

Prepared. For Life. Troop 58 Davidson, North Carolina

New Merit Badge Counselor Registration and Training

2021

Welcome to Troop 58!

We are thrilled to have you on board with Troop 58. As part of counseling merit badges within the Troop, along with Youth Protection Training, an adult BSA application and merit badge counselor application need to be completed. This guide details the requirements as well as how to access and complete them. Reach out to the Troop Committee Chair, Merit Badge Coordinator, or Training Chair with any questions you may have.

It is recommended to complete the steps in the order shown here.

Step One: Youth Protection Training (YPT)

- Method: Online
- Frequency: Every 24 Months
- Instructions: See guidance below.

Details: It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety. A certificate of completion will be generated upon completion of the course. <u>This certificate needs to be saved by you with the recommendation</u> to file within your computer documents. Submit a printed or digital copy along with the Adult Application and <u>Merit Badge Counselor Application</u>.

Step Two: Adult BSA Application

Method: Paper or Digital Application

Frequency: Once

Instructions: Fillable PDF https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf

Details: Save as PDF or Print, and Return completed application to Merit Badge Coordinator via email or in person.

Step Three: Merit Badge Counselor Application

Method: Paper or Digital Application

Frequency: Initial sign up as counselor and with any/each change. Renewal to maintain, add, or drop badges per year via Council's online portal.

Instructions: Fillable PDF <u>https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf</u>

Details: Save as PDF or Print, and Return completed application, <u>along with YPT certificate</u> <u>of completion</u>, to Merit Badge Coordinator via email or in person.

Step Four (See Details): BSA Health Form

Method: Paper Form

Frequency: Every 12 Months

Instructions: If not already provided one, the form can be accessed via the below link or Google BSA Health Form. <u>https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/</u>.

Details: **Not needed for counselors unless going on trips**. Parts A and B apply to ALL participants in basic Scouting activities such as local tours and weekend camping trips less than 72 hours in duration. Part C is required if you will participate in an activity lasting longer than 72 hours (like summer camp). Note that Part C must be completed by a certified and licensed physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Return completed form to the Troop Health Form Coordinator.

Step Five (See Details): Troop 58 Adult Code of Conduct

Method: Paper Form

Frequency: Once

Instructions: Provided by Merit Badge Coordinator upon signing up to be a counselor. Print the form and return completed and signed to Troop Committee Chair.

Details: This demonstrates the commitment from each adult leader to serve as a positive role model. *This is not contingent on processing with Council.*

(Optional) Step Six: Merit Badge Counselor Training

Method: Online Frequency: Once Instructions: See below for guidance Details: Position specific training designed for Merit Badge Counselors. This course serves as an orientation to the position.

How to Complete Youth Protection Training (YPT)

· Visit my.scouting.org and sign in to your account

Recommended browsers are Google Chrome for PC or Safari for Mac o "Forgot Username" and "Forgot Password" links available if needed

· On the opening page, select the Youth Protection logo



· A new window will open. Review the Opening video then scroll down and select "Add Plan"

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3 Bullying			LAUNCH COURSE
DUE DATE N/A	STATUS Not Attempted	OPTIONAL No	TYPE Course
4 YPT Certification Test			LAUNCH COURSE
DUE DATE N/A	STATUS Not Attempted	OPTIONAL No	TYPE Course

Online Course Instructions: Merit Badge Counselor Training

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· Select "Merit Badge Counselor Training"



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 \cdot Within each of the two courses, select "Launch Course" to complete each listed module. Each course has multiple individual modules - all need to be completed for full credit.