

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR APPLICATION

NORTH STAR DISTRICT

(Please type or print legibly)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(Please check address and phone number where Scouts may contact you.)

Residence Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Business Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Procedure:

1. Complete this **Merit Badge Counselor Application**.
2. Complete an **Adult Leader Application, Form No. 28-501** using Code 42 as the position code.
3. **Forward these two forms to your District Advancement Chairman for review and approval. Do no send these applications to the Council office!**
4. You will be notified as to when you can start counseling Scouts.

NOTE: All Merit Badge Counselors must complete an Adult Leader Application, even if you are already registered in another position. No registration fee is required, unless you wish to receive the Scouting Magazine, the Scouters News, and an official Registration Card. However, you cannot serve in any other capacity, unless you are a paid, registered adult leader.

IMPORTANT: As a counselor, you will give a special type of service to young men by aiding them in the exploration of many fields of endeavor. You will need to be prepared not only to give each Scout a thorough review of the requirements of the merit badge, but also to counsel them and assist them (as required) on the subjects(s) in which they seek approval.

A young man should not be asked to do anything more nor anything less than what is required in the latest revision of the Merit Badge Handbook for each merit badge. All national and council policies and guidelines must be followed.

For your protection, and in keeping with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines established in April 1988, **a counselor must not meet with a youth in a “one-on-one” situation**. It is recommended that a Scout be accompanied by another Scout(s), their parent(s), or a friend(s). Encourage the Scout who calls to set an appointment to get other Scouts to work with them on the badge.

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MERIT BADGE SUBJECTS

NAME _____

To provide young men the opportunity to meet with as many adults as possible so that they can learn from the experiences of others, the Los Angeles Area Council Advancement Committee has established the following policies.

- A counselor is limited to counsel for not more than six (6) merit badge subjects.
- A counselor can only approve three (3) merit badges for any one Scout.

A Scoutmaster must be registered as a Merit Badge Counselor and comply with the above guidelines for any merit badge(s), including Camping, Cooking, and Hiking merit badges.

Merit Badge subjects requested:

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

List below your qualifications for the above subject(s) and other pertinent information related to your qualifications in general. (Attach additional sheets if necessary). Indicate if these subjects are related to your job, business or profession, or hobby. Indicate if you have a working knowledge of these subjects or other special qualifications.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Recommended by _____ Troop / District / Council _____

You will be notified of the merit badges subjects you are approved to counsel and your name will appear on the next District List of Merit Badge Counselors. You are not to counsel any subject until you have been notified that you are an approved counselor. Please contact your District Advancement Chairman for any additional information.

District Advancement Chairman Approval

Signature _____ Date _____

Notification Mailed Phoned In Person _____ Date _____

Date added to Merit Badge List _____