

MERIT BADGES AND AWARDS OUTSIDE JUSTICE SCOUT CAMP

There are naturally advancement opportunities throughout the course of your stay at the Summit. In certain scenarios (i.e. white water rafting not in Justice Scout Camp), it may be appropriate to train your adult leaders to be merit badge counselors.

TO DO THE ONLINE TRAINING:

- Login to <https://my.scouting.org/>
- Click Menu in the top left.
- Click My Dashboard from the dropdown menu.
- Click Training Center near the top. It is next to YPT.
- Click Scouts BSA. This will redirect you to Scouting U site.
- Click Course Catalog near the top. Scroll down to Program Learning Pans.
- Click on Learning Events in the Boy Scouting Box.
- Click on Merit Badge Counselor Training

This should pop up 2 options. 1: Merit Badge Counselor -Before the First Meeting and 2: Merit Badge Counselor – Position Trained. Complete both sessions and fill out and submit your Merit Badge Counselor Application. Be sure to Include Kayak, Whitewater, and any other Merit Badges you wish to sign off on. Here's link for merit badge counselor application <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>

This seems complicated but if you follow the steps it is not too painful. If online learning is not your style, contact your local council to find out about in person training opportunities.

Thanks in advance for your help in this. On any given year in the Experience program alone, we can see up to 1000 or more blue cards and award applications. If we sign them as the merit badge counselor, it becomes our responsibility to organize, archive, and retrieve information on any one of the blue cards should a question come up about the card or for Eagle Court. For this reason, we try to stay out of the advancement business in High Adventure. We will provide the subject matter experts for the awards or badges.

Checkout these links for more information on the specific merit badges/awards.

- [Kayak Merit Badge](#)
- [Whitewater Merit Badge](#)
- [50 Miler Award](#)
- [Whitewater Rafting BSA Award](#)
- [Kayaking BSA Award](#)

NOTE the whitewater merit badge has a prerequisite for either the kayak or canoe merit badge. We will have the opportunity to complete the kayak merit badge and then complete the whitewater merit badge during the trek.