

Obtaining Blue Card Signatures during COVID-19

BSA recommends using Scoutbook to track all Advancement activities.

In the event this is not practical for a Merit Badge (due to unit preference, Merit Badge Counselor preference or internet access/availability), and the use of a Blue Card is necessary, the Glacier's Edge Council Advancement Committee recommends using any one of the following options.

Note: The Scoutmaster's signature for issuing the Blue Card may be obtained after completion of the Merit Badge during this national health emergency situation. The Scout should still notify the Scoutmaster that they are beginning to work on a Merit Badge, whenever practical.

1. Use of US Postal Mail. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the Blue Card sent to the Merit Badge Counselor.

OR

2. If a Blue Card is physically not available, E-mail documentation of Merit Badge completion sent from the Merit Badge Counselor directly to the **Unit Advancement Coordinator** (*STRONGLY PREFERRED*), Troop Committee Chair or other Adult Leader (*LEAST PREFERRED*) designated by the Unit Leader (Scoutmaster) or Troop Committee Chair. This approval **SHOULD NOT** go directly to the Unit Leader (Scoutmaster), since the Unit Leader (Scoutmaster) separately must sign off on a Blue Card when issued and after completion.

A member of the Unit Key-3 should designate the **Unit Advancement Coordinator** in the Organization Security Manager under their Unit Applications from the main Menu on my.scouting.org

OR

3. The use of digital technology to distribute completion information (e.g., electronic blue cards from *Black Pug* [247 Scouting] or other BSA authorized software systems).