



Boy Scouts of America
MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION
 Great Sauk Trail Council
 734-971-7100

(Please print **legibly** or type except as noted)

Name _____ Age _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Address _____ Business Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP code _____ Troop _____

E-mail address _____ (for communicating with MBC coordinator)

Position in Scouting (If Registered) _____

To qualify as a counselor, I must be

- * at least 18 years old.
- * able to work with Scout-age boys.
- * registered the Great Sauk Trail Council.
- * proficient in the subject by education, avocation or experience.

As a counselor, I agree to

- * have the scout and his "buddy" present at all instructional sessions.
- * follow requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions.
- * annually confirm continuation.

Merit Badge	Brief Description of Subject Proficiency

I agree to counsel any scout from my district that contacts me. (Only for my troop)

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Applicant recommended by:

Name _____ Position _____ Date ____/____/____
Print legibly

District Advancement Approval _____ Date ____/____/____

Note: The BSA Adult Leader Application must be attached or on file at Council Office.

Make a copy of this completed application (both sides) to keep for your own records

Submit application form(s) to GST Council, 1979 Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or 729 W. Michigan Ave, P.O. Box 1342, Jackson, MI 49204.

Administrative Use Only

BSA Adult Leader Application has been processed ____/____/____ By: _____

Merit Badge Counselor has been entered into MBC on ____/____/____

Remarks:

Great Sauk Trail Council Advancement Committee June 2004

Brief Guidelines for Merit Badge Counseling
Great Sauk Trail Council
June 2004

Eligibility

Merit Badge Counselors must be men and women of good character, age 18 or older, and recognized as having the skills and education in the subjects for which they serve as Merit Badge Counselors. This would include a degree or special training in the subject matter, or having the subject as a hobby/career. Merit Badge Counselors must also have the ability to work with Scout-age boys.

Application/Approval

Merit Badge Counselors must complete and submit 2 forms to the Council Office:

1. Merit Badge Counselor Application form, and
2. BSA Adult Leader application form (No fee if only serving as a Merit Badge Counselor)
(If you have submitted a complete, current BSA leader application since January 1, 2003, you do not have to submit another unless notified)

Both application forms must be filled in completely and legibly. If you are applying to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor only, or are already a registered leader, you do not have to obtain a signature from the Chartered Org Rep.

All Merit Badge Counselors must be approved by the Council or District Advancement Committee. The submission of an application form does NOT automatically certify an applicant as a Merit Badge Counselor. The applicant must receive notification from the Council or District Advancement Committee to confirm their approval and the badges they can counsel.

Council-Specific Limitations

Merit Badge Counselors in the Great Sauk Trail Council may counsel up to 5 badges at one time, and may only change the badges they counsel once per year. It is highly recommended that no one person counsel more than 7-8 badges in their career as a counselor, to provide the opportunity for Scouts to learn from a variety of counselors.

Youth Protection

Scouts are encouraged to use "the buddy system" (two or more Scouts) when working towards a badge. Merit Badge Counselors should have another adult present whenever working with Scouts, such as the counselor's spouse, a Scout's parent, another leader, etc.

Please obtain a copy of: "A Guide to Merit Badge Counseling" (BSA Publication No. 34532) for more information about the program.