

Merit Badge Counselor Interest Survey

Help us match your skills to merit badges you could teach. Return completed form to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair. No prior scouting experience is required to be a counselor — just knowledge of your subject.

YOUR INFORMATION

Full name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Profession / occupation: _____

Connection to troop (parent, community member, etc.): _____

Scout(s) in the troop (if applicable): _____

What does a Merit Badge Counselor do? You meet with one or more scouts, help them learn your subject area, and sign off when they demonstrate the required skills. Most badges require 2–4 meetings. BSA requires counselors to be registered volunteers and complete Youth Protection Training (free, online, ~1 hour). The troop will walk you through the registration process if you haven't registered before.

CHECK THE MERIT BADGES YOU WOULD BE WILLING AND ABLE TO COUNSEL

Check as many as you like. Mark ☒ for badges you could lead a group class on.

OUTDOORS & NATURE

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| ☐ Camping | ☐ Cooking | ☐ Fishing |
| ☐ Hiking | ☐ Orienteering | ☐ Environmental Science |
| ☐ Bird Study | ☐ Mammal Study | ☐ Reptile & Amphibian Study |
| ☐ Forestry | ☐ Plant Science | ☐ Soil & Water Conservation |
| ☐ Weather | | |

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

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| ☐ Chemistry | ☐ Electronics | ☐ Engineering |
| ☐ Inventing | ☐ Nuclear Science | ☐ Programming |
| ☐ Robotics | ☐ Space Exploration | ☐ Sustainability |
| ☐ Aviation | ☐ Digital Technology | |

HEALTH & FIRST AID

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| ☐ First Aid | ☐ Emergency Preparedness | ☐ Lifesaving |
| ☐ Swimming | ☐ Personal Fitness | ☐ Sports |
| ☐ Cycling | ☐ Skating | ☐ Public Health |

CIVIC & COMMUNITY

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| ☐ Citizenship in the Community | ☐ Citizenship in the Nation | ☐ Citizenship in the World |
| ☐ Citizenship in Society | ☐ Communications | ☐ Family Life |
| ☐ Public Speaking | ☐ Law | ☐ American Heritage |
| ☐ Genealogy | | |

TRADES & SKILLS

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| ☐ Auto Mechanics | ☐ Carpentry | ☐ Electricity |
| ☐ Metalwork | ☐ Plumbing | ☐ Welding |
| ☐ Architecture | ☐ Drafting | ☐ Landscape Architecture |
| ☐ Leatherwork | ☐ Textile | |

ARTS & CULTURE

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| ☐ Art | ☐ Music | ☐ Photography |
| ☐ Theater | ☐ American Cultures | ☐ Collections |
| ☐ Reading | ☐ Journalism | ☐ Graphic Arts |

BUSINESS & FINANCE

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| ☐ Personal Management | ☐ Business | ☐ Entrepreneurship |
| ☐ Salesmanship | | |

OTHER SKILLS & AVAILABILITY

Other merit badges not listed above (write them in):

Other skills, hobbies, or professional expertise that might be useful:

Best days/times to meet with scouts:

Preferred meeting location:

Maximum scouts per session:

Would you travel to meet scouts?:

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Youth Protection Training: I understand that I must complete BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT) before working with scouts, and that I must be a registered BSA volunteer. I am willing to complete this step. (The troop will provide a link and registration instructions.)

Signature

Date

Return to Scoutmaster or Committee Chair. Questions? Contact:

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