

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 OR YMCA, OR 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 OR 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 Canoeing Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

US Canoe Association Canoeing Instructor

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 Whitewater Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

US Canoe Association Whitewater Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

American Whitewater

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Water Sports

Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Motor Boating

Trained or Approved as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Kayaking Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

BSA Aquatics Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

American Canoe Association Kayaking Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

US Canoe Association Kayaking Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

American Red Cross Kayaking instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

With Council Approval, Have previously held an above

Certification, or be trained as/by a BSA Aquatics Instructor

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

### SCUBA Diving Merit Badge (1 Required for Registration):

Certified SCUBA Diver by PADI, NAUI, SSI, IDEA, PDIC,

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

SDI, or another agency that is a member of WRSTC.

*It should be noted that the Diving instructor for requirement 4 must be a SCUBA Diving instructor certified by PADI, NAUI, SSI, IDEA, PDIC, SDI, or another agency that is a member of WRSTC. The scout must provide a copy of their open water diver certification with the merit badge blue card.*