



MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION
Boy Scouts of America
Rancho San Joaquin District, Orange County Council



Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____ Unit & No.: _____ Sex: F M BSA ID #: _____

Phone number you want used by Scouts to contact you: _____ Business Home _____ (YPT must be renewed every two years)
 Date of your Youth Protection Training: _____

To qualify as a Merit Badge Counselor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be proficient in the Merit Badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be able to work with Scout-age boys.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.
 (Use the BSA Adult Application, position code 42)
- Renew your registration annually if you would like to continue as a Merit Badge Counselor for the following calendar year.
- Must provide proof that you have completed Youth Protection Training within the past 2 years (copy of card or council records).

As a Merit Badge Counselor, I agree to:

- Follow the requirements of the **latest** BSA Merit Badge requirement revision for each Merit Badge selected.
- Make no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- **Counsel the Scout to:**
 - Keep his appointment,
 - Be in Uniform,
 - Bring a legibly filled out Merit Badge Application card (Blue Card) signed by his unit leader and,
 - Bring a buddy (friend or adult) to all instructional sessions as per BSA Youth Protection Guidelines.

To provide the Scouts an opportunity to meet and interact with as many different qualified adults as possible during their Scouting years, it is recommended that no Merit Badge Counselor counsel for more than six (6) Merit Badge subjects.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommended by: _____ Date: _____

Approved by Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: The BSA Adult Application and proof of YPT must be attached as well as copies of special certifications if required. 2013 Boy Scouts of America – Orange County Council
 Turn your documents into your District Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator. For more info e-mail rsjmeritbadges@hotmail.com Revision: 03/11/13 mkb

128 MERIT BADGE SUBJECTS

(2002) American Business (2005) American Cultures (2005) American Heritage (2006) American Labor (2006) Animal Science (2006) Archaeology (2009) Archery (2008) Architecture (2006) Art (2004) Astronomy (2006) Athletics (2008) Automotive Maintenance (2006) Aviation (2007) Backpacking (2003) Basketry (2005) Bird Study (2003) Bugling (2005) Camping * (2004) Canoeing ! (2004) Chemistry (2011) Chess (2008) Cinematography	(2005) Citizenship in the Community * (2005) Citizenship in the Nation * (2005) Citizenship in the World * (2006) Climbing % (2008) Coin Collecting (2008) Collections (2003) Communications * (2006) Composite Materials (2005) Computers (2007) Cooking (2005) Crime Prevention (2003) Cycling * (2006) Dentistry (2005) Disabilities Awareness (2003) Dog Care (2008) Drafting (2004) Electricity (2004) Electronics (2008) Emergency Preparedness * (2005) Energy (2008) Engineering (2006) Entrepreneurship	(2006) Environmental Science * (2005) Family Life * (2008) Farm Mechanics (2003) Fingerprinting (2004) Fire Safety (2007) First Aid * (2004) Fish and Wildlife Management (2002) Fishing (2005) Fly Fishing (2005) Forestry (2002) Gardening (2005) Genealogy (2006) Geocaching (2005) Geology (2002) Golf (2006) Graphic Arts (2007) Hiking * (2002) Home Repairs (2003) Horsemanship (2008) Indian Lore (2008) Insect Study (2010) Inventing	(2006) Journalism (2012) Kayaking ! (2008) Landscape Architecture (2003) Law (2002) Leatherwork (2008) Lifesaving * + (2003) Mammal Study (2002) Medicine (2007) Metalwork (2003) Model Design and Building (2008) Motor Boating ! (2003) Music (2003) Nature (2004) Nuclear Science (2003) Oceanography (2003) Orienteering (2008) Painting (2006) Personal Fitness * (2003) Personal Management * (2003) Pets (2005) Photography (2006) Pioneering	(2005) Plant Science (2004) Plumbing (2008) Pottery (2005) Public Health (2002) Public Speaking (2006) Pulp and Paper (2008) Radio (2003) Railroadng (2003) Reading (2005) Reptile and Amphibian Study (2001) Rifle Shooting \$ (2010) Robotics (2006) Rowing ! (2006) Safety (2003) Salesmanship (2004) Scholarship (2010) Scouting Heritage (2009) Scuba Diving # (2007) Sculpture (2005) Shotgun Shooting \$ (2005) Skating (2004) Small Boat Sailing!	(2004) Soil / Water Conservation (2004) Space Exploration (2006) Sports (2007) Stamp Collecting (2004) Surveying (2008) Swimming * + (2003) Textile (2005) Theater (2006) Traffic Safety (2005) Truck Transportation (2005) Veterinary Medicine (2007) Water Sports + (2006) Weather (2012) Welding (2005) (2007) White Water ! (2006) Wilderness Survival (2006) Wood Carving (2003) Woodwork VERIFY WHITE WATER YEAR
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*** These merit badges are required for the Eagle Scout Rank**

Note: See Guide to Advancement, No. 33088, section 7.0.1.0 for special qualifications or certifications for the following:

+ Lifesaving, Swimming - Trained in BSA Safe Swim Defense

! Canoeing, Motor Boating, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Kayaking, White Water – Trained in BSA Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat

\$ Rifle and Shotgun counselors must be BSA or NRA certified instructors and meet the standards of current Scouting literature and bulletins.

% All Climbing and rappelling activities must be supervised by an Instructor who is 21 years of age or older and has successfully completed a minimum of 10 hours of instructor training for climbing/rappelling from a nationally or regionally recognized organization, a climbing school, a college-level climbing/rappelling course, or is a certified BSA climbing instructor.

All scuba instruction must be conducted by recreational diving instructors in good standing with a scuba agency (PADI, NAUI, SSI, or other RSTC member organization) recognized by the BSA. Attach a copy of your certification.

Please list up to six (6) Merit Badge subjects (from the list above) and a brief information in the appropriate columns to the right	Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession? If yes, give brief summary of details.	Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a "working knowledge" of the requirements? If yes, give brief summary of details.	Do you have any special training or other qualifications for this subject? If yes, give brief summary of details.
Merit Badge 1			
Merit Badge 2			
Merit Badge 3			
Merit Badge 4			
Merit Badge 5			
Merit Badge 6			