

MERIT BADGE APPLICATION

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TALL PINE COUNCIL

Applicant and merit badge counselor should carefully read the information on the back side before filling out this application.

TROOP, TEAM, OR POST: _____ DISTRICT: _____ DATE: _____

NAME: _____ STREET: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

I respectfully make application for the award of the _____ MERIT BADGE.

APPROVAL OF LEADER

I hereby certify that the applicant is eligible for counseling in the above merit badge.

DATE: _____

Signature of Unit Leader
(must be signed before contacting counselor)

Requirement No. & Letter	Date of Approval	Counselor Initial	Requirement No. & Letter	Date of Approval	Counselor Initial	Requirement No. & Letter	Date of Approval	Counselor Initial

APPROVAL OF MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

The above named applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ (signature of counselor)

(please print) _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ PHONE: _____

(or summer camp name)

Checked and recorded at the scout service center _____ (date) _____ (initial)

SCOUT'S RECORD

Applicant: _____ has given me his approved application for the _____ MERIT BADGE

On _____ by _____ (name of counselor)

Counselor's address: _____

Phone: _____

(Signature of Unit Leader) Date: _____

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant: _____

Unit: _____

Merit Badge: _____

Date: _____

Remarks: _____

It is suggested that counselors retain this record for at least one year in case any question is raised concerning the award.

TO MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS AND SCOUTMASTERS

FROM COUNCIL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

THIS IS TO OUTLINE WHAT A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO THE SCOUT, TO THE COUNCIL AND TO THE MERIT BADGE PROCEDURES.

1. BEFORE A SCOUT BEGINS WORK ON A MERIT BADGE, THE SCOUT MUST GET APPROVAL FROM HIS SCOUTMASTER TO WORK ON THAT MERIT BADGE. WHEN THE SCOUTMASTER SIGNS THE MERIT BADGE APPLICATION, HE IS GIVING HIS APPROVAL. THE SCOUTMASTER WILL ASSIGN A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR FOR THE SCOUT TO CONTACT. (NOTE: MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LISTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCOUT OFFICE OR CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT SCOUT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE.)
2. AFTER GETTING HIS SCOUTMASTER'S APPROVAL, THE SCOUT MUST CONTACT THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR. DURING THIS CONTACT THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR SHOULD REVIEW THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. HAVE THE SCOUT READ THE CURRENT MERIT BADGE BOOK
 - B. SET A TIME TO GO OVER THE REQUIREMENTS, (SO THAT THE SCOUT KNOWS WHAT IS EXPECTED).
3. IT IS THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR'S JOB TO AID THE SCOUT IN COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS BY SHARING THE SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE IN THE MERIT BADGE SUBJECT AREA.
4. THE MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR CANNOT CHANGE, ADD TO, OR DELETE FROM THE PUBLISHED REQUIREMENTS FOR A MERIT BADGE. THE SCOUT MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO EARN THAT MERIT BADGE, NO MORE, NO LESS.
5. WHEN THE SCOUT HAS COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS, THE COUNSELOR WILL SIGN THE MERIT BADGE APPLICATION. (KEEPING THE COUNSELOR PORTION)
6. THE SCOUT WILL RETURN THE REMAINING PARTS OF THE MERIT BADGE APPLICATION TO HIS SCOUTMASTER. THE SCOUTMASTER WILL SIGN THE SCOUT'S PORTION AND RETURN IT TO THE SCOUT. THE REMAINING PORTION WILL BE SENT TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE WITH A COMPLETED ADVANCEMENT REPORT. (FORM #4403).