





TROOP 123 GUIDE TO MERIT BADGES

- **★** The Basics
- **★** "White Ringers"
- ★ The Blue Card and the Process



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4 Steps to Advancement

- The Scout learns
- The Scout is tested
- The Scout is reviewed
- The Scout is recognized







- **★** Two types of Merit Badges:
 - General Interest
 - Eagle Required or "White Ringer"





- **★** Can be earned at any time, but required for:
 - Star
 - Life
 - Eagle







Not just a Summer Camp Activity – can be earned year-round







More than 130 merit badges in 14 subject areas:

- **Agribusiness**
- **Arts and crafts**
- **★** Business and industry
- **†** Communications
- Conservation
- Hobbies
- **★** Natural science



- Personal development
- Physical science
- Professions
- **★** Public service
- **★** Sports
- **★** Trades
- **★** Transportation









Benefits:

- ***** Contribution to the aims of Scouting: citizenship, character, and fitness
- **★** Development of confidence, self-reliance, and social skills
- Physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- Career and hobby choices may result
- **Exposure to positive role models**





















THE "WHITE RINGERS"

★ Required to earn Eagle Scout:

- 4 by Star
- 3 more by Life
- 6 more by Eagle







































- Camping
- **★** Citizenship in the Community
- ★ Citizenship in the Nation
- ★ Citizenship in the World
- ***** Communications
- **&** Cooking













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- ★ Family Life (3 months)
- **★** First Aid
- ♣ Personal Management (3 months)
- ♣ Personal Fitness (3 months)











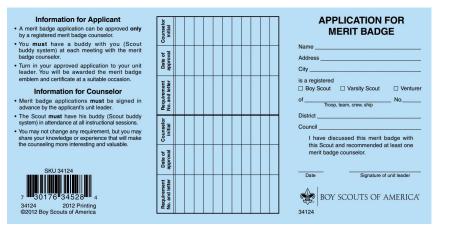
- ★ Lifesaving (Swimming is prerequisite) or Emergency Preparedness
- ★ Environmental Science or Sustainability
- Cycling or Hiking or Swimming







★ Obtain Blue Card from Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair



The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)	APPLICANT'S RECORD	COUNSELOR'S RECORD
	Name	Applicant
Merit badge		
Name of counselor	has given me his completed application for the	□Troop
		☐ Team Unit number
Address of counselor	Merit badge	Crew
City ZIp code Telephone number of counselor	Completed on/ by	
Signature of counselor / / Date	Signature of counselor	Date completed/ /
Checked and recorded:		Remarks:
Date Initials	Signature of unit leader	
Certificate and badge presented		
Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.	NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.	It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.





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 applicantism smit be deer. • 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.

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I have discussed this merit badge with this Scout and recommended at least one merit badge counselor.				
Date	_		Signature of	unit leader

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Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.	NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.	It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

- Complete red highlighted sections
- Get Scoutmaster approval (green highlighted section)
- ★ Submit to Merit Badge Counselor when starting merit badge





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★ Merit Badge Counselor will hold onto the Blue Card while it is being worked on and will complete the requirements and approval section, as well as their contact information (yellow highlight)





APPLICATION FOR

MERIT BADGE

☐ Boy Scout ☐ Varsity Scout ☐ Venture

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permanent records.

- When completed the Merit Badge Counselor signs and dates appropriate sections (yellow highlight)
- Scout returns Blue Card to Scoutmaster for signature (green highlight)
- Scoutmaster submits
 Blue Card to
 Advancement Chair

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IMPORTANT RECORDKEEPING

Scout's responsibility to track:

- Merit Badges in Scout Handbook for Star, Life or Eagle rank requirement as appropriate
- At Court of Honor, the Scout will receive "Applicant Record" portion of Blue card along with a Merit Badge Card to be maintained in his Red Notebook, and the Merit Badge (for his sash)
- Cards will be needed when ranking to Eagle.









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