

COUNCIL MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR POLICY

- a. Each district advancement committee shall be responsible for approving merit badge counselors and maintaining and distributing a list of registered merit badge counselors.
- b. Before approving a merit badge counselor for a specific merit badge, the district advancement committee shall determine if the individual has the requisite expertise and possesses the applicable qualifications or certifications required under National Council policy (e.g., Canoeing & Rowing).
- c. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the district advancement committee shall not have any authority to approve merit badge counselors for merit badges where the authority to do so is expressly limited to the council or council advancement committee as per National Council policy.
- d. The district advancement committee shall provide and promote training for merit badge counselors.
- e. The district advancement committee shall keep merit badge counselor records up to date in Scoutbook. The current list of approved merit badge counselors shall be available to at minimum the unit key 3 and at most to all adult leaders through Scoutbook.
- f. The approved merit badge counselor listing will also be available as a report through the unit's Roster tool on scouting.org. Unit leaders are responsible for this list's local distribution.
- g. Non-leader adults and scouts shall not have access to the merit badge counselors list.
- h. Merit badge counselors shall be encouraged to work with Scouts throughout their district and as appropriate, the council.

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