

Reporting Merit Badge Counseling Concerns

Use this form to report to your council advancement committee questionable processes or procedures discovered in merit badge counseling at group instruction events such as fairs, clinics, workshops, in camp settings, or by individual counselors. Note that reports are primarily for the information of the advancement committee as methods to improve the merit badge program are considered; however, committees may elect to follow up on specific cases.

Prior to submitting to your council advancement committee:

- Consult the *Guide to Advancement*, section 7, with special attention to topics 7.0.4.6 through 7.0.4.11.
- Gather information that may help the council advancement committee to understand what has happened. This could include items such as advertisements or brochures, schedules, any required workbooks or worksheets, or other documentation of the questionable processes or procedures.

Merit badge(s) _____ Instructor _____ Date(s) of instruction _____

Event title (if applicable) _____ Sponsor _____

Location _____ City _____ State _____

Method of merit badge instruction:

Individual counselor instruction Summer camp Merit badge fair/clinic Outside organization Other: _____

Nature of concern (check all that apply):

- The merit badge counselor is not registered with the BSA.
- The merit badge counselor is not approved by the council advancement committee.
- The merit badge counselor did not ensure that each Scout actually and personally completed requirements.
- Requirements that could not have been completed were signed off.
- Requirements as written were changed or not used.
- The Scout was at the event but did not attend class.
- The Scout was signed off for a merit badge but did not attend the event.
- An outside organization, business, or individual generated a profit from presenting merit badges.
- An outside organization, business, or unaffiliated individual presented merit badge opportunities without permission from the BSA.
- An outside organization, business, or unaffiliated individual used the BSA brand, trade names, protected images, or logos without permission.
- Other: _____

Statement of facts and concerns. Use additional sheets, if required. Include any comments on steps taken to resolve the issue.

Guide to Advancement topic number related to questionable process or procedure (required): (For example, 7.0.4.6, 7.0.4.7, etc.)

Contact person (should the council advancement committee need more information):

Event coordinator Camp director Merit badge counselor Other: _____

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Have you previously reported this event or counselor? No Yes; approximate date of previous report: _____

Submitted by: (*Required)

Name* _____ District _____ Unit _____ Phone* _____

Scouting position _____ Email* _____

The information presented is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Council advancement committee notes

Received by _____ Date _____

