2020 Merit Badge Counselor Recharter

Per BSA National rules, not only do Scouts, leaders, and units recharter once a year, but Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) are to recharter each year as well. Our Hawkeye Area Council has decided to perform the MBC recharter in concert with our unit recharter. The recharter will take two major forms consisting of the following: Current registered counselors & unregistered counselors

**Current Registered Counselors**
For the current registered counselors, we will begin the recharter for Merit Badges already established with the counselor. The attached report’s data was extracted on October 1, 2019. This is the official list that will be used for the 2020 MBC recharter. As always, there could be instances where a counselor does not appear on this list because of recent submission or similar reason.

Please review your unit’s report for the MBC listed. If the counselor agrees to perform the MBC duties again for 2020 in the badge shown, the Advancement Chair should simply put a “Y” in the “Approve” column and initial the report. If they chose not to be the MBC counselor for a Merit Badge, they indicate an “N” in the “Approve” column. If a current MBC would like to sign up for an additional badge, they need to fill out a Hawkeye Area Council (HAC) MBC Form for the additional Merit Badges. Both the current report and the HAC MBC forms should be turned in together with the recharter package.

All registered leaders, including MBC, are required to have current Youth Protection Training (YPT). All YPT expiring before March 2020 are highlighted in yellow.

**New Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form must be submitted by every Adult. Currently registered MBC’s should receive the form via email.**

**Unregistered Counselors**
Unregistered Counselors need to complete three forms to be turned in with the recharter package.

1. **Adult Application Form** - Even if the unregistered MBC is a current registered Scout leader, but is not currently registered as a MBC, Scout regulations require another leader form to be filled out and turned in as MBC. Even though the leader application is the same as other, the use for an MBC is referred to as a “42”. As a point of information, please remember that a MBC does not pay a registration fee.

2. **HAC MBC Application** - The MBC would then fill out this form identify the Merit Badge(s) that they will teach. The application and instructions are available at [www.hawkeyebsa.org](http://www.hawkeyebsa.org) >> Menu link in top-right corner >> Merit Badge Counselors (under the “Advancements & Awards” section.

3. **Youth Protection Training** – please attach the current Youth Protection Training certificate.

*Please note - that if you select “new counselor” or “revised listing” on our form, previous information in the system will be removed and the new list entered. The option “Additional badge” will add badges to those that MBC already has for the year.*

If you have questions on performing the 2020 MBC recharter, please contact your District Advancement Chairperson or Tammy Erickson at the Council Service Center.

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