

Merit Badge Counselors

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How to be a Merit Badge Counselor

Adult volunteers serving as Merit Badge Counselors must be registered as Merit Badge Counselors with the Boy Scouts of America. They must be men and women of good character, age 18 or older, and recognized as having the skills and knowledge of the Merit Badge subject matter, as well as, the ability to work with youth of Boy Scout age.

Merit Badge Counselors register by completing the Adult Registration Form (No. 524-501A), using Position Code "42." They are not required to pay the registration fee, if they are only registered as a Merit Badge Counselor. The Counselor must complete the Merit Badge Counselor Information form (No 34405) take or have taken within two years on-line Youth Protection Training and submit with the application.

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