

# Historical Merit badge Counselors

National has given some guidelines which we will attempt to follow for determining qualifications for becoming a counselor, the merit badge criteria is below. Please fill out a complete merit badge counselor form including your qualifications on the back side of the form. Please email, mail or give the form to me. Make sure you have heard back from me that you as a counselor are in the system before signing up scouts to do the merit badge.

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Counselors should be recruited and registered by the councils, districts, and units and announced through newsletters and Web sites. While it might be possible to make an appeal to recruit at least some qualified counselors, it might work better for the council advancement committee to recruit specific people who serve as counselors for similar merit badges. Here are some suggestions.

## Related Offerings

Historical Merit Badge	Related Merit Badges	Other Resources
<b>Carpentry</b>	Woodwork Home Repairs	Historic and reenactment villages, grandparents, teaching woodshops, school shop classes, carpenters' unions
<b>Pathfinding</b>	Emergency Preparedness American Heritage	Search and rescue specialists, city/county planner, police, emergency medical personnel, fire department officials, local Homeland Security officials, local historical societies
<b>Signaling</b>	Communications Radio Wilderness Survival	Ham radio operators, FEMA/county disaster officials, American Red Cross chapters
<b>Tracking</b>	Orienteering Citizenship in the Community	Search and rescue specialists, sheriff's department, local hunter education experts, local wildlife groups, wildlife/conservation officials

The Historical Merit Badge program will require creativity for Scouts to gain the most from stepping back in time, to learn what a Scout did a hundred years ago, or to learn how a Scout's world has changed in the last century. This can only be done with quality, qualified counselors. Counselors recruited to serve for these four historical merit badges may turn out to be great resources who can be utilized for years to come. Having the best, most qualified counselors for these badges might be the key to the success of the Historical Merit Badge program in your council.