

## **Longhouse Council Shooting Sports** **Merit Badge Counselor required certifications**

In addition to the paperwork required for all merit badge counselors (MBC), please submit proof of current certification as indicated below for the shooting sports badge(s) you wish to register to counsel.

### **Archery:**

Current USA Archery/National Field Archery Association (NFAA) Level 1, archery instructor certification (current USA Archery's "Safe Sport Training" is required), or

Current BSA Archery Director certification.

### **Rifle:**

Current National Rifle Association (NRA) Basic Instructor Training (BIT), and

Current NRA Rifle Instructor certification to teach:

1. merit badge Option A - rifle shooting [modern cartridge type] or
2. merit badge Option B - air rifle shooting [BB or pellet].

Current "NRA/NMLRA Instructor Muzzleloading Shooting Course" (combined course) certification to teach merit badge Option C [muzzleloading rifle shooting.] Prior NRA/NMLRA Muzzleloading Rifle certification is no longer acceptable.

### **Shotgun:**

Current NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT), and

Current NRA Shotgun Instructor certification and NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT) to teach merit badge Option A [modern shotshell type].

Current "NRA/NMLRA Instructor Muzzleloading Shooting Course" (combined course) certification to teach merit badge Option B [muzzleloading shotgun shooting]. Prior NRA/NMLRA Muzzleloading Shotgun certification is no longer acceptable.

### **BSA References:**

- BSA Guide to Advancement – current edition  
(<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf>)
- BSA National Shooting Sports Manual, current edition and "Shooting Sports Manual Supplement"; see:  
(<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/OutdoorProgram/ShootingSports.aspx>)

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