

# Merit Badge: Counselor Script

Read your Merit Badge book, and get your Scoutmaster to sign a Blue Merit Card.

Review the Merit Badge Counselor list, see who you will call before starting work on your merit badge.

Make the call. Here is a sample phone call script:

**“Hi! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, is Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ (Merit Badge Counselor Name) there?”**

They respond, or come to the phone (or you could leave this information on an answering machine, and include your phone number so they can call you back.).

**“Hi! My name is \_\_\_\_\_, I’m from Troop 661, and I understand you are a Merit Badge Counselor for the \_\_\_\_\_ Merit Badge. “ (Allow them to respond.)**

**“I have my blue card signed by my Scoutmaster, and I was wondering if you would be my Merit Badge Counselor. I was also wondering if there was anything special you wanted me to know or do to complete this Merit Badge.**

**Thank you, Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_”**

This is a simple script. Your words will change, according to what the person on the other end of the phone is saying, but this will help you know what to say, and what you need to know.

Be sure to have a pen and paper to write down what special things the Merit Badge Counselor wants you to know or do.

Remember, use your BEST manners. This is an opportunity to learn to meet new people, and to gain expertise in phone manners and presentation. Not everyone responds the same, and some will be easy to please, and others may expect PERFECT manners, and may tell you where your manners fail. Be prepared for this, it is part of the learning experience that earning Merit Badges will help you with!

Your Scoutmaster,  
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