

Merit Badge Instructions

These are the steps that a Scout takes to earn a merit badge.

When you start as a Boy Scout, you first want to focus on achieving the rank of Tenderfoot. As you work on the skills that are part of Second Class and First Class, you may want to look at the Merit Badges that are available in Scouting, though they are not required until Star rank. Your Boy Scout Handbook has a lists the Merit Badges. When you are ready to begin working on a Merit Badge, follow these steps:

- Choose a Merit Badge**
Look at the requirements for the Merit Badge and determine that they are age appropriate and that you could earn that Badge within a year.
- Meet with the Scoutmaster**
Meet with the Scoutmaster or the Troops Advancement Chair to discuss your interest in working on a merit badge.
- Blue Card**
Before beginning work on your Merit Badge, you must make sure that you are issued a Blue Card.
- Merit Badge Counselor**
Check for Counselor's name on the Blue Card.
- Obtain Merit Badge Pamphlet**
Read the pamphlet to become familiar with the Merit Badge requirements.
- Contact & Meet with Your Merit Badge Counselor**
It is a always a good idea to contact your Merit Badge Counselor before you start work on your Merit Badge.
- Complete the Requirements**
- Follow-up with Your Merit Badge Counselor**
When you have fulfilled the requirements for the Merit Badge, contact your Counselor to set up an appointment to show that you have completed the requirements.
- Obtain Counselor's Signature and Obtain Scoutmaster's Signature on your Blue Card.**
- Submit Blue Card**
Return both remaining parts of the Blue Card at Least Three Weeks before Court of Honor.
- Receive Your Merit Badge at the Court of Honor!**

Keep your green and Blue Cards in a safe place.