EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BLUE CARDS (but were afraid to ask)

YES, Hard copies of Blue cards are required at Merit Badge University!
 Be Prepared: Counselors, nor MBU - does NOT have extra Blue Cards on hand!

(Unlike summer camp staff and Troops, our counselors are not connected to Scoutbook during our event. (For printing purposes, consider Walmart.com in-store delivery for blue cardstock. There is none on their shelves. Another option, Scout Shop or ScoutStuff.org)

- Blue cards are the official record of a scout's progress and completion of a merit badge (MB).
 No blue card, no merit badge.
- A scout fills out his information on a blue card (pre-signed by a scoutmaster) BEFORE starting work on a merit badge. FYI, there are TWO Scoutmaster signatures place on blue cards with a purpose:
 - 1. Pre-signature -- Scoutmaster's approval to begin working on the merit badge.
 - 2. After complete -- Acknowledgment from Scoutmaster; scout has completed the merit badge.4
- The MB Counselor (MBC) --not a scout, not a parent-- dates and initials progress and final completion.
- Scout keeps his own blue card. If lost, a scout needs to redo all previous completed merit badge work.
- Partials are good until the Scout's 18th birthday. (It is recommended Scouts finish partials within a year of starting the merit badge so partials don't enter the 'Island of Forgotten Blue Cards'.)
- When completed, the MB Counselor signs, dates and separates their segment of the card; keeping the
 <u>'Counselor's Record'</u>. Scout turns in the <u>'Application for Merit Badge'</u> segment personally to either: his
 Advancement Coordinator or Scoutmaster. As an insurance against record losses or mistakes, Scouts keeps the
 middle segment: <u>'Applicant's Record'</u>; in an envelope at home or Scout's Organizer.





