



**Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America  
MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION**



**(ALL NEW Merit Badge Counselors must attach a BSA Adult Application with Disclosure Form, copy of their Youth Protection Training Certificate and a MA CORI form and copy of both sides of a government issued photographic ID)**

Please print or type

District \_\_\_\_\_ Troop / Crew / Team # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**  I am a new Merit Badge Counselor. I have attached the above required BSA Adult Application, Youth Protection Training Certificate, MA CORI and copy of ID.  
 I am currently registered as a Merit Badge Counselor. This is a  Correction  Addition

<p><b>To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be at least 18 years old (21 for Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting and Climbing)</li> <li>• Be <i>proficient</i> in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.</li> <li>• Be able to work with Scout-age youth.</li> <li>• Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.</li> </ul>	<p><b>A merit badge counselor, I agree to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.</li> <li>• Have a Scout and his buddy present at all instructional sessions.</li> <li>• <b>Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.</b></li> </ul>
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**Merit badge counselor requirements**

1. Have taken youth protection training within the past two years (available on-line).
2. Attend or have taken Merit Badge Counselor Training.
3. Ensure that the Scout has a Merit Badge Application (blue card) that has been signed by his Scoutmaster. This is to ensure that he is qualified to take the merit badge.
4. Have the Scout do no more or no less than requirements as specified. All written work must be complied with and returned to the Scout.
5. Merit badge requirements should be initially reviewed to ensure their understanding by the Scout.
6. There is no time limit to complete a merit badge. The Scout has until his eighteenth birthday.
7. If a counselor is not available to start within a week, please direct the Scout to seek another Counselor.
8. If a Scout presents you a partially completed Merit Badge Application, you have the discretion to accept or reject previously completed work.

**NOTE:** **RIFLE SHOOTING** merit badge counselor must be currently NRA-certified rifle instructor or coach, or BSA Camp School certification 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 or BSA Camp School certification 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, and Motor Boating) *must have current Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training* (available online)

**SCUBA** instruction must be conducted by recreational diving instructors in good standing with a SCUBA agency recognized by the BSA - PADI; NAUI; IDEA; PDIV.

List merit badge subjects here.	Vocation Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? <u>If yes, give brief information below</u>	Avocation Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirement? <u>If yes, give brief information below</u>	Special training If not, do you have any special training of other qualifications for this subject? <u>If yes, give brief information below</u>	Action (Completed by District Advancement Committee)  Y=Approved N=Not approved
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Please indicate below your qualifications for certification as a merit badge counselor.

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Merit Badges for which you are currently registered include:

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Counselor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**District Advancement Committee Action**

Not approved for the following reasons(s): MB# \_\_\_\_\_  Details missing  Certification needed  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>For office use:</b>  Received: _____  Entered: _____  Letter sent: _____  Doubleknot: _____</p>
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<p><b>Please send all documents to:</b>  Yankee Clipper Council BSA  36 Amesbury RD  Haverhill, MA 01830</p>
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