



Welcome to Troop 250G

Thank you for expressing interest in being an Adult Leader for Troop 250G.

We need your help to have a successful group. There are lots of options depending on your time and availability.

1. Assistant Scoutmaster
2. Troop Committee Member
3. Merit Badge Counselor
4. Helpful parent

Once you complete the attached forms, please place them in the labeled page protector and return this folder to Mrs. Julie Marzoratti or Mrs. Carolyn Minnich.

Thank you.

Troop 250G

BSA TROOP 250G REGISTRATION FORM - ADULT

(Please Print)

Today's date:	<input type="checkbox"/> ReCharter Leader <input type="checkbox"/> New Leader/Merit Badge Counselor* <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer Leader/Merit Badge Counselor * <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Leader Adult attending campouts / * <i>Adult Application required to be a Leader or Merit Badge</i>
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LEADER/MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION

Last Name:	First:	Middle:	Position of Responsibility:	Age:
Street Address:	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy) / /		Home phone no.: ()	
P.O. box:	City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
			Cell phone no.: (if applicable): ()	
Email address <i>(please print legibly)</i> :				

Are you covered by insurance? <i>(attach 2 copies)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Medical Forms Part A & B (2 Copies) submitted with this form <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>* Leader/Merit Badge Counselor will not be registered with Troop 250 until new Medical forms Part A & B including copy of medical insurance card are submitted</i>
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Have you completed your Youth Protection Certificate? Yes No *(attach 2 copies of unexpired Youth Protection Certificate)*

NOTE: A Youth Protection Certificate is required for all adult Leaders, Merit Badge Counselors and parents attending campouts.

Email address *(please print legibly)*:

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:	Address (if different than leader):	Cell phone no.: ()
		Relation to Leader:

Email address *(please print legibly)*:

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I understand that I will not be registered with Troop 250G until all new medical forms (parts A & B, 2 copies each) and insurance cards (2 copies) are submitted. Additionally, I understand that other scouting events will have a additional fees that must be submitted at the time I register for those activities.

<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Leader/Merit Badge Counselor signature</i>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Date</i>
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Authorization

(Please print)

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Suffix _____

List any other names used (nickname, maiden/married last names): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Unit Type and Number: _____

To the extent permitted by applicable law, I hereby consent to and authorize the Boy Scouts of America and/or its subsidiaries, affiliates, other related entities, successors, and/or assigns (the “Company”) to procure consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s) and/or investigative consumer report(s), on my background from a consumer reporting agency (“CRA”) or from an investigative consumer reporting agency (“ICRA”), as described in the **Background Check Disclosure** (which I have received separately from the Company), as well as these **Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization**. I have reviewed and understand the information, statements, and notices in the **Background Check Disclosure**, as well as these **Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization**. My authorization remains valid throughout my volunteer relationship with the Company, such that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, I agree Company can procure additional consumer report(s), which may include criminal background check(s), during my volunteer relationship without providing additional disclosures or obtaining additional authorizations. Except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, I consent to and authorize the Company to share this information with Company’s current or prospective clients, customers, others with a need to know, and/or their agents for business reasons (e.g., to place me in certain positions, work sites, etc.). I understand that, if I am selected for a volunteer position, a consumer report will have been conducted on me.

For Minnesota, or Oklahoma individuals: If you would like to receive from the CRA, the ICRA, or the Company (as applicable) a copy of the report that Company may procure, please check this box.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Talent Survey

Welcome to Troop 250G! Our parents are our most vital resource for helping our youth along the BSA Scout Trail. With that in mind, we would like to learn a little more about you! Please answer the following questions as completely as possible:

My hobbies include: _____

I can play and/or teach these sports: _____

My current (or previous) profession might be of interest to BSA Scouts and is:

My educational background (degrees, certifications, training, etc) might be of interest to BSA Scouts and is:

My scouting experience: (indicate years/grades in school):

Cub Scout: _____ Girl Scout: _____

Boy Scout: _____ Other: _____

Girl Troop Scout: _____ Highest rank attained: _____

Would you be willing to assist Troop Leadership occasionally? Yes No

Would you be interested in becoming a trained leader? Yes No

(Please contact the Committee Chair for a list of all required classes.)

