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









### 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

















- **★** 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

#### Information for Applicant

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| Counselor<br>initial          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date of approval              |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Requirement<br>No. and letter |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| The applicant has personally appeared before me<br>and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has<br>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  |  |  |
| Name of Counselor   |   | ☐ Team Unit number  |  |  |
| Address of counselor  | Merit badge   | □ Crew  |  |  |
| City ZIp code Telephone number of counsetor   | Completed on/ by  | Merit badge   |  |  |
| / /<br>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,<br>OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your<br>permanent records. | It is suggested that the counselor keep this<br>record in case any question is raised later in<br>regard to this award. |  |  |









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







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| Address         |   |           |
|-----------------|---|-----------|
| City            |   |           |
| is a registered |   |           |
|                 | □ Varsity Scout                                     |           |
| of              | , team, crew, ship                                  | No        |
|                 |   |           |
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| Council         |   |           |
| I have dis      | cussed this merit be and recommended a e counselor. | adge with |

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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)





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| MERIT BADGE   |
|---|
| Name  |
| Address   |
| City  |
| is a registered  ☐ Boy Scout ☐ Varsity Scout ☐ Venturer   |
| of No   |
| District  |
| Council   |
| I have discussed this merit badge with<br>this Scout and recommended at least one<br>merit badge counselor. |
| Date Signature of unit leader   |
| BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  |

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- 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



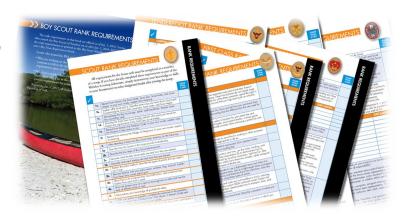




## IMPORTANT RECORDKEEPING

# 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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