

GUIDELINES FOR MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS
ERIE SHORES COUNCIL, BSA

1. ALL merit badge counselors MUST take Youth Protection training and go thru a Background check before they will be accepted to counsel.
2. ALL merit badge counselors must fill out an adult application and register with the district they will be serving in. There is not a fee, unless the applicant wishes to pay a registration fee. All counselors will be asked once a year if they wish to continue to serve as a counselor.
3. A merit badge counselor is limited to a total of seven (7) merit badge subject's at one time. However, you can at any time revise the list of merit badges that you counsel. Simply fill out a new counselor form and submit to the council office.
4. Merit Badge applications must be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.
5. There should be at least two (2) Scouts (Scout Buddy System) in attendance at all instructional sessions. However, each boy is to be individually tested.
6. Obtain and use the current merit badge pamphlet for each badge you counsel. You may not change any requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable. Ask for no more and no less than the badge requirements state.
7. The council will periodically offer merit badge counselor training which would aide you in your role. Attendance is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.
8. ALL MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE!