



**Boy Scouts of America
SENECA WATERWAYS COUNCIL
MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION**



Last Name:		First Name:
Address:		Birth Date:
City:		Home Phone:
State/Zip:		Work Phone:
Email Address:		
District:	Unit:	Position in Scouting:

MERIT BADGES WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO COUNSEL

*NOTE: Must be 21 years or older to counsel

Canoeing, Climbing, Cycling, Lifesaving, Motor Boating, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Shotgun Shooting, Skating,
Small Board Sailing, Snow Sports, Swimming, Whitewater, Waterskiing.

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Please give a short description of your vocation, hobby or life experience that would enable you to counsel Scouts on these badges. The Seneca Waterways Council recommends each counselor obtain the merit badge pamphlet pertaining to each merit badge he/she will be counseling

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I have examined the requirements for the merit badge(s) listed above (as stated in the current merit badge pamphlet pertaining to each subject) and understand that substitutions of stated requirements cannot be permitted. I understand that upon approval of my application to serve as a counselor, I will receive a certification card and additional instructions on the counseling process. At that time, I will be eligible to counsel Scouts in accordance with the regulations of Seneca Waterways Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America.

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Recommended By:	Date:
Interviewed and Approved By:	Date:
(District Dean of Merit Badge Counselors)	

To obtain final approval of this Merit Badge Counselor application, a new adult registration form #28-501X must also be submitted. All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered as Counselors. If you are currently registered in another Scouting position, no additional payment is required. Although Merit Badge Counselor registration is required, payment of a registration fee is optional. Mail your forms and fee (optional) to Seneca Waterways Council, BSA, 474 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607 or 3658 Preemption Rd., Geneva NY 14456. On the back of this form you will find a map of the Seneca Waterways Council Districts and a list of District Deans. Please feel free to contact your District Dean with any questions. Thank you for volunteering your time and expertise.



Boy Scout Merit Badge Process



Responsibilities of the Boy Scout, Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor

Boy Scout

Scoutmaster

Merit Badge Counselor

<p>Obtains merit badge application (blue card).</p> <p>Looks at current merit badge list for a registered counselor for the badge he wants to earn.</p> <p>Completes merit badge application and Scoutmaster signs on front.</p> <p>Contacts the merit badge counselor for an appointment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures Scout has the name of counselor from the Council List. • Ensures Scout has completed card and the counselor's name is printed on the back. • Signs back of card after it is signed by the counselor. • Forwards the card to the advancement chairperson. • Scoutmaster can sign Merit Badges for Hiking/Camping/Backpacking/Cooking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures s/he is on the council merit badge counselor list. • Ensures that an additional adult besides the counselor is present at counseling sessions. • Ensures Scout has completed card and obtained required signatures before starting merit badge. • Signs card after <u>all</u> requirements are satisfied.
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Deans of Merit Badge Counselors

	Name	Street Address	Town	Home Phone	Business Phone
Council	George VanArsdale	7 Browning Lane	Pittsford, NY 14534	248-2281	
Bay Waters	Andy Hill	1375 Harris Rd.	Webster, NY 14580	872-3634	
	Penfield and Webster				
Bay Waters	John Becker	100 Parkmere Rd	Rochester NY 14617	266-7191	
	Irondequoit				
Black Creek	John McParlin	45 Mercury Dr	Rochester NY 14624	247-8609	
	Wheatland, Riga, Chili, Gates, Henrietta, Rush				
Genesee Crossroads	Dick Rasmussen	105 Drumlin View Dr	Mendon NY 14506	624-7371	
	City of Rochester				
Lighthouse	Curt Hamlin	992 West Ave	Brockport NY 14420	637-4938	
	Greece, Clarkson, Hamlin, Hilton, Brockport, and Spencerport				
Mohawk	Sherri Tennies	185 William St	Geneva NY 14456	315-789-1851	
	Sodus, Newark, Red Creek, Phelps, Waterloo, Geneva, Romulus, North Rose-Wolcott, Seneca Falls, Middlesex, Penn Yan, and Dundee				
Seneca	Bill Lawrence	4986 Collett Rd	Shortsville NY 14548	289-3155	
	Marion, Palmyra-Macedon, Victor, Canandaigua, Honeoye, Naples, Wayne, and Williamson				
Towpath	Andrew Gates	132 Roselawn Ave	Fairport NY 14450	377--2556	
	Brighton, Mendon, Pittsford, Fairport and East Rochester				

Seneca Waterways Council

Rochester Office - Phone: 585-244-4210 - Address: 474 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14607
Geneva Office- Phone: 315-789-1166 - Address: 3658 Preemption Rd., Geneva NY 14456
Web: www.senecawaterways.org