



Glacier's Edge Council (620), BSA Advancement Committee

- ♣ Indian Trails
- ♣ Mohawk
- ♣ Wisconsin River
- ♣ Yahara

Nova Counselor and SuperNova Mentor Registration and Approval Process

Nova Counselors are required to be at least 21 years old, hold current Youth Protection Training (YPT), register annually[&] with the BSA (position code 58 – *no fee required*) and be approved by their unit. Nova Counselors must be familiar with the science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) topic, but need not be an expert, and able to facilitate exploration and learning.

Glacier's Edge Council (GEC) Advancement Committee requires a Nova Counselor to attend training (D83) or review the *Nova Counselor Training Self Study Guide* prior to working with Scouts.

SuperNova Mentors are required to be 21 years old, hold current YPT, register with the BSA (position code 52 – *no fee required*), be knowledgeable in the STEM award subject by vocation, hobby, or education, and be approved annually[&] by the Council or District Advancement Committee.

GEC Advancement Committee requires a SuperNova Mentor to attend training (D82) or review the *SuperNova Mentor Guide* prior to working with Scouts.

GEC Advancement Committee is responsible for approving all SuperNova Mentors serving Scouts in the Council. Each District Advancement Chair is responsible for review of submitted applications from their District.

Nova Counselors or SuperNova Mentors with expired YPT are prohibited from working with Scouts.

To register as a Nova Counselor:

COMPLETE: Youth Protection Training: my.scouting.org

Details on how to take YPT: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/youthprotection/doc/02_HOW_TO-TakeYouthProtectionTraining.doc

ATTEND OR READ: Nova Counselor Training (D83) **OR** review *Nova Counselor Training Self Study Guide*

SUBMIT to Council Office: BSA Adult Application indicating **Position Code 58** (*no fee required*), Nova Counselor[^]. *A new position specific Adult Application is required, even if already registered with BSA for another adult leader position.*

To register as a SuperNova Mentor:

COMPLETE: Youth Protection Training: my.scouting.org

Details on how to take YPT: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/youthprotection/doc/02_HOW_TO-TakeYouthProtectionTraining.doc

ATTEND OR READ: SuperNova Mentor Training (D82) **OR** review *SuperNova Mentor Guide*

SUBMIT to your District Advancement Chair⁺: Latest version of the SuperNova Awards Mentor Information Application (514-017) listing the job skills (vocation), hobby/life skills (avocation), or education which documents your STEM qualifications. Justification must be provided for each individual Nova Award for which you are qualified to serve as a SuperNova Mentor. **AND...**

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INCLUDE: BSA Adult Application indicating **Position Code 52** (*no fee required*), SuperNova Mentor[^]. *This is a District Position; thus, a new position specific Adult Application is required, even if already registered with BSA for another adult leader position.*

NOTE: GEC Advancement Committee Recommendations on serving as Nova Counselor or SuperNova Mentor for your own Scout:

- ✦ In order to provide Scouts a broader opportunity for learning, serving as a Nova Counselor or SuperNova Mentor for your own Scout should not be a routine occurrence.
- ✦ It is also recommended that when you serve as a Nova Counselor or SuperNova Mentor for your own Scout another Adult Leader should independently review their completed requirements, unless the work was completed in a group setting.

& Nova Counselors and SuperNova Mentors are reviewed and renewed annually through the District re-charter process.

+ May provide to one of the District Key 3 if Advancement Chair is not available. Submission directly to the Council Office could delay approval.

[^] Nova Counselor and SuperNova Mentor are BSA registered positions; therefore, can support the 2 Deep Leadership requirement for all scouting activities.

