

Are you a Blue Ridge Council Merit Badge Counselor or have aspirations to be one? Well, here's what you need to know!

Every merit badge counselor must:

1. Register with the BRC as a merit badge counselor for every merit badge that you counsel even if you are already registered for another position in Scouting. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
2. Renew your registration yearly whether you are attached to a troop or not. If attached to a troop, do it at re-chartering time. Traci Bridwell is your contact for this! - Traci.Bridwell@scouting.org
3. Take Youth Protection Training YPT renewable every two years. <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
4. Seek Merit Badge Counselor training available on-line or through the BRC Scouting University. <https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

The Blue Card is the preferred method for tracking and reporting the Merit Badge in the BRC.

Merit Badge Counseling References:

2017 BSA Guide to Advancement Section 7.0.0.0

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>

(This is an awesome Guide to Advancement for your youth!)

Introduction to Merit Badges:

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