout should clearly state what he means without the need for interpretation.*
- *Please feel free to attach **ANYTHING** to the worksheet, such as pictures, videos, documents from other parties etc.*
- *Feel free to ask any questions.*