



Merit Badge Counselor Information Sheet

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Application Type: New Counselor* Add to Existing Counselor Registration Replace Existing Counselor Registration

* The BSA Adult Registration Application and Youth Protection training certificate **must** be attached for new counselors. Position code is #42. No fee required.

Name _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Home phone _____

Address _____ Business phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be able to work with Scout-age youth.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
- Complete Youth Protection Training online at myscouting.org and attach training certificate to your adult application.
- Note that some merit badges require special certifications.

As a merit badge counselor, I agree to:

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Have two or more Scouts present at all instructional sessions.
- Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.
- Complete Youth Protection Training every two years as required by the Boy Scouts of America. Available at www.myscouting.org.

Merit Badge Number (list on back)	Merit Badge Name (list on back)	Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief information below. Use additional sheet, if necessary.	Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements? If yes, give brief information below. Use additional sheet, if necessary.	If not, do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief information below. Use additional sheet, if necessary.

While there is no limit to the number of Merit Badges for which a counselor may be approved, the Crossroads of America Council generally does not approve counselors for more than 10 badges. This recommendation ensures that youth have positive associations with adults—one of the methods of the Scouts BSA program. If more than 10 badges are listed, only the first 10 will be approved. Thank you for your help in developing the values of Scouting in our Scouts.

I am part of Troop | Team | Crew _____ in the _____ District.

Check one of the following boxes:

I wish to work only with youth in _____
(must be registered in unit) Unit Number

I wish to work with youth in all units in the District.

Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

Council / District approved by _____ Date _____

-District Advancement Chair or Unit Committee Chair Signature-

(Council and District Advancement Chairs have authority to reverse an approval made by unit committee chair.)

Merit Badge List

When listing the Merit Badges that you wish to serve as an instructor for, please include the Merit Badge number in the parentheses following the badge. This will allow us to process your application faster. Current requirements are online at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>.

Required for Eagle Rank (17 badges)

Camping (1)	Citizenship in Society (160)	Emergency	Hiking (61)
Citizenship in the Community (2)	(Eagle-required effective 7/1/22)	Preparedness (6)	*Lifesaving (9)
Citizenship in the Nation (3)	Communications (5)	Environmental Science (7) or Sustainability (152)	Personal Fitness (10)
Citizenship in the World (4)	Cooking (38)	Family Life (129)	Personal Management (11)
	Cycling (39)	First Aid (8)	*Swimming (14)

General Merit Badges:

American Business (15)	Electronics (44)	Metalwork (74)	Scholarship (100)
American Cultures (17)	Energy (45)	Mining in Society (155)	Scouting Heritage (143)
American Heritage (16)	Engineering (46)	Model Design and Building (75)	*Scuba Diving (138)
American Labor (121)	Entrepreneurship (134)	Moviemaking (156)	Sculpture (101)
Animal Science (18)	Exploration (159)	*Motorboating (76)	Search & Rescue (150)
Animation (158)	Farm Mechanics (48)	Music (77)	*Shotgun Shooting (124) – must be NRA certified instructor
Archaeology (132)	Fingerprinting (49)	Nature (78)	Signs, Signals & Codes (157)
*Archery (19)	Fire Safety (50)	Nuclear Science (24)	Skating (103)
Architecture (20)	Fish and Wildlife Management (51)	Oceanography (79)	*Small-Boat Sailing (105)
Art (21)	Fishing (52)	Orienteering (80)	*Snow Sports (135)
Astronomy (22)	Fly-Fishing (136)	Painting (81)	Soil and Water Conservation (106)
Athletics (23)	Forestry (54)	Pets (82)	Space Exploration (107)
Automotive Maintenance (127)	Game Design (151)	Photography (83)	Sports (13)
Aviation (25)	Gardening (55)	Pioneering (84)	Stamp Collecting (108)
Backpacking (26)	Genealogy (56)	Plant Science (85)	Surveying (109)
Basketry (27)	Geocaching (145)	Plumbing (86)	Textile (110)
Bird Study (29)	Geology (58)	Pottery (87)	Theater (111)
Bugling (32)	Golf (59)	Programming (153)	Traffic Safety (112)
*Canoeing (33)	Graphic Arts (122)	Public Health (89)	Truck Transportation (113)
Chemistry (34)	Health Care Professions (161)	Public Speaking (90)	Veterinary Medicine (114)
Chess (147)	Home Repairs (62)	Pulp and Paper (91)	*Water Sports (115)
Cinematography (126)	Horsemanship (63)	Radio (93)	Weather (116)
*Climbing (133)	Indian Lore (64)	Railroading (94)	Welding (148)
Coin Collecting (35)	Insect Study (65)	Reading (95)	*Whitewater (125)
Collections (128)	Inventing (144)	Reptile and Amphibian Study (96)	Wilderness Survival (117)
Composite Materials (137)	Journalism (66)	*Rifle Shooting (123) – must be NRA certified instructor	Wood Carving (118)
Crime Prevention (131)	*Kayaking (149)	Robotics (146)	Woodwork (119)
Dentistry (40)	Landscape Architecture (67)	*Rowing (98)	
Digital Technology (154)	Law (68)	Safety (12)	
Disabilities Awareness (60)	Leatherwork (69)	Salesmanship (99)	
Dog Care (41)	Mammal Study (71)		
Drafting (42)			
Electricity (43)			

Note – merit badges indicated with an (*) require the counselor to have special certifications (from the BSA, NRA, Red Cross, American Canoe Association, PADI, etc.). All certifications must be current. See “Merit Badge Counseling Risk Management and Quality Control” section 7.0.1.0 in the *Guide to Advancement 2021* for details.