To comply with BSA regulations, and for the safety of our scouts, we ask that ALL parents complete Youth Protection Training, conveniently available online at: <http://www.myscouting.org>

Please check which areas you would be willing to assist in:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Campouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Troop Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hikes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Committee Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Summer Camp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership/Re-Charter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Projects
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Adventure Outings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programs/Activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scoutmaster/Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Outings/Aquatics
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent Committee Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Scout Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Camp Meal Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Advancement/Troop Records	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Parent Advisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Merit Badge Counselor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Scout Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quartermaster	<input type="checkbox"/>	Astronomy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation of scouts/equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tour Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Photographer
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have contacts for special trips/activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Geology
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have access to camping property	<input type="checkbox"/>	Court of Honor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knots/Lashings
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a workshop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter/ Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Map/Compass

The Troop needs parents who are willing to be Merit Badge Counselors to help our scouts earn patches and advance in rank. To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you should have a good working knowledge of a subject based on vocation, avocation, or special training. A list of current merit badges can be found at www.meritbadge.com. If you would like to be a counselor for the troop, please contact the Advancement Coordinator (T250GAdvancements@gmail.com) (See troop website for contact information)

Parent Talent Survey — Troop Wish List

Adults with specialized skills/knowledge, or who own or have access to specialized equipment, are especially valued by our group. Troop 250G is a dynamic organization that plans numerous outdoor activities, participates in projects that benefit the community and our charter organization, and supports scouts in their quest to attain Eagle rank.

Troop parents are our most important resource. Please let us know if you can help the troop in any of the following ways:

- Do you have—or are you are willing to complete—CPR Training?
If you are CPR certified, please provide the agency name & completion date

- Own a truck suitable for transporting scout equipment or that can be used for service projects

- Own or have access to a tour van or bus _____

- Have construction knowledge and would be willing to assist/advise on Eagle projects

- Own or have access to construction equipment useful for Eagle Projects
Equipment/construction materials sometimes needed for Eagle Projects can include:

bobcat tractor	compost/mulch	blueprints or detailed plans
skip loader	concrete	graphic design
dump truck	asphalt	sign production
post-hole auger	lumber	banner production
cement mixer	fencing	

- I would like to help with troop fundraising activities and/or have a fundraising program that I would like to suggest and organize _____

- I am part of a community service organization (for example: Rotary or Optimist Club) and would be willing to find out if the organization can support our scouts' sales activities.

- I work for a company that matches employee donations made to charitable organizations and will find out if Troop 250G is a qualifying organization.

- I can help the troop design/maintain its website, or I have another useful computer skill

- I am interested in leading a trip to the following destination(s)



Boy Scouts of America

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION



(Please type or print legibly.)

Name* _____ Primary phone* _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Address* _____ Other phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

City/state/zip* _____ Other phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email address* _____ I do not have email. Age _____

District _____ Unit: Troop _____ Crew _____ Ship No. _____ BSA ID _____

I am not affiliated with a district.

I am not affiliated with a unit.

*Required field. Primary phone and email address indicate how Scouts should contact you.

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must

- Be at least 18 years old and of good character.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America (position code 42).
- Complete Youth Protection training.
- Be recognized as having the skills and education in the merit badge subjects covered and hold any required qualifications and training as outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* or the *Guide to Advancement*—or use others so qualified.
- Be able to work with Scout-age youth.

As a merit badge counselor, I agree to

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Have each Scout accompanied by another person during all instructional sessions.
- Keep my Youth Protection training current.
- Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

Merit Badges <i>For more than eight merit badges, attach additional sheets.</i>	Add (A) Drop (D)	For each merit badge, list qualification(s) that support your request. <i>Qualifications could include college degrees, formal training certificates, positions held, and specific life experiences.</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

A = Adding a new merit badge that you will counsel to the roster. D = Removing your name from the roster for this merit badge.

Complete the following:

This is a new application (first time to register as a merit badge counselor).

Attach this form to the BSA Adult Application, indicating position code 42.

This is an update to an existing list of merit badge subjects.

