

Merit Badge Counselor Information

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I. Requirements to become a Merit Badge Counselor

- A. At least 18 years of age*
- B. Good character*
- C. Recognized as having skills and education in the subject area*
- D. Good rapport with leaders and Scout-age youth*

II. How to become a Merit Badge Counselor

A. Even if already registered, every counselor must submit a [BSA Adult Registration form](#) for the position of merit badge counselor (code 42) to the local LV Area Council Office). There are no exceptions. Background checks are run for any new Adult Leaders.

B. Complete Youth Protection Training

C. Turn in a [BSA Merit Badge Counselor Information form](#) to the local LV Area Council Office with any specific certification required by merit badge:

1. Archery, Canoe, Climbing, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Motor Boat, Rifle, Rowing, Scuba, Shotgun, Small Boat, Swimming, Whitewater, C.O.P.E.

D. "Merit badge counselor" is a council or district position

E. Approval of merit badge counselors is the responsibility of the council advancement committee, not the unit.

F. Counselors may work with just one unit, but registration and council advancement committee approval are still required.

III. Re-registration of Merit Badge Counselors (Annually)

A. All MB Counselors approvals expire on July 1st of each year, not at end of year

B. The District Advancement Chairman will email a list of Merit Badge Counselors associated with a Scouting unit, to that unit's designated point of contact, such as Scoutmaster for a Troop, in June.

C. It is the responsibility of that person to contact each of those Merit Badge Counselors and make sure they are still willing to be a Merit Badge Counselor and all information is correct, including expiration date of their Youth Protection Training (2 Years).

D. Turn in list of MB Counselors for your unit, to LV Area Council office before July 1st.

Note: To get a list of Merit Badge Counselors, go to [Sunhawk District website](#) and click on link to have Nancy Cramer to email you a list of Merit Badge Counselors.

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