

# Many Waters Merit Badge Counselor Information

*[Badges the District Needs Counselors for + How to Apply + How to Begin Counseling!]*

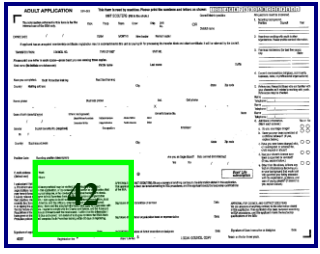
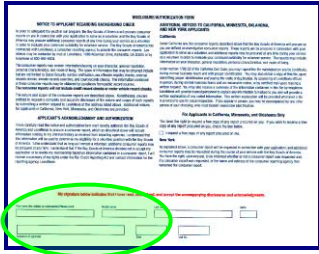


There are 137 **Merit Badges** approved by the Boy Scouts of America. *The list of Merit Badges is on the back.* Many Waters District has ~**30 Troops**, about **750 Scouts**. In Northern Star Council, Merit Badge Counselors are asked to recharter every 3-4 years. In **June 2017**, our list of available Counselors went down quite a bit, due to parents leaving the program when their sons reach 18, or due to retiring from their long-time activity with our Scouts. So, we need our newer parents to step up and become active in helping our Scouts with their Rank Advancement. Many of our Scouts become Eagle, if they work hard and can find the Counselors for the badges they wish to earn.

**We all have a work-related expertise, a special skill, or a hobby that could be just what a Scout is looking for!**

Many Waters District has **less than 3 Counselors** for these Merit Badges.  
(CAPS = 0 (zero) Counselors for badge, \* are Eagle-Required)

American Business	Exploration ( <i>new 2016</i> )	<b>MOVIEMAKING</b>	Search and Rescue
American Cultures	<b>FARM MECHANICS</b>	Oceanography	Signs, Signals, and Codes
American Labor	Fly-Fishing	<b>NUCLEAR SCIENCE</b>	Skating
Animal Science	<b>HORSEMANSHIP</b>	Painting	<b>SOIL &amp; WATER CONSERVATION</b>
Animation	<b>INDIAN LORE</b>	Pets	Small Boat Sailing
Archaeology	<b>INSECT STUDY</b>	Plant Science	Space Exploration
Archery	<b>INVENTING</b>	Plumbing	Stamp Collecting
<b>BASKETRY</b>	Journalism	Pottery	* Swimming
Climbing	Kayaking	Public Health	<b>SURVEYING</b>
Collections	Landscape Architecture	Public Speaking	Textile
Composite Materials	Leatherwork	Pulp & Paper	Theater
Crime Prevention	* <b>LIFESAVING</b>	Radio	Traffic Safety
<b>DENTISTRY</b>	Mammal Study	Railroading	Veterinary Medicine
Disabilities Awareness	Medicine	Rowing	Welding
Dog Care	Metalwork	Safety	<b>WHITEWATER</b>
Drafting	Mining in Society	<b>SCUBA DIVING</b>	<b>WOOD CARVING</b>
Energy	<b>MODEL DESIGN &amp; BUILDING</b>	<b>SCULPTURE</b>	

## How to Apply

<p><b>1</b></p>  <p><b>BSA Application</b> BSA #524-501 MBC Code: <b>42</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p><b>BSA App page</b> with your signature for background check</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p><b>Counselor Application</b> BSA #34405 Rev. 2017</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p><b>Copy of Current Youth Protection Certificate</b></p>
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**Registered Adults:** Fill out the Merit Badge **Counselor Application**, #3, and provide a copy of their **Youth Protection** certificate, #4. If adding/deleting badges, only the MBC application is needed.

Adults who are **not registered with the BSA:** 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 6548-141<sup>st</sup> 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.nsbbsa.org](http://www.manywaters.nsbbsa.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 and project ideas. The worksheets from [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org) are very popular.

*Counselors might want to download and fill out the worksheets for the badges they counsel.*

- **Have plans and projects ready when Scouts call!**

*Keep info and project materials for each badge in a folder or a box, ready to be 'deployed' at a moment's notice!*

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**The badges listed by group.** Scouts interested in a certain career or hobby may wish to take badges offered in the same group. See the annually-printed Boy Scout Requirements booklet (BSA #33216) for current requirements and an alphabetical listing of badges (*available at Scout Shops. 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

### Group 8: Personal Development

Am. Cultures, Am. Heritage, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Disability Aware, Exploration, 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

*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, Multimedia.*