



# BECOMING A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR – GETTING STARTED

- Contact your local Scouting America council or troop to get an application started (Different councils may have different procedures)
- \$65 fee for adult volunteers
- Must pass a background check
  - Criminal
  - Other youth organizations you volunteered with



# BECOMING A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR – REQUIRED TRAINING

- Safeguarding Youth Training (90 minutes)
- Introduction to Merit Badges (8 minutes)
- What is a Merit Badge Counselor (7 minutes)
- Merit Badge Counselor Training (60 minutes)



# BECOMING A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR – RESOURCES

- Help is available on the LASO website
- <https://learningaboutstamps.org/>
- Go to {TBD} menu
- Resources are available to assist you whether you are working with Scouts on line or in person to earn the Stamp Collecting merit badge
  - Instructional Material
  - Help in organizing your sessions