

Yankee Clipper Council

Merit Badge Counselor Training Policy

Effective October 1, 2010

BSA charges each Council with recruiting and training Merit Badge Counselors (Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures, publication #33088, 2010 printing, pages 12-14, or current version). “All merit badge counselors must be trained in the aims of Boy Scouting and in advancement procedures.” Therefore, all new Merit Badge Counselors must complete Merit Badge Counselor Training prior to approval as a YCC Merit Badge Counselor.

- District Advancement Committees (or designated District Training Committee members) should provide training on a regular basis.
- Merit Badge Counselor Trainers should use the course materials provided by BSA.
- Merit Badge Counselor Trainers will be registered members of District Advancement or District Training Committees.
- Districts will review and approve/deny the technical qualifications of the applicant Merit Badge Counselor for each subject merit badge.
- Districts will complete and submit to the YCC the Training Attendance Report documenting the participants at each Merit Badge Training Session.
- New Merit Badge Counselors will be approved by the YCC only after:
 - i) they have completed Merit Badge Counselor Training;
 - ii) their technical qualifications for particular subject merit badges have been approved by the District; and
 - iii) their complete BSA registration paperwork has been received and reviewed by the YCC.
- Existing Merit Badge Counselors who have not completed Merit Badge Counselor Training are highly encouraged to do so.
- After YCC approval and processing, a letter of approval will be sent by YCC to the newly approved Merit Badge Counselor.
- All approved Merit Badge Counselors will be added to the YCC Merit Badge Counselor List.

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