

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION
DISTRICT

(Please print or type the following information. List your name as you want it shown on the Merit Badge Counselor List.)

NAME: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ E-MAIL: _____

HOME NUMBER: _____ BUSINESS NUMBER: _____ UNIT NUMBER: _____

Circle the one you want used for boys to contact you.

NA if not affiliated with a Unit.

All Merit Badge Counselors must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Even if you are already registered in another position, you must still complete a **BSA Adult Application (#28-501V) form with the Position Code "42"**. **NOTE: Effective 4/1/03, the Social Security Number on all adults is required.** Send this form, along with the BSA Adult Application form, to your District Advancement Chair or to the council. If you send it to the council, they will forward it to the District for approval.

Boy Scouts of America
 Orange County Council
 1211 East Dyer Road
 Santa Ana, CA 92705
 Attn: _____
 Advancement Chairman

You do not need to pay the annual \$10.00 registration fee.

The Boy Scout Handbook instructs the Scout to meet with you before he starts to establish a mutual understanding of the requirements and his commitment to complete those requirements.

By signing the back of this form, you agree to the following standards:

As a Merit Badge Counselor, I will:

1. Examine the latest revision of the BSA Merit Badge pamphlet for each Merit Badge I select on the reverse side of this form. NOTE: The latest revision date shown (correct as of January 1, 2003) might not necessarily correspond to the copyright date of the pamphlet. Though intended as an aid to Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and qualified Venturers in meeting merit badge requirements, these pamphlets are of general interest and are made available by many schools and public libraries.
2. Require the Scout to complete all and only all of the requirements.
3. Counsel the Scout to:
 - A. Keep his appointment.
 - B. Be in uniform.
 - C. Bring a legibly filled out Merit Badge application card signed in ink by his unit leader or designee.
 - D. In keeping with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines, bring an adult to every counseling session we have.
4. Notify the District Advancement Chairman when I no longer want to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor.

MERIT BADGE SUBJECTS

To provide boys an opportunity to meet and interact with as many different qualified adults as possible during the Scouting years, it is recommended that no counselor counsel for more than six (6) merit badge subjects.

__American Business	2002	__Engineering	2000	__Photography	1994
__American Cultures	1995	__Entrepreneurship	1997	__Pioneering	1993
__American Heritage	1976	__Environmental Science*	1998	__Plant Science	1983
__American Labor	1987	__Family Life*	1991	__Plumbing	1999
__Animal Science	2000	__Farm Mechanics	1997	__Pottery	2002
__Archaeology	1997	__Fingerprinting	1983	__Public Health	1996
__Archery	1986	__Fire Safety	1995	__Public Speaking	2002
__Architecture	1995	__First Aid*	2002	__Pulp & Paper	1993
__Art	2001	__Fish/Wildlife Management	1990	__Radio	2001
__Astronomy	1983	__Fishing	2002	__Railroading	1992
__Athletics	1964	__Fly Fishing	2002	__Reading	1993
__Atomic Energy	1983	__Forestry	1984	__Reptile/Amphibian Study	1993
__Auto Mechanics	2000	__Gardening	2002	__Rifle Shooting++	2001
__Aviation	2000	__Genealogy	1988	__Rowing	1998
__Backpacking	2002	__Geology	1985	__Safety	1997
__Basketry	1986	__Golf	2002	__Salesmanship	1987
__Bird Study	1999	__Graphic Arts	1998	__Scholarship	1988
__Bugling (See Music)	1994	__Hiking*^	2001	__Sculpture	2002
__Camping*	2001	__Home Repairs	2002	__Shotgun Shooting++	1989
__Canoeing+	1989	__Horsemanship	1986	__Skating	1999
__Chemistry	1996	__Indian Lore	1996	__Small Boat Sailing	1995
__Cinematography	2001	__Insect Study	2002	__Snow Sports	1999
__Citizenship in the Community*	1993	__Journalism	1999	__Soil/Water Conservation	1995
__Citizenship in the Nation*	1993	__Landscape Architecture	2002	__Space Exploration	1990
__Citizenship in the World*	1995	__Law	2002	__Sports	1996
__Climbing+++	1999	__Leatherwork	2002	__Stamp Collecting	2000
__Coin Collecting	2002	__Lifesaving+*#	2001	__Surveying	1992
__Collections	1991	__Mammal Study	1972	__Swimming+*^	2002
__Communications*	1997	__Medicine	2002	__Textile	1972
__Computers	1993	__Metalwork	2001	__Theater	1999
__Cooking	2001	__Model Design & Building	1993	__Traffic Safety	2001
__Crime Prevention	1996	__Motor Boating+	1992	__Truck Transportation	1973
__Cycling*^	1996	__Music and Bugling	1994	__Veterinary Medicine	1996
__Dentistry	2002	__Nature	1991	__Water Skiing+	1999
__Disabilities Awareness	1993	__Oceanography	1993	__Weather	1999
__Dog Care	1984	__Orienteering	1992	__White Water+	1989
__Drafting	1993	__Painting	2002	__Wilderness Survival	2001
__Electricity	1996	__Personal Fitness*	1999	__Wood Carving	2001
__Electronics	1996	__Personal Management*	1996	__Woodwork	1994
__Emergency Preparedness*#	1995	__Pets	1984		
__Energy	1978				

* This badge is required for the Eagle Scout rank.

^ Only one of these badges (Swimming, Hiking, or Cycling) can be used as a required M.B. for the Eagle Scout rank.

Only one of these badges (Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving) can be using as a required M.B. for the Eagle Scout rank.

+ Water Activities must meet the requirements of BSA Safe Swim Defense (See BSA Guide to Safe Scouting).

++ Rifle and Shotgun Counselors must be BSA or NRA Certified Instructors and meet the standards of current Scouting literature and bulletins.

+++ Climbing Counselors have special qualification requirements.

Please list your qualifications for the Merit Badge subjects you have checked: BSA Youth Protection: Y N ? Expiration Date: _____

As a Merit Badge Counselor, I agree to follow the standards listed on the front.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

RECOMMENDED BY:(Print): _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ UNIT # _____

APPROVED BY: (Print) _____ DATE: _____

District Advancement Chairman