Boy Scouts of America

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION

(Please print)

Name_____ **Birth Date** _____ **Business Phone (____)** _____

Address_____ **Home Phone (____)**_____

City_____ **State**_____ **Zip Code** _____ **E-mail Address** _____

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- 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 (position code 42)

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 another Scout, parent or guardian, relative or friend present at all instructional sessions.
- Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor (position code 42) as required by your district**.**

Is the merit badge subject related to your work? If the merit badge subject is a hobby, do you have a "working knowledge" of the requirements? Do you have any special training or other qualifications for the merit badge subject? Explain your qualifications below: (For the Swimming and Lifesaving merit badges, current Safe Swim Defense and CPR certification is required. For the Rowing, Canoeing, Small-boat Sailing, Motorboating and Waterskiing merit badges, current Safety Afloat and CPR certification is required. To serve as a counselor for the Rifle or Shotgun Shooting merit badge, you must have the relevant NRA certification. First Aid Training is highly recommended for aquatics and shooting merit badge counselors. Additional council-approved training may be required for other merit badge subjects (for example Whitewater merit badge). Please attach copies of all relevant certifications. All required certifications must be maintained and copies submitted as they are renewed.

	List merit badge subjects here	**Qualifications (Attach additional pages if needed)**
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There is no fee for becoming a merit badge counselor. You need to submit this form and a *BSA Adult Leader Application* upon initial registration.

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX OR BOXES:

☐ I wish to work with all units ☐ I wish to work only with _____ (Unit Number)

☐ I am currently registered in _____ of _____ District as a _____
(Unit Type and number) (Scouting position)

☐ I am not currently registered. My Adult Registration form is attached.

Note: The BSA Adult Application must be attached if you are registering as a merit badge counselor (position code 42) for the first time regardless of any other registrations in any other position or if your registration as a counselor is not current.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Council approval by_____ Date _____

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