

Dear Merit Badge Counselor;

First I would like to thank you for your time and commitment to the scouts of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council as an Aquatics Merit Badge Counselor. Your commitment, like many others, has gone to advancing the skills and character of many of the scouts that have gone through our council.

The National Office has been updating the merit badge requirements for aquatics, climbing, shooting etc., along with the requirements for the counselors. National required that each council form a committee for Shooting Sports, Aquatics, and Climbing. As the Aquatics Committee, we are required to inspect our camps, set up training, and insure that all aquatics activities are safe, along with many other aquatics related matters. One item is to insure that all Aquatics Merit Badge Counselors are properly trained and certified. As a committee we have met to discuss the directives of National, and guidelines set at National Workshops.

Attached are the requirements to be a counselor for each merit badge. Please review them and send a copy of the certifications for each merit badges you instruct. If you do not have the needed certifications, you can contact me and I will set up training, or tell you where you can find the training.

Aquatics Merit Badge Counselor Worksheet

Our Records show that your certification in the following has either expired, will expire soon, or is incomplete. These must be completed in order for you to remain registered as a Merit Badge Counselor. Please fill in the missing information and return this form along with a copy of the certifying document to the council office.

Required for all Aquatic Positions:

Youth Protection	Expiration Date _____
First Aid	Expiration Date _____
CPR	Expiration Date _____
Safe Swim Defense	Expiration Date _____
Safety Afloat (Except Swimming and Lifesaving)	Expiration Date _____

Swimming Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
Trained Swimming Coach	Expiration Date _____
Red Cross Swimming Instructor	Expiration Date _____
YMCA Swimming Instructor	Expiration Date _____
School Swimming Instructor	Expiration Date _____
Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____

Life Saving Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
BSA Lifeguard Councilor	Expiration Date _____
American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor	Expiration Date _____
American Red Cross Lifeguard Councilor	Expiration Date _____
YMCA Lifeguard Councilor	Expiration Date _____
State or National Recognized Agency Lifeguard Instructor	Expiration Date _____

Canoe Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
American Canoe Association Instructor	Expiration Date _____
US Canoe Association	Expiration Date _____
American Red Cross canoeing instructor	Expiration Date _____
With Council Approval, Have previously held an above Certification, or be trained as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____

Rowing Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Instructor	Expiration Date _____

Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
American Sailing Association Instructor	Expiration Date _____
USA Sailing Association Instructor	Expiration Date _____
Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____

White Water Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

American Canoe Association Instructor	Expiration Date _____
US Canoe Association	Expiration Date _____
American Whitewater	Expiration Date _____

Water Sports

Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
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Motor Boating

Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor	Expiration Date _____
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