

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION

Thank you for wishing to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor in the Minsi Trails Council. Following is all the information that you need to know and the application process to register. Upon receiving your application, properly filled out, the Boy Scouts of America will do a criminal background check. You will be notified via e-mail when your application is approved. You cannot work with any youth until this process is complete and you receive the e-mail.

You are committing to following all of the requirements for the badge and ensuring the Scout has met these requirements before signing his card. No Scout can work on a badge without a "blue card" signed by his unit leader.

Go to the Minsi Trails Council website at www.minsitrails.com – when page comes up (above blue boxes on top of the sheet) "Forms"

"Application forms - New Adult" – need to fill out pages 4 and 5 only. On page 4 you must print and sign your name and date the application. On page 5 you need to enter all personal information including #6 on the right hand side of the form. Position code is "42 – Merit Badge Counselor". The only signature needed is the applicant on pages 4 and 5 with date. No fee is required.

Then, further down on the page go to "Unit Resources" – "Merit Badge Counselor Application" - fill this out and sign it.

Before the application can be submitted person must take Youth Protection Training (YPT) and submit a copy of the YPT card with his/her application. To do this click on "Training" – in blue bar – When training comes up – left hand side "Various Training Available Courses come up in middle of page. Scroll down to "Youth Protection Training" – Bottom of verbage click on "Log into my Scouting" and click on "create an account." Follow steps that come up – take training and print card.

Back to the front page of the Minsi website – on the top "Quick Links – Merit Badge Counselors" – below the district lists, in blue "Merit Badge Counselor Resources here" – gives you the guide to follow to do the job as a counselor.

To find out what the requirements are for badges – just below "Merit Badge Counselor Resources" is "For a complete list Click here." Part way down on that sheet - Click on the "badge(s)" you will be working on and the requirements will be displayed.

You must submit to the Minsi Trails Council pages 4 and 5 of the adult application, as per above, your YPT certificate and your application to be a counselor.