

Merit Badge Counselor Test and Application

Dear Merit Badge Counselor:

In order to make the training of merit badge counselors more efficient and maintain better contact with those counseling scouts in the Ronald Reagan District, the Advancement Committee has prepared this feedback form. Please fill it in AFTER you have reviewed the pamphlet prepared by the National Council entitled *Guide for Merit Badge Counseling*. The Guide has been posted on the District website for you to read at www.vccbsa.org/mbctraining . Returning this form will confirm your desire to become/continue as a merit badge counselor in our district. Thank you.

If you are continuing as a merit badge counselor and have already taken this test, skip to the application on the next page.

After reading the *Guide for Merit Badge Counseling*, please fill in the answers to the following questions. This will confirm your having read the Guide. You may print this out as a blank form, or fill out the information on the screen and print the form.

1. What are the three counselor responsibilities as outlined in the guide?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
2. What three things does a counselor agree to do? (Note: Only list two as the third item, annually renewing registration, is not currently being required.)
 - a)
 - b)
3. What seven steps outline the way a merit badge counselor helps?
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
 - d)
 - e)
 - f)
 - g)
4. Do you agree that only current requirements must be used when counseling, and that only the requirements prescribed by the National Council are to be used, no more, no less?
5. How many scouts should you do presentations to at a time?
How many scouts should you counsel at a time for competency?
Can you meet with a single scout at your home when counseling?
6. How can you be sure you are using the latest requirements when counseling a scout?
7. Do you have questions or comments?

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Please Type or Print

Name: _____ M/F: _____ Day Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Birth Date: _____

Email Address (please print legibly)

() My BSA Adult Registration Application to be a Merit Badge Counselor is attached (See comments on reverse side)
 Other Scout Affiliation: _____ Position: _____ Unit No: _____ District/Community: _____
 Date: _____

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.
- Renew my commitment annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

As a merit Badge counselor, I agree to:

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions/additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Have 2 or more persons present at all instructional sessions.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as a Merit Badge Counselor (Code 42).

(See list on reverse side) List Merit Badge Subjects	Is this subject in line with your job, business or profession? If yes, give brief information on the reverse side.	Do you follow subject as a hobby, having more than a working knowledge of the requirements in the merit badge pamphlet. If yes, give brief information on the reverse side.	If not, do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief information on the reverse side.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

**Please read and complete both sides of this form and
 an Adult Registration Application for the Boy Scouts of America.**
 UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED AND YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.
YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN THE CAPACITY OF A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR.

Approved Disapproved _____ Date: _____
 Advancement Committee

MBC Notified by: _____ Date: _____
 (Phone, Letter, or email)

MERIT BADGES

American Business	Cooking	Indian Lore	Reading
American Cultures	Crime Prevention	Insect Study	Reptile and Amphibian Study
American Heritage	Cycling **	Journalism	Rifle shooting
American Labor	Dentistry	Landscape Architecture	Rowing
Animal Science	Disabilities Awareness	Law	Safety
Archaeology	Dog Care	Leatherwork	Salesmanship
Archery	Drafting	Lifesaving **	Scholarship
Architecture	Electricity	Mammal Study	Sculpture
Art	Electronics	Medicine	Shotgun shooting
Astronomy	Emergency Preparedness **	Metalwork	Skating
Athletics	Energy	Model Design and Building	Small-Boat Sailing
Atomic Energy	Engineering	Motor boating	Snow Sports
Auto Mechanics	Entrepreneurship	Music	Soil and Water Conservation
Aviation	Environmental Science **	Nature	Space Exploration
Backpacking	Farm Mechanics	Oceanography	Sports
Basketry	Fingerprinting	Orienteering	Stamp Collecting
Bird Study	Fire Safety	Painting	Surveying
Bugling	First Aid **	Personal Fitness **	Swimming **
Camping **	Fish and Wildlife Management	Personal Management **	Textile
Canoeing	Fishing	Pets	Theater
Chemistry	Fly Fishing	Photography	Traffic Safety
Cinematography	Forestry	Pioneering	Truck Transportation
Citizenship in the Community**	Gardening	Plant Science	Veterinary Medicine
Citizenship in the Nation **	Genealogy	Plumbing	Water skiing
Citizenship in the World **	Geology	Pottery	Weather
Climbing	Golf	Public Health	Whitewater
Coin Collecting	Graphic Arts	Public Speaking	Wilderness Survival
Collections	Hiking **	Pulp and Paper	Wood Carving
Communications **	Home Repairs	Radio	Woodwork
Computers	Horsemanship	Railroading	

(Note: Merit badges with ** are those that are Eagle required.)

Registration:

- There is no fee required to register as a Merit Badge Counselor.
HOWEVER
- If you are **NOT** registered elsewhere in this Council and want to be on the mailing list to receive our newsletter and *Scouting Magazine*, there is an annual registration fee.
- All applicants registering as a Merit Badge Counselor, whether paying or not, MUST complete an Adult Application whether registered in another position or not. In the upper right-hand corner of the application where it says "Council/District Position", write in "Merit Badge Counselor".
- Use the remainder of this page to give, in a few brief sentences, your background and qualifications for counseling the merit badge(s) you have selected. Acceptable qualifications include being expert or knowledgeable because of 1) your work, 2) specialized training, 3) a strong avocation interest that qualifies you. Just having general interest or common knowledge of a subject does not qualify you for approval as a Counselor.

Background/ Qualifications:

Please print and mail these pages to the address below