



***About Blue Cards:***

Do you have Blue Card Confusion? Are you trying to figure out when you need a Blue Card to start a Merit Badge? Well, that depends on how the MB Class is offered:

***On Your Own:*** You MUST obtain a Blue Card from the Advancement Chair or the Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator and have it signed by BOTH your MB Counselor and the Scout Master.

***Taught within Troop 889:*** You DO NOT need to obtain a Blue Card in this instance.

***Taught at a BSA Camp:*** You DO NOT need to obtain a Blue Card in this instance.

***Taught at a District sponsored Merit Badge University:***☐ Check with the program - they will let you know if you need to bring a signed Blue Card with you or not.

***Taught at a non-BSA affiliated program (HMNS, Health Museum, etc):***☐ Check with the program - they will let you know if you need to bring a signed Blue Card with you or not.

Special Note: As soon as you join Troop 889 you are automatically working on the Camping MB and anything you do within the context of a Troop or BSA event will count towards that MB.

### ***Finding A Merit Badge Counselor:***☐

Are you starting a new Merit Badge? Do you need to complete a partial from Summer or Winter Camp?

Contact the Troop's Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator (MBCC) and they will help you locate a Merit Badge Counselor for the specific MB you're working on.

Click here to see the current list:

<http://bit.ly/Troop889MBC>

### ***Becoming A Merit Badge Counselors:***☐

The Merit Badge Counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a Merit Badge Counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a young man's curiosity about that particular topic. By serving as a Merit Badge Counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can

explore a topic of interest.

To become a Merit Badge Counselor you simply need to:

- Fill out a BSA Adult Leader Application ( [Download](#) )
- Take Youth Protection Training on-line (about 15-20 minutes)
- Tell us what Merit Badges you would like to counsel ( [Download](#) )
- Turn in all your forms to the Troop Committee
- Attend the next available Merit Badge Counselor Orientation

If you are not yet a Merit Badge Counselor, it is easy to become a volunteer. You will need to register with the Boy Scouts of America, through the Tall Timbers District. Obtain, complete, and turn in to the Troop Membership Chairperson the [Adult Leader Application](#) . The Troop Membership Chairperson and Tall Timbers District will process your application. Every applicant's references are checked to insure the scout's safety.

Next, complete the online course for [Youth Protection Training](#) . Follow this link, log on (you may need to establish a logon if you haven't already done so), and take the course. It should take you 15 to 20 minutes.

Merit Badge Counselor Links:

- [Complete list of Merit Badges and requirements \(Official BSA\)](#)
- [Guide&nbsp;for&nbsp;Merit Badge Counselors&nbsp;\(Official BSA\)](#)
- [Merit Badge Counselor Instructors Guide&nbsp;\(Official BSA\)](#)
  
- [Merit Badge Program Quiz&nbsp;\(Official BSA\)](#)
  
- [Merit Badge Program Quiz Answers&nbsp;\(Official BSA\)](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions&nbsp;\(Official BSA\)](#)