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Merit Badge Counselor Training in Longhouse Council

Thank you for serving as a Merit Badge Counselor (MBC), whether you are a new Counselor or a renewing Counselor. Training for this important position in the BSA program is available for all MBC's, at no cost.

Training will provide you with a sound basis of how boy scouts are expected to earn merit badges as well as the Boy Scout program. Of course, it does not provide you with the specific merit badge expertise for which you were approved.

So, all MBC's are encouraged to complete the online BSA MBC training courses. The first program is divided into five (5) courses that, all together, take about 45 minutes to complete. The training will inform you of the proper procedures, as well as provide you with a working knowledge of special merit badge program procedures and requirements, all of which are detailed in the BSA “Guide to Advancement”, Chapter 7 (current edition). The second program, which can be completed in about 10 minutes, will provide you with a general perspective of boy scout advancement. Both programs are required for MBC training certification.

A detailed outline of how to access the MBC training courses online is appended below.

If you have any question, please contact either the Committee Staff Advisor at the Council offices, or me.

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Attachment: “How to Access MBC Training Online”

How to Access MBC Training Online

By taking the mandatory online Youth Protection Training (YPT) you have established an account. Both new and renewing MBC's may use the following instructions to take the MB Counselor training courses online. See note 2 below for an alternate path to the training courses for currently registered MBC's (*i.e.* renewing MBC's) only.

- 1] Go to my.scouting.org and sign in to your account
- 2] You will land on the My.Scouting "News" page. On the right panel click "[BSA Learn Center](#)"
- 3] On the Learning Center home page scroll down to the "Program Specific Training" and click [the picture of Boy Scouting](#)
- 4] In the box on the lower half of the page that says "Merit Badge Counsel", click "[± Add Plan](#)" then click the [center of the box](#)
- 5] You will see 2 Programs. Begin by clicking "[Before the First Meeting](#)"
- 6] There are 5 Courses in the first Program that, all together, take about 45 minutes to complete. Click on "[Launch Course](#)" (twice if needed) for the course you are interested in taking. You are not required to complete a single course in one sitting and may resume it at a later time. Also, the courses may be done at separate times.

NOTES:

1. The second Program is about advancement in general and is required. It is just over 10 minutes in a single course.
2. For currently registered MBC's only, the MBC training courses may be accessed as follows: once signed in to your [my.scouting](http://my.scouting.org) account, click "My Dashboard" under Menu. This will display the MBC training courses available to MBC's ONLY.

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