

WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL, INC. – B.S.A.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION SHEET Year 2015

Name:	
Complete Address:	
Email:	
Contact Phone #:	Type of Phone: Home / Business / Cell
District: Cahuenga	
Youth Protection completion date:	Card/Printout Attached? Y /N
Merit Badge Counselor Training completion date:	Note: not required
<u>PLEASE CIRCLE ONE</u> – I wish to work with: All Units Only Troop #	

Please complete the following information for each Merit Badge. Additional instructions are on the reverse side.

List Merit Badge	Is the Merit Badge a Vocation Avocation Special Training	Explanation Please explain how you are qualified for the Merit Badge. This section must be completed.
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Comments and Instructions

- Merit Badge counseling involves conferences with candidates to help establish programs toward fulfilling requirements, assistance to help a candidate achieve the required knowledge and skill, examination to demonstrate to the counselors satisfaction that the candidate has met all requirements and certification that the candidate is eligible for award of the merit badge.
- The district offers Merit Badge Counselor training, while not required, this training is highly recommended.
- One Purpose of the Merit Badge program is to create new boy-adult contact beyond those already existing in troops; accordingly you are encouraged to serve boys from troops with which you have no other association.
- As a Merit Badge Counselor, you are required to take Youth Protection Training and register as an adult member of the Boy Scouts of America. There will, however, be no fee for this registration. You will then be certified as a Merit Badge counselor by the District Advancement Committee. Please be sure to explain your qualifications or your application will be denied.
- Your job as a Merit Badge counselor will be to satisfy yourself that each Scout who comes to you meets all the requirements for the merit badge. In this sense you will be an examiner. But your larger opportunity lies in coaching – helping the scouts over the hurdles of the requirements and making him aware of the deeper aspects of the subject from your knowledge and experience.
- Your District Advancement Chairman will contact you to review your qualifications and briefly advise you regarding counseling methods and procedures.
- The National Office allows the local council to establish limits on the number of merit badges a counselor may instruct. The Western Los Angeles County Council’s advancement committee has selected 12 as the maximum number of merit badges a counselor can instruct.
- To complete this application for each merit badge fill out the table on the reverse side. Indicate if this is a vocation, avocation or you have special training.
 - **Vocation:** Is this subject in line with your job, business, or profession?
 - **Avocation:** Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having a better than a “Working Knowledge” of the subjects covered by the Merit Badge
 - **Special Training:** Do you have any special training or other qualifications for the subject?

I have read and am familiar with or will review requirements outlined in literature of the Boy Scouts of America for the Merit Badge subject(s) listed. I will conduct examinations of subjects with applicants on the basis of those requirements and will follow the Boy Scouts of America recommendations that two scouts or two adults be present at all times.

I have attached the BSA adult registration application (new applicants) and a copy of my Youth Protection Training Card (every two years). I understand that only persons certified by the District Advancement Committee are authorized to serve as Merit Badge Counselors.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:			DATE:
RECOMMENDED BY:	UNIT:	DISTRICT:	POSITION:
APPROVED: _____			DATE:
DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN			

This sheet together with the **adult registration application** along with a copy of your **Youth Protection Training Card** should be mailed or hand delivered to:

Boy Scouts of America
 Western Los Angeles County Council
 16525 Sherman Way, Unit C-8
 Van Nuys, CA 91406
 Bus: (818) 785-8700 Fax: (818) 901-4888