

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_cXL8ZjWw0AIVQ/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. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
 - b. Note: This is not the online application. You must fill this form out 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
- 7) Wait... You will receive further instructions once your application is approved.