

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION SHEET

(ALL NEW Merit Badge Counselors must attach a BSA Adult Application with Disclosure Form and a copy of their Youth Protection Training Certificate)

District _____ Troop/Team/Crew Number: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Business Phone: _____

Check One: I am a new Merit Badge Counselor. I have attached the required BSA Adult Applications with all the portions completed and all necessary Approval Signatures.

I am currently registered as a Merit Badge Counselor. This is a Correction Addition

To qualify as a Merit Badge Counselor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old (21 for Rifle, Shotgun, and Climbing)
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation or avocation
- Be able to work with scout-age boys
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America

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 or another person present at all instructional sessions
- **Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a Merit Badge Counselor**

MERIT BADGE(S)	Is this subject in line with your job, business, or Profession?	Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements in the merit badge pamphlet?	If not, do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief information .
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CHECK ONE:

I wish to work only with _____
(Unit Number)

I wish to work with units in the _____ District

Signature _____ Date: _____

***NOTE: For Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, and Climbing you must attach a copy of Instructor Certification. For ALL Aquatic Merit Badges, you must have current Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat Training. (Merit Badges are listed on the reverse side)**

MERIT BADGES

- ◇ American Business (15)
- ◇ American Cultures (17)
- ◇ American Heritage (16)
- ◇ American Labor
- ◇ Animal Science (18)
- ◇ Archeology (132)
- ◇ Archery (19)
- ◇ Architecture (20)
- ◇ Art (21)
- ◇ Astronomy (22)
- ◇ Athletics (23)
- ◇ Automotive Maintenance (127)
- ◇ Aviation (25)
- ◇ Backpacking (26)
- ◇ Basketry (27)
- ◇ Bird Study (29)
- ◇ Bugling (32)
- ◇ Camping (1)
- ◇ **Canoeing (33)**
- ◇ Chemistry (34)
- ◇ Chess (147)
- ◇ Cinematography (126)
- ◇ Citizenship in the Community (2)
- ◇ Citizenship in the Nation (3)
- ◇ Citizenship in the World (4)
- ◇ **Climbing (133)**
- ◇ Coin Collecting (35)
- ◇ Collections (128)
- ◇ Communication (5)
- ◇ Composite Materials (137)
- ◇ Computers (36)
- ◇ Cooking (38)
- ◇ Crime Prevention (131)
- ◇ Cycling (39)
- ◇ Dentistry (40)
- ◇ Disabilities Awareness (60)
- ◇ Dog Care (41)
- ◇ Drafting (42)
- ◇ Electricity (43)
- ◇ Electronics (44)
- ◇ Emergency Preparedness (6)
- ◇ Energy (45)
- ◇ Engineering (46)
- ◇ Entrepreneurship (134)
- ◇ Environmental Science (7)
- ◇ Family Life (129)
- ◇ Farm Mechanics (48)
- ◇ Fingerprinting (49)
- ◇ Fire Safety (50)
- ◇ First Aid (8)
- ◇ Fish & Wildlife Management (51)
- ◇ Fishing (52)
- ◇ Fly Fishing (136)
- ◇ Forestry (54)
- ◇ Gardening (55)
- ◇ Genealogy (56)
- ◇ Geocaching (145)
- ◇ Geology (58)
- ◇ Golf (59)
- ◇ Graphic Arts (122)
- ◇ Hiking (61)
- ◇ Home Repairs (62)
- ◇ Horsemanship (63)
- ◇ Indian Lore (64)
- ◇ Insect Study (65)
- ◇ Inventing (144)
- ◇ Journalism (66)
- ◇ **Kayaking (149)**
- ◇ Landscape Architecture (67)
- ◇ Law (68)
- ◇ Leatherwork (69)
- ◇ **Lifesaving (9)**
- ◇ Mammal Study (71)
- ◇ Medicine (130)
- ◇ Metalwork (74)
- ◇ Model Design & Building (75)
- ◇ **Motor Boating (76)**
- ◇ Music (77)
- ◇ Nature (78)
- ◇ Nuclear Science (24)
- ◇ Oceanography (79)
- ◇ Orienteering (80)
- ◇ Painting (81)
- ◇ Personal Fitness (10)
- ◇ Personal Management (11)
- ◇ Pets (82)
- ◇ Photography (83)
- ◇ Pioneering (84)
- ◇ Plant Science (85)
- ◇ Plumbing (86)
- ◇ Pottery (87)
- ◇ Public Health (89)
- ◇ Public Speaking (90)
- ◇ Pulp & Paper (91)
- ◇ Radio (93)
- ◇ Railroading (94)
- ◇ Reading (95)
- ◇ Reptile & Amphibian Study (96)
- ◇ **Rifle Shooting (123)**
- ◇ Robotics (146)
- ◇ **Rowing (98)**
- ◇ Safety (12)
- ◇ Salesmanship (99)
- ◇ Scholarship (100)
- ◇ Scouting Heritage (143)
- ◇ **Scuba Diving (138)**
- ◇ Sculpture (101)
- ◇ Search & Rescue (150)
- ◇ **Shotgun Shooting (124)**
- ◇ Skating (103)
- ◇ **Small Boat Sailing (105)**
- ◇ Snow Sports (135)
- ◇ Soil & Water Conservation (106)
- ◇ Space Exploration (107)
- ◇ Sports (13)
- ◇ Stamp Collecting (108)
- ◇ Surveying (109)
- ◇ **Swimming (14)**
- ◇ Textile (110)
- ◇ Theater (111)
- ◇ Traffic Safety (112)
- ◇ Truck Transportation (113)
- ◇ Veterinary Medicine (114)
- ◇ **Water Sports (115)**
- ◇ Weather (116)
- ◇ Welding (148)
- ◇ **Whitewater (125)**
- ◇ Wilderness Survival (117)
- ◇ Wood Carving (118)
- ◇ Woodwork (119)

NOTE: **RIFLE SHOOTING** merit badge counselor must be currently NRA-certified rifle instructor or coach who is 21 years of age or older. Please attach a copy of your certification to this application.

SHOTGUN SHOOTING merit badge counselor must be a currently NRA-certified shotgun instructor or coach who is 21 years of age or older. Please attach a copy of your certification to this application.

CLIMBING & RAPPELLING activities must be supervised by an instructor who is 21 years of age or older and has successfully completed a minimum of 10 hours of instructor training for climbing/rappelling from a nationally or regionally recognized organization, a climbing school, a college-level climbing/rappelling course, or is a certified BSA climbing instructor.

AQUATIC merit badge counselor (Swimming, Lifesaving, Canoeing, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Whitewater, Waterskiing, Water Sports, Scuba, Motor Boating and Kayaking) must have current Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training (available online)

SCUBA Merit Badge Requirement #4 instruction must be conducted by recreational diving instructors in good standing with a SCUBA agency recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and approved by the BSA local council.