How to become a Merit Badge Counselor

1) Review the Troop 897 Merit Badge Counselor Master list for current merit badge coverage https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NJFReh9GKckjXvQmKzPGKnZYsinhW_cXL8ZjWw0AlVQ/edit?usp=drive_link

2) Take the Safeguarding Youth Training
    a. Log in to https://my.scouting.org/
    b. Click on “My Training”
    c. Click on “Catalog” at the top
    d. Search for “Safeguarding”
    e. Enroll in and complete “Safeguarding Youth Training”

3) Take the Merit Badge Counselor Position Specific Training
    a. Log in to https://my.scouting.org/
    b. Click on “My Training”
    c. Click on “Catalog” at the top
    d. Search for “Merit Badge”
    e. Enroll in and complete “Scouts BSA - Merit Badge Counselor Position Specific Training”

4) Fill out a paper Adult Application
    a. 524-501.pdf
    b. Note: This is not the online application. You must fill this form our even if you are already a registered adult.
    c. Use position code 42.
    d. Print and sign the form.

5) Fill out the Merit Badge Counselor Information Form
    a. https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf
    b. Print and sign this form

6) Give the printed and signed forms to the Troop Advancement Chair (Nick Behrman: nicholas.p.behrman@gmail.com)

7) Wait… You will receive further instructions once your application is approved.