

**"Merit Badge Blue Cards" & "Rank Advancement Record Cards"**

As a result of earning merit badges and advancement through the ranks, Boy Scouts receive records of their accomplishments in the form of blue cards (Applicant portion) and advancement record cards.

Each Scout is responsible to maintain these cards as their permanent record of having achieved the award. It is suggested that these be organized in clear (acetate) pocket sleeves designed for trading cards, in 3-ring binders. The binders can be placed on display at Eagle Courts of Honor. The sleeves are typically available at Walmart and similar locations.

The Council Service Center's permanent records document what each scout has earned. However, at times the Blue Card must be consulted to confirm the award and/or correct date.

It should be noted that once Council has certified (signed-off) on an Eagle Rank Application, the need to produce any card as evidence of that achievement is not required. Consequently, the Cards **are not required to be brought** to an Eagle Board of Review.

When merit badge "partials" are issued for partially completed work, the merit badge counselor shall return the entire blue card (3 parts) to the scout after having initialed those requirements satisfactorily completed (GTA Article 7.0.3.3). The scout may then complete the badge with a different counselor.

If you have any question, please contact either the Committee Staff Advisor at the Council offices, or me..

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