



Glacier's Edge Council (620), BSA Advancement Committee

♣ Indian Trails
♣ Mohawk
♣ Wisconsin River
♣ Yahara

Merit Badge Counselor Registration and Approval

BSA policy requires that all Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) be 18 years old, registered as a **MBC** with the BSA, and approved by the Council or District Advancement Committee on an annual basis [*Guide to Advancement* 7.0.1.0]. Glacier's Edge Council (GEC) Advancement Committee requires MBCs to read *A Guide for Merit Badge Counseling* (512-065) or attend a MBC orientation-training course (D76) such as *The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling*.

Registered MBCs must complete BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT) prior to working with Scouts and maintain current YPT certification. MBCs with expired YPT are prohibited from working with Scouts or signing a Blue Card.

GEC Advancement Committee is responsible for approving all MBCs serving Scouts in the Council. Each District Advancement Chair is responsible for review of submitted applications from their District. In order to provide Scouts with a broad learning opportunity, the GEC Advancement Committee has established a *maximum* of 20 Merit Badges for each MBC.

To register as a MBC:

COMPLETE: Youth Protection Training: my.scouting.org

Details on how to take YPT: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/youthprotection/doc/02_HOW_TO-TakeYouthProtectionTraining.doc

READ OR ATTEND: [A Guide for Merit Badge Counseling](#) (512-065) OR Merit Badge Counselor Orientation (D76) such as *The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling*

SUBMIT to your District Advancement Chair*: Current version of the MBC Information form (34405) listing the job skills (vocation), hobby/life skills (avocation), or special training* which documents your qualifications for serving as a MBC. Justification must be provided for each individual Merit Badge (MB) for which you are willing to serve as a MBC.

* Merit Badges Requiring Special Certification or Training: Archery, Canoeing, Climbing, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Scuba Diving, Shotgun Shooting, Snow Sports, Swimming, Whitewater (See Qualification of Counselors, *GTA 7.0.1.1*)

INCLUDE: BSA Adult Application indicating Position Code 42, Merit Badge Counselor (unless you are listed in Scoutbook or on the GEC Approved MBC List). MBC is a District Position; thus a new position specific Adult Application is required, even if already registered with BSA for another adult leader position.

NOTE: GEC Advancement Committee Recommendations on serving as MBC for your own Scout

- ♣ In order to provide Scouts a broader opportunity for learning, serving as a MBC for your own Scout should not be a routine occurrence.
- ♣ You may serve as a MBC for your own Scout anytime they are working in a group setting, such as in a MB clinic.
- ♣ It is also recommended that when you serve as a MBC for your own Scout another Adult Leader should independently review their completed requirements, unless the work was completed in a group setting, such as in a MB clinic.

* May provide to one of the District Key 3 if Advancement Chair is not available. Submission directly to the Council Office could delay approval.

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