



**Boy Scouts of America
Verdugo Hills Council**

Merit Badge Counselor Application

Please email completed adult application, registration, and Youth Protection Certificate to:

meritbadge@vhcbsa.org

To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be able to work with scout aged boys.
- Attach your current Youth Protection Certificate. Go to my.scouting.org for instructions.
- Renew registration annually along with Youth Protection Training every two years.
- **First time applicants must attach** a completed Boy Scouts of America Adult Application. Per BSA National Policy: *Anyone who is registered in another position but also desires to serve as a Merit Badge Counselor must complete an Adult Leader Application as a Merit Badge Counselor and attach.*

Boy Scouts of America Membership ID Number _____ Unit Number _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address at Which Scouts Can Contact You: _____

Phone Number at Which Scouts Can Contact You: _____

Alternate Phone Number at Which Scouts Can Contact You: _____

Scouting is open to all boys. If you want assistance, training, or more information about working with Scouts with special needs, please contact the Committee for Scouts with Disabilities and Special Needs at SWDASN@VHCBSA.org.

As a Merit Badge Counselor, I Agree to:

- Follow the requirements of the merit badges, making no