

Some Tips on Managing Blue Cards

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The blue-card system may look a little old-school, but it's how **every bit of your merit-badge progress gets tracked**. Guard them well!

1 KEEP THEM SAFE

Store your in-progress blue cards somewhere they won't get lost, bent, or damaged.

2 LOG PROGRESS OFTEN

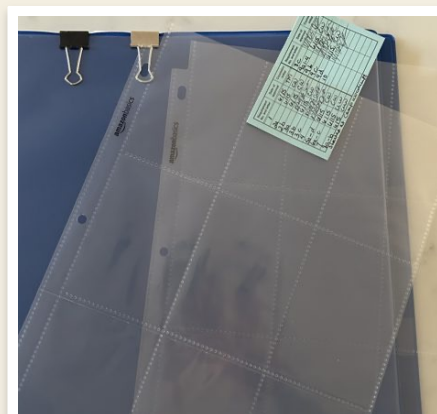
Ask the Advancement Team to enter your progress into TroopMaster along the way — not just at the finish line.

3 STASH THEM SMART

Keep cards (and any worksheets) in a Ziploc in your Scout Book jacket pocket — or start a blue-card binder.



BLUE CARDS FILED IN SLEEVES



THE BINDER + CARD-SLEEVE INSERTS

TIP: See the full process on the Troop website → **PROGRAM** tab → **MERIT BADGES**.



BLUE CARDS: WHERE DID YOU EARN IT?

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How your blue card is handled depends on **where the badge comes from**. Find your situation below:

A ON YOUR OWN

Independent · outside class (Discovery Place, Council event)

- Request a **blank blue card first** + get the Scoutmaster's signature for permission.
- Bring it to the Advancement Team to log progress — partial or complete.
- Partial cards come back to you; hand the card back to your counselor as you complete requirements.

B TROOP SUMMER CAMP

Camp Woodruff, Camp Daniel Boone & other Troop camps

- **No blank card needed** — the Troop enters camp reports into TroopMaster.
- Completed badges are fully processed for you.
- For partials, the Team makes you a partial card to finish at your own pace.

C COUNCIL CAMP

e.g. Winter Camp & other Council events

- **Read the registration info** — you may need to bring cards (get a Scoutmaster signature first).
- Bring the Council report or card to the Team to log.
- Finish any partials on your own; keep the partial card safe.

D TROOP MEETING/TRIP

e.g. badge classes at meetings & the American Heritage Trip

- **Counselors pass out blue cards** — no need to request one ahead of time.
- Completed badges are fully processed.
- Partial cards are entered and a partial card comes back to you.

NOTE — Virtual merit-badge classes aren't allowed unless the Scoutmaster gives direct permission for a badge with no local MB counselor.

NEED A COUNSELOR? The Merit Badge Coordinator keeps a list of Troop & outside counselors. Ask the Advancement Team at a meeting or email bt58advancements@googlegroups.com

