

(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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROCEDURE:

1. Complete this Merit Badge Counselor Application.
2. Complete a B.S.A. Adult Application, form No. 28-501; your Social Security Number must be provided; use Code 42 as the position code and the Authorization and Disclosure Statement must be signed and included.
3. Attach a copy of your Youth Protection certification of completion.
4. Forward these forms to your District Advancement Chairperson for review and approval; Do not send these forms to the council office.
5. You will be notified as to when you can start counseling Scouts.

**NOTE:** All Merit Badge Counselors must complete a *BSA Adult Application*, even if you are already registered in another position. No registration fee is required, unless you wish to receive the Scouting Magazine and the Scouter News. 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 subject(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 keeping with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines established in April 1988, **a counselor must not meet with a scout 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- A counselor is limited to counsel for no more than six (6) merit badge subjects.
- A counselor can 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 request to counsel in these subject(s). Attach additional sheets if necessary. Indicate if these subject(s) are related to your job, business or profession, or hobby. Indicate if you have a working knowledge of the subject(s) 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 badge subject(s) 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(s) until you have been notified that you have been approved. Please contact your District Advancement Chairman for any additional information.

District Advancement Chairman Approval:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification  Mailed  Phone  In Person  Email Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date added to Merit Badge List:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Forward all correspondence regarding merit badge counselors to:  
Bob Harada, Pacifica District Advancement Chair  
1424 W. 172nd St.  
Gardena, CA 90247-5712**