MERIT BADGE
COUNSELOR INFORMATION

MATTAPONI DISTRICT

NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

Keep a copy for your records

Return to: Merit Badge Dean
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Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Home Phone (__) _____

Address _____ M ☐ F ☐ E-Mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Unit Number _____

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must:

1. Be at least 18 years old
2. Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation or avocation
3. Be able to work with Scout-age boys
4. Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America

As a merit badge counselor, I agree to:

1. Follow the requirements of the merit badge as found in BSA's annual book of requirements, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all scouts.
2. Have two or more Scouts present at all instructional sessions.
3. Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit

	Answer Yes if you have special knowledge that qualifies you to counsel merit badges. Describe that knowledge on the back.		
List merit badges you wish to teach. Use new form if you wish to teach more than 8 merit badges.	**Vocation** Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief information on the reverse side.	**Avocation** Do follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements in the merit badge pamphlet? If yes, explain on the reverse side.	**Special Training** If not, do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, explain on the reverse side.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

CHECK ONE

☐ I wish to work with Boy Scouts in any unit (your name will be included on the district-wide listing to indicate your willingness to work with scouts in any Mattaponi unit)

☐ I wish to work with Boy Scouts in my unit only. My unit number is: _____

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR CHECKLIST

☐ **Merit Badge Counselor Information form**

☐ **Adult Application Form** (even currently registered adults must complete an additional Adult Application to be a Merit Badge Counselor; use position code 42; complete all sections; no fee required)

☐ **Copy of Youth Protection Training card**

Signature of Merit Badge Counselor _____ Date _____

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Please describe your qualifications for each merit badge you wish to counsel:

Merit Badge	Qualifications (explain each "yes" on the front)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
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7.	
8.	

PROCESSING YOUR FORM:

*Merit badge counselors MUST be registered as a Merit Badge Counselor with BSA-NCAC and be approved by the District Advancement Committee (Merit Badge Dean). Submit all forms DIRECTLY to the Merit Badge Dean (Adult Application, Merit Badge Counselor Information form and a copy of your Youth Protection Trained card).

*If you are registered with a unit as an adult leader, you still need to complete an additional Adult Application to be a Merit Badge Counselor.

*There is no registration fee to be a merit badge counselor.

*When completing your Adult Application use Position Code 42 and list Merit Badge Counselor as your position.

Merit Badge Information Form

Fill out the front and describe your qualifications for each merit badge on the back of the form. You may choose to make yourself available to Scouts throughout the district or to limit your role to counseling Scouts in a single unit. We encourage you to make yourself available to other units because the expertise for some merit badges is not present within many small units. You will always be able to limit the number of Scouts you work with at any one time. Check the box on the front of this form that indicates your desire.

DO NOT SEND YOUR FORMS DIRECTLY TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER

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