

TROOP757 MERIT BADGE PROCESS

You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn [merit badges](#). There are more than 100 merit badges. Any Boy Scout may earn any merit badge at any time. You don't need to have had rank advancement to be eligible.

Here are the steps for completing a Merit Badge in Troop 757;

1. **Pick a Subject.** Talk to the Troop Merit Badge Coordinator about your interests. Read the requirements of the merit badges you think might interest you. Pick one to earn.
2. *Get a blue card from the Merit Badge Coordinator.* The Merit Badge Coordinator will give you the name of a person from a list of Merit Badge Counselors. These counselors have special knowledge in their merit badge subjects and are interested in helping you. Please note, *You must have another person with you at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.* This person can be another Scout, your parents or guardian, a brother or sister, a relative, or a friend.
3. **Contact the Merit Badge Counselor.** Get in touch with the merit badge counselor and tell him or her that you want to earn the merit badge. The counselor may ask you to come and see him so he can explain what he expects and start helping you meet the requirements.
4. Fill out the Blue Card and be sure to include the Merit Badge Counselor information. Then bring the completed card to the Scoutmaster to sign signifying you are ready to work on this merit badge with your chosen merit badge counselor.
5. When you know what is expected, start to learn and do the things required. Ask your counselor to help you learn the things you need to know or do. You should read the merit badge pamphlet on the subject. Our troop has an extensive library of Merit Badge Pamphlets and you can get [Merit Badge Worksheets](#) at www.meritbadge.org. The counselor will ask you to do each requirement to make sure that you know your stuff and have done or can do the things required. You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated -- no more and no less. You are expected to do exactly what is stated in the requirements. If it says "show or demonstrate," that is what you must do. Just telling about it isn't enough. The same thing holds true for such words as "make," "list," "in the field," and "collect," "identify," and "label."
6. When the counselor is satisfied that you have met each requirement, he or she will sign your blue card. Give the signed blue card to your Scoutmaster to sign .
7. Once the Scoutmaster signs the completion block, give the blue card to the Troop Advancement Secretary to record your accomplishment . The troop will keep one portion for troop records and you will be given the applicants portion to keep in your own records.
8. Receive the Merit Badge at the next Troop Court of Honor.

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