

# Smyrna Troop 422

## How to start and complete a Merit Badge

**Step 1:** Choose a Merit Badge, there are lots to choose from, you can always ask your SPL, Scout Master or other Scouts about some good Merit badges to work on.

**Step 2:** You MUST ask Mrs. Kristi D. for a "Blue Card" at a Scout meeting. She will also enter this in the computer for tracking.

**Step 3:** Find out who the Merit Badge counselor is and talk to him/her about the badge you are starting and any questions you may have.

**Step 4:** Now go to the USScouts.org website and print off the *Merit Badge Workbook* for your Merit Badge  
<http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

Books can be obtained online, from the scout shop, from our troop library or [troop422.net](http://troop422.net) website under documents

**Step 5:** Once you have completed your Merit Badge have your Merit Badge counselor sign off on the worksheet and the blue card

**Step 6:** Bring the blue card and worksheet to Mrs. Kristi D. at a Scout meeting and she will record it in the computer and keep in our paper files.

**Step 7:** Earned Merit Badges will be handed out at the next Court of Honor ceremony. Congratulations!

\*\*\*MERIT BADGE WORKSHEETS AND BLUE CARDS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED YOU MAKE A COPY OF YOUR WORKSHEETS, (*take a pic with your phone*) REQUIREMENT SHEETS AND BLUE CARDS AND KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE. IF YOU LOSE THESE, YOU WILL HAVE TO START OVER.

## **Other ways to earn Merit Badges**

You can also earn Merit Badges at a Merit Badge University “MBU” or at Boy Scout Camp Summer/Winter Camp.

*The process is slightly different;*

1. When you register for an MBU or Camp, you will choose Merit Badges in advance to work on. Worksheets are issued at the MBU or Camp to work from, Blue Cards are NOT used for MBU’s or Camps.
2. Once you work on a merit badge at summer/winter camp or “MBU” there will be a requirements sheet that comes back with the adult leader. Mrs. Kristi D. will enter this into the computer.
3. If the sheet is complete you’ll be given credit and the copy will be placed in your file
4. If the requirements are incomplete, Mrs. Kristi D. will record what you have completed and return the worksheet to you, keep working on the Merit Badge, no Blue card is required if you have your worksheet from camp/MBU
5. Identify MB counselor and work to complete the Merit Badge(s)
6. When the worksheet is completed, have the Merit Badge Counselor sign the worksheet and return it to Mrs. Kristi D. for your file
7. Merit Badges will be handed out at the next Court of Honor ceremony, Congratulations!