

# Denver Area Council

## Merit Badge Counselor Update

We are happy to announce our **New Merit Badge Counselor Renewal Process** and to share with you the **Revised Merit Badge Counselor Information form**.

### **New Automatic Merit Badge Counselor Renewal Process**

**Effective September 1, 2016**

The new process will automatically renew all currently registered Merit Badge Counselors every year. All Merit Badge Counselors who had registered the previous year will be renewed from a Non-Unit Registrant Renewal Roster, which each District Director/Executive will review and submit for processing.

### **Revised Merit Badge Counselor Information form**

The revised Merit Badge Counselor Information form includes a check box indicating that you have reviewed the Merit Badge Counselor Orientation pamphlet, which now is attached to the form. If you review the information in the pamphlet and check the box on the form indicating that you have done so, you will receive the D76 training code for Merit Badge Counselor Orientation. The remainder of the form should be filled out when applying to be a Merit Badge Counselor or when adding or dropping merit badges. Copies of the revised form are available at the Denver Area Council office and on the Denver Area Council's website.

<http://www.denverboyscouts.org/document/merit-badge-counselor-information-form/164909>

### **Steps to Become a Merit Badge Counselor**

1. Fill out an Adult Application (Merit Badge Counselor position code 42).
2. Fill out a Merit Badge Counselor Information form.
3. Read the Merit Badge Counselor Orientation pamphlet that is attached to the Merit Badge Counselor Information form, and check the box stating that you reviewed it.
4. Complete or be current on Youth Protection Training (YPT).
5. Attach any certifications required for the merit badges you have agreed to counsel.
6. Submit the Adult Application, Merit Badge Counselor Information form, and any required certifications.