

Many Waters Merit Badge Counselor Information

[How to Apply + Badges We Need + How to Begin!]

There are 137 Merit Badges approved by the Boy Scouts of America. Many Waters District has ~30 Troops, about 750 Scouts. Our Merit Badge Counselors are Parents of current and former Scouts, Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, Committee Members, former Scouts (eligible to sign up at age 18!), artists, business owners, coaches, college professors and students, cooks, conservationists, crafters, day care professionals, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, farmers, fisher-folk, foresters, gardeners, hobbyists, home-makers, inventors, Investors, IT professionals, landscapers, musicians, naturalists, professionals, scuba divers, shooting sports specialists, teachers!, trades-people, truck transporters, wood carvers and woodworkers ...And many are RETIREEES...

The entire list of Merit Badges is shown on the back.

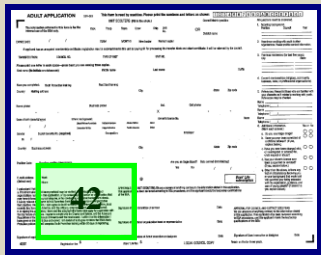
We all have a special skill or hobby that we enjoy teaching others about, what is yours?!

Badges that Many Waters District has less than 3 Counselors for (CAPS = 0 MBC's for badge):

American Labor	Fingerprinting	Nuclear Science	Stamp Collecting
Animal Science	Horsemanship	Plant Science	Surveying
ANIMATION	INDIAN LORE	POTTERY	Textile
Archaeology	Journalism	Pulp & Paper	VETERINARY MEDICINE
Chemistry	Kayaking	Radio	WHITEWATER
Composite Materials	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	Railroading	
Dentistry	Metalwork	SCULPTURE	<i>New 12-16</i>
FARM MECHANICS	Mining in Society	Signs, Signals, and Codes	Exploration
	Model Design & Building		

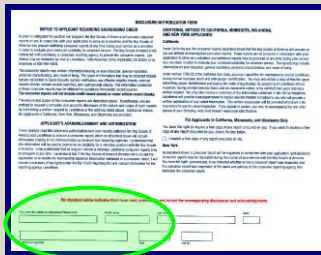
How to Apply

1




BSA Application
BSA #524-501 MBC
Code: **42**

2




BSA App page
with your signature for
background check

3



Counselor Application
BSA #34405
Rev. 2013 or newer

4



Copy of Current
Youth Protection
Certificate

Adults registered with the BSA need to fill out the Merit Badge Counselor Application, #3, + provide a copy of their **Youth Protection** certificate, #4.*

When adding/deleting badges, just the MBC application will be enough info. *2016 app. process change

Adults who are **not registered with the BSA** need to fill out and submit all 4 documents.

There is NO FEE! Northern Star Council and Many Waters District appreciate your generous service to Scouting.

Give/Send to District Advancement Chair: Bring to the next **RoundTable Meeting** .OR. Send to 6548-141st Avenue, Columbus, MN 55025 .OR. Send to: Northern Star Council, 393 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55102 Attn: Many Waters MBC List.

Counselors: After Signing Up

- Please become familiar with the current version of the **Merit Badge booklet** for your badges. They are available at Scout Shops, Council Service Centers, online Scouting stores, Unit Libraries

(please purge unit libraries of any booklets older than 2000).

Scouts may continue to use the book they began the badge with, so some older req's may still be in place as you work with the Scouts who are completing PARTIALS.

- Unit Advancement Coord's should have a current edition of "**Boy Scout Requirements**" (#33216). This annually-updated booklet contains Rank Advancement info, the most current Merit Badge req's, plus Special Awards that Scouts may earn.
- Counselors should review how to fill out the blue Merit Badge Card (#34124). *Please keep* the "Counselor" section for future reference.

Baseball Card sleeves are a good storage device.

- **Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader!** A 20-30 min. PowerPoint titled: "**Many Waters Merit Badge Orientation**," is available at www.manywaters.nsbsa.org. Click on *Advancement/ Awards > Merit Badge Info*.

Training is also available at the Council's spring and fall **University of Scouting** events.

Please let the District Advancement Chair know when you've completed Merit Badge Counselor Training. Add it to your "My Scouting" training profile, found on the NSC website.

- There are many Scouting resources for background info, project ideas, worksheets...
www.scouting.org
www.meritbadge.org www.northernstarbsa.org
- Please have a plan and projects ready for when Scouts call!

The Badges

Listed by Group. Scouts interested a certain career or hobby may wish to take badges offered in the same group. See the annually-printed Boy Scout Requirements booklet for current requirements and an alphabetical listing of badges (available at Scout Shops, and Troop Advancement Chairs and the Unit Library should have a current booklet).

Group 1: Agribusiness

Animal Science, Farm Mechanics, Plant Science

Group 2: Arts & Crafts

Art, Basketry, Bugling, Leatherwork, Metalwork, Music, Pottery, Sculpture, Theater, Woodcarving

Group 3: Business and Industry

American Business, Entrepreneurship, Pulp and Paper, Salesmanship, Textile

Group 4: Conservation

Environmental Science,*** Fish and Wildlife Management, Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation, Sustainability***

Group 5: Hobbies

Backpacking, Camping, Chess, Coin Collecting, Collections, Composite Materials, Cooking, Dog Care, Gardening, Geo-Caching, Hiking,** Home Repairs, Indian Lore, Inventing, Model Design and Building, Pets, Pioneering, Radio, Rowing, Stamp Collecting

Group 6: Natural Sciences

Archaeology, Astronomy, Bird Study, Geology, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Mining in Society, Nature, Oceanography, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Weather

Group 7: Communications

Animation, Moviemaking, Journalism, Photography

*Grey Underlined Badges are Eagle Required. Eagle candidates must earn 13 of the 17. For those marked with * or ** or ***, ONE of the group must be earned.*

Coming Soon!

Advanced Computing, Biometrics, Computer-aided Design, Exploring, Multimedia.

Group 8: Personal Development

American Cultures, American Heritage, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Disability Awareness, Family Life, Genealogy, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Public Speaking, Reading, Scholarship, Scouting Heritage, Traffic Safety, Wilderness Survival

Group 9: Physical Science

Chemistry, Digital Technology (AKA Computers), Electricity, Electronics, Energy, Nuclear Science, Programming, Robotics, Space Exploration

Group 10: Professions

Architecture, Dentistry, Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Law, Medicine, Surveying, Vet. Medicine

Group 11: Public Service

Crime Prevention, Emergency Preparedness,* Finger printing, Fire Safety, First Aid, Lifesaving,* Public Health, Safety, Search and Rescue, Signs, Signals, and Codes

Group 12: Sports

Archery, Athletics, Canoeing, Climbing, Cycling,** Fishing, Fly-Fishing, Golf, Horsemanship, Kayaking, Motorboating, Orienteering, Rifle Shooting, SCUBA, Shotgun Shooting, Skating, Small-Boat Sailing, Snow Sports, Sports, Swimming,** Water Sports, Whitewater

Group 13: Trades

American Labor, Automotive Maintenance, Drafting, Graphic Arts, Painting, Plumbing, Welding, Woodwork

Group 14: Transportation

Aviation, Railroading, Truck Transportation