

How to Complete a Merit Badge Application a.k.a. "Blue Card"

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APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE

Name SCOTTY SCOUT

Address 123 MAIN ST

City SAN JOSE 95120

is a registered
 Boy Scout Varsity Scout Venturer
of TROOP No. 290
Troop, team, crew, ship

District QUICKSILVER

Council SILICON VALLEY MONTEREY BAY

*** I have discussed this merit badge with this Scout and recommended at least one merit badge counselor.

1/31/2017 [Signature]
Date Signature of unit leader

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- Fill in your name and address. Check or "X" the Boy Scout box, write in Troop and 290. District is "Quicksilver" Council is Silicon Valley Monterey Bay which can be abbreviated S.V.M.B.C. enter the date. Use Blue or Black INK. DO NOT SEPARATE.**

If you are working on a merit badge as part of the scout meetings, you'll know who your counselor is and how to contact him or her. If you want to do a merit badge outside of the meetings, which is HIGHLY recommended as there well over 100 merit badges covering practically every topic except for beekeeping (it was a merit badge until 1995) See your scoutmaster who has a list of ALL Merit Badge counselors in the District and in the Council. He will give you two or more names and their contact information so that you can arrange to work on the badge.

Please keep in mind, it is NOT acceptable for your Scoutmaster, your parent, or anyone besides YOU to fill out YOUR Blue Card. You filling out the Blue Card is just as important as you performing the skills and demonstrating the knowledge in order to complete the requirements of the merit badge. No one else can or should do this for you.

On to the obverse:

The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)

SCOUTING HERITAGE
Merit badge

HISTORICAL HARRISON
Name of counselor

360 NORTH DRIVE
Address of counselor

SAN JOSE, CA 95120
City Zip code

408-555-1212
Telephone No. of counselor

Signature of counselor Date

Checked and recorded:

Date Initials

Certificate and badge presented _____
Date

Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.

APPLICANT'S RECORD

Name SCOTTY SCOUT

has given me his completed application for the

SCOUTING HERITAGE
Merit badge

Completed on ____ / ____ / ____ by

Signature of counselor

Signature of unit leader

NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant SCOUT; SCOTTY

Troop
 Team Unit No. 290

Crew

SCOUTING HERITAGE
Merit badge

Date completed ____ / ____ / ____

Remarks:

It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

Enter the Merit Badge Name	Enter your name	Enter your name
Your counselor will enter their contact information	Enter the Merit Badge Name	Check "Troop" and enter "290"
		Enter the Merit Badge Name

Your are now ready to start working on the Merit Badge.

Either purchase a merit badge pamphlet or check one out from the troop librarian. Everything you need to know can be found in the pamphlet. There are also plenty of online resources if you search for them. Some are good, others are not, nothing is guaranteed to be complete other than the pamphlet.

Contact your Counselor. Agree on your plan BEFORE proceeding with any activities. Otherwise you may have to redo something because you didn't fully understand the requirement.

As you complete requirements, your counselor will enter the item number of the requirement and initial that it was completed along with the date of completing the requirement. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure they write down and sign off the correct requirement for what you demonstrate to them.

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Requirement No. and letter	Date of approval	Counselor initial
1	2.1.17	HH
2a.	2.1.17	HH
2b.	3.3.17	HH
3	3.4.17	HH
4a	7.7.17	HH
5	4.1.17	HH
6	2.2.17	HH
7	5.3.17	HH
8	5.3.17	HH

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2/17/2017
Date MG Oda
Signature of unit leader

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In this example, you can see that the scout worked on the merit badge for over 5 months before completing all of the requirements. Sometimes it can take over a year! It all depends on how much time and effort you want to put in on YOUR merit badge.

Once you complete the last requirement, your counselor will sign the card in a couple of places:

<p>The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)</p> <p><u>SCOUTING HERITAGE</u> Merit badge</p> <p><u>HISTORICAL HARRISON</u> Name of counselor</p> <p><u>360 NORTH DRIVE</u> Address of counselor</p> <p><u>SAN JOSE, CA 95120</u> City Zip code</p> <p><u>408-555-1212</u> Telephone No. of counselor</p> <p><u>H Harrison 7/7/17</u> Signature of counselor Date</p> <p>Checked and recorded:</p> <p>Date _____ Initials _____</p> <p>Certificate and badge presented _____ Date _____</p> <p>Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.</p>	<p>APPLICANT'S RECORD</p> <p>Name <u>SCOTTY SCOUT</u></p> <p>has given me his completed application for the</p> <p><u>SCOUTING HERITAGE</u> Merit badge</p> <p>Completed on <u>7/7/2017</u> by _____ Date</p> <p><u>H Harrison</u> Signature of counselor</p> <p>_____ Signature of unit leader</p> <p>NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.</p>	<p>COUNSELOR'S RECORD</p> <p>Applicant <u>SCOUT; SCOTTY</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Troop <input type="checkbox"/> Team Unit No. <u>290</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Crew</p> <p><u>SCOUTING HERITAGE</u> Merit badge</p> <p>Date completed <u>7/7/2017</u></p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.</p>
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Counselor signs and dates	Date of completion entered by Counselor	Counselor enters the date and then tears off this portion of the card for their records.
	Counselor signs	

Once the merit badge counselor signs off on the card in the two spaces, make sure they separate their portion for their records. Or better yet, you separate it and hand it to them and thank them for their help. The counselor may make notes for themselves on how you did or their observations of your preparation and participation.

COUNSELOR'S RECORD

Applicant SCOTT; SCOTTY

Troop
 Team Unit No. 290
 Crew

SCOUTING HERITAGE
Merit badge

Date completed 7 / 7 / 2017

Remarks: Well prepared, enthusiastic

It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.

You will get the remainder of the card back, (2/3) which you will present to your Unit Leader (Scoutmaster). Your Scoutmaster will sign it and return it to you.

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When you get the card back, take the signed card to the advancement team: (currently Mr. Dhakalia)

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Merit badge

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360 NORTH DRIVE

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City

Zip code

408-555-1212

Telephone No. of counselor

H Harrison 7/7/17

Signature of counselor

Date

Checked and recorded:

7/8/2017

Date

AL

Initials

Certificate and badge presented

7/9/2017

Date

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has given me his completed application for the

SCOUTING HERITAGE

Merit badge

Completed on 7/7/2017 by

Date

H Harrison

Signature of counselor

S Scoutmaster

Signature of unit leader

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The advancement team will sign the card and enter it into the troopmaster database and report it to the Scout office. You will receive the center portion of the blue card back along with a merit badge completion certificate and the merit badge itself at the next court of honor.

KEEP THE BLUE CARD. IT IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR EAGLE AWARD. Recommend keeping them in the 9-up trading card sleeves. Alternatives are a 3x5 card file box or a Tupperware container or something else that is kept in a safe place.