CROSSROADS OF THE WEST COUNCIL
SHOOTING SPORTS POLICY
GUIDELINE 3
MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

_____ Counselor must have completed BSA Youth Protection within 2 previous years.

_____ Counselor must be registered as a merit badge counselor with the council.

_____ Counselor for Rifle Shooting merit badge is NRA-certified rifle or if using Muzzle-loading Rifles must be an NRA/NMLRA-certified muzzle loading rifle instructor or coach.

_____ Counselor for Shotgun Shooting merit badge is NRA-certified shotgun instructor or coach.

_____ Merit badge counselors will follow the current teaching guide at Appendix 1 of The BSA Shooting Sports Manual for Shotgun Shooting merit badge and appendix 2 for Rifle Shooting merit badge.

_____ The counselor must ensure an NRA-certified Range Safety Officer supervises live firing while the counselor instructs participants on-range.

_____ Counselor will follow the checklist at Guideline 2 and Range SOP found at Guidelines 8-11 of Shooting Sports Policy, BSA Shooting Sports manual Appendix 3 SOP or the range SOP.
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