

## 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 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 (for Merit Badge Counselor" entered and send it together with this form to District Advancement Chair (Preferred) or to the council. If you get it to Council they will forward it to the District for approval.****

Boy Scouts of America  
Orange County Council  
3590 Harbor Gateway North  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626-1442  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_ Advancement Chairman

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

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***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.***

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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.

<input type="checkbox"/> American Business	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Photography	1994
<input type="checkbox"/> American Cultures	1995	<input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship	1997	<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering	1993
<input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage	1976	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science*	1998	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science	1983
<input type="checkbox"/> American Labor	1987	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life*	1991	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing	1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science	2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics	1997	<input type="checkbox"/> Pottery	2002
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology	1997	<input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting	1983	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Health	1996
<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	1986	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety	1995	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking	2002
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	1995	<input type="checkbox"/> First Aid*	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Pulp & Paper	1993
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish/Wildlife Management	1990	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio	2001
<input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy	1983	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Railroading	1992
<input type="checkbox"/> Athletics	1964	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Fishing	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading	1993
<input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy	1983	<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry	1984	<input type="checkbox"/> Reptile/Amphibian Study	1993
<input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics	2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Shooting++	2001
<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	2000	<input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy	1988	<input type="checkbox"/> Rowing	1998
<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Geology	1985	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety	1997
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketry	1986	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship	1987
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study	1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Arts	1998	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship	1988
<input type="checkbox"/> Bugling(See Music)	1994	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking*^	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	2002
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping*	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Shooting++	1989
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing+	1989	<input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship	1986	<input type="checkbox"/> Skating	1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Boat Sailing	1995
<input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports	1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Community*	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Journalism	1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil/Water Conservation	1995
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Nation*	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration	1990
<input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the World*	1995	<input type="checkbox"/> Law	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports	1996
<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing+++	1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Collecting	2000
<input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving+*#	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying	1992
<input type="checkbox"/> Collections	1991	<input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study	1972	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming+*^	2002
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications*	1997	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicine	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Textile	1972
<input type="checkbox"/> Computers	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	2001	<input type="checkbox"/> Model Design & Building	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety	2001
<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating+	1992	<input type="checkbox"/> Truck Transportation	1973
<input type="checkbox"/> Cycling*^	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Music and Bugling	1994	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine	1996
<input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature	1991	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing+	1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities Awareness	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Weather	1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care	1984	<input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering	1992	<input type="checkbox"/> White Water+	1989
<input type="checkbox"/> Drafting	1993	<input type="checkbox"/> Painting	2002	<input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival	2001
<input type="checkbox"/> Electricity	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness*	1999	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving	2001
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Management*	1996	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork	1994
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness*#	1995	<input type="checkbox"/> Pets	1984		
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy	1978				

\* This badge is required for the Eagle Scout rank.

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

# Only one of these badges (Emergency Preparedness, Lifesaving) can be used 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: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

District Advancement Chairman