I no longer wish to serve as a merit badge counselor.

Youth Protection training date _____

(Attach copy of the current certificate.)

I agree to work with:

All Scouts

All Scouts in these districts: _____

Only with Scouts in these units (indicate whether troop, crew, or ship): _____

Counselors are encouraged to be available to work with any Scout in any unit.

I plan to serve as a merit badge counselor for this event or outside organization: _____

Council Approval:

Name (print) _____

Position _____

Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

What's It All About?

The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Scouts BSA advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communication)—as a merit badge counselor, you play a vital role in stirring a Scout's curiosity about it. By serving as a counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so Scouts have the opportunity to broaden their horizons. And in doing so, your mission is to combine fun with learning.

You are both teacher and mentor as the Scout learns by doing. By presenting opportunities for growth via engaging activities like designing a webpage (Computers), performing an ollie and a wheelie (Snow Sports), or fabricating rope (Pioneering), you may pique a Scout's interest and inspire a Scout to develop a lifelong hobby, pursue a particular career, or become an independent, self-supporting adult.

Learning to Be a Merit Badge Counselor

All merit badge counselors should seek training. It is important that they have a full understanding of their responsibilities and also of the recommended practices for quality counseling. The presentation “The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling” has been designed for this purpose and covers the following topics:

A Scouting overview: mission, aims, and methods	Merit badge program role and benefits
Merit badge counselor qualifications	How to become a counselor
The merit badge counseling process	Merit badge requirements
Effective counseling	Group instruction and camp settings

The session can be downloaded and viewed from www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/resources/advancement-presentations/.

Another resource is the *Guide for Merit Badge Counseling*, No. 512-065. This resource can be found online at www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/resources/.

Processing This Application

Merit badge counselors *must* register as adult Scouters and be approved by the council advancement committee for each merit badge listed on this Merit Badge Counselor Information form. A merit badge counselor does not have to pay a registration fee, but must complete an Adult Application for position code 42, fill out this form, and complete BSA Youth Protection training. Submit the Adult Application with the Merit Badge Counselor Information form to your council. Counselors may wish to associate with a particular unit but are encouraged to serve any Scout from any unit.

Special Qualifications and Guidelines for Merit Badge Counselors

A number of merit badges involve activities that are restricted or require certification or special training for those supervising these activities. See the [Guide to Advancement](#), topic 7.0.1.1, “Qualifications of Counselors.” Merit badge counselors may personally meet these required qualifications, or they may use others so qualified. Additionally, the BSA [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) has specific requirements and procedures for shooting sports and for aquatics, winter, and other activities. These policies apply to all BSA activities, including merit badge instruction. For other merit badges where specific BSA requirements do not exist, counselors should have sufficient depth of knowledge and experience to understand how to safely present the material.

Instructions to Counselors

- The unit leader (Scoutmaster, crew Advisor, or Skipper) recommends and provides the name and contact information of at least one merit badge counselor to each Scout desiring to work on a merit badge. Before beginning to work with a youth, counselors should check the Scout's merit badge application (blue card) to ensure it is signed by the unit leader.
- Every Scout must have another person with them at each meeting with a merit badge counselor. This person can be their parent or legal guardian or another registered adult. There is no one-on-one contact allowed with Scouts and counselors.
- Counselors may not add to or delete any merit badge requirements. Group instruction is allowed where special facilities and expert personnel make this most practical, or when Scouts are dependent on a few counselors for assistance. However, any group experience must provide attention to every individual candidate's projects and progress, and assure each has actually and personally fulfilled *all* the requirements. If, for example, a requirement uses words like “show,” “demonstrate,” or “discuss,” then every Scout must individually do so. It is unacceptable to award badges on the basis of Scouts sitting in classrooms and watching demonstrations or remaining silent during discussions.
- When a Scout begins working on a merit badge, the current-year *Scouts BSA Requirements* book lists the official requirements in effect at that time. If requirements change after a Scout has started working on a merit badge, the requirements that were in effect when the Scout began working on the badge can still be followed unless the BSA's National Council places a specific timeline on the implementation of new requirements.

