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Dear MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

... and prospective NEW counselors :

Annual Renewal of MBCs.

There is a requirement to re-register annually as an MBC. Our District sent out Individual Personal Datasheets to each counselor and asked for an update of the contact information if the MBC wants to continue and if not, to advise that the name be removed from the list and therefore removed as a MBC. Failure to send that Individual Personal Data Sheet back or contacting your Merit Badge Dean by email or phone will cause you to be dropped from the list, and if registering again, we will need a new MBC registration with BSA adult application, and MBC Information form. **Some adult leader MBC applications have lapsed due to BSA national office changes to the adult registration forms. Those counselors will require new membership forms for MBC registration.**

If you are currently registered thru Troop 1688 as a MBC, please review the attached list and notify me of any changes or revisions to the merit badges you are registered for. You may change your availability to include Scouts throughout the District or limit yourself to just Troop 1688, or you may to add or subtract specific merit badges to your list. Please email that information to me ASAP.

If you are not currently registered as a merit badge counselor, I'd like to encourage you to give it a try. There are over 100 different subjects covered in the merit badge program and some are not yet covered. If you sign up for just the one or two that reflect your interests and/or career experiences, you are offering our Scouts another perspective in learning. When boys have an opportunity to work on a merit badge on their own, it is a real boost to their confidence, initiative and independence. See the MB links and books for details.

Please call or email me with questions about being a merit badge counselor or to let me know which ones you want to become registered to counsel.

THANK YOU for your participation and support for our sons.

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