

# **Merit Badge Process**



## **Beginning a New Merit Badge:**

1. Select the merit badge you want to work on.
2. Identify a counselor for that merit badge and check on their availability:
  - Troop 72 counselors – posted on Troop 72 website, or see Mrs. Nagy.
  - If troop 72 does not have a counselor for a particular merit badge, see Mrs. Nagy who will identify a potential counselor within Minsi Trails Council.
3. Obtain a blue card from Mrs. Nagy.
4. Fill out the parts of the blue card required to begin the merit badge (see page 2).
5. Obtain Mr. McKenzie's signature on the blue card (see page 2).
6. Meet with the counselor before beginning any work on the merit badge, and give them the blue card which they will hold while you are working on the merit badge.
7. Once the requirements for the merit badge have been completed to the counselor's satisfaction, the counselor will complete his portion of the blue card (see page 2) and turn it in to Mrs. Daniels.

## **Completing Partial Merit Badges from Summer Camp:**

1. Identify a counselor for that merit badge and check their availability:
  - Troop 72 counselors – posted on Troop 72 website, or see Mrs. Nagy
  - If troop 72 does not have a counselor for a particular merit badge, see Mrs. Nagy who will identify a potential counselor within Minsi Trails Council.
2. Ask Mrs. Nagy for the partial blue card and give it to the counselor you will be working with, who will identify the remaining requirements you need to finish.
3. Complete the requirements.
4. Once the requirements for the merit badge have been completed to the counselor's satisfaction, the counselor will complete his portion of the blue card (see page 2). The completed blue card must be turned in to Mrs. Daniel either by the Scout or counselor.

Blue Card Front:

<p><b>Information for Applicant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A merit badge application can be approved only by a registered merit badge counselor.</li> <li>You must have a buddy with you (Scout buddy system) at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.</li> <li>Turn in your approved application to your unit leader. You will be awarded the merit badge emblem and certificate at a suitable occasion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information for Counselor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merit badge applications must be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.</li> <li>The Scout's buddy (Scout buddy system) must also be in attendance at all instructional sessions.</li> <li>You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>SKU 646956</p>  <p>7 30176 34869 8</p> <p>34124A      2021 Printing ©2018 Boy Scouts of America</p> </div>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">Counselor initial</td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> <td style="width: 10%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of approval</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Requirement No. and letter</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Counselor initial</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of approval</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Requirement No. and letter</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Counselor initial																			Date of approval																				Requirement No. and letter																				Counselor initial																				Date of approval																				Requirement No. and letter																				<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE</b></p> <p>Name <u>Billy Scout</u>          Address <u>123 Main Street</u>          City <u>Anytown</u></p> <p>is a registered  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scout    <input type="checkbox"/> Venturer    <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Scout</p> <p>of <u>TROOP</u> Troop, crew, ship      No. <u>72</u></p> <p>District <u>Lehigh</u>          Council <u>Minsi Trails</u></p> <p>I have discussed this merit badge with this Scout and recommended at least one merit badge counselor.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____ Signature of unit leader _____</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®</p> <p>34124</p> </div>
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Blue Card Back:

<p>The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that all requirements have been met for the (please print)</p> <p><u>Family Life</u> Merit badge</p> <p><u>Mrs. Cilla Nagy</u> Name of counselor</p> <p>Address of counselor _____</p> <p>City _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Telephone No. of counselor _____</p> <p>Signature of counselor _____ / / _____ Date</p> <p>Checked and recorded:</p> <p>Date _____ Initials _____</p> <p>Certificate and badge presented _____ Date</p> <p>Applicant will turn in this portion to their unit leader for record posting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPLICANT'S RECORD</b></p> <p>Name <u>Billy Scout</u></p> <p>has given me this completed application for the</p> <p><u>Family Life</u> Merit badge</p> <p>Completed on _____ / _____ / _____ by _____ Date</p> <p>Signature of counselor _____</p> <p>Signature of unit leader _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTE TO SCOUT, VENTURER, OR SEA SCOUT: Retain this copy for your permanent records.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNSELOR'S RECORD</b></p> <p>Applicant <u>Billy Scout</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop    <input type="checkbox"/> Crew    Unit No. <u>72</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Ship</p> <p><u>Family Life</u> Merit badge</p> <p>Date completed _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.</p>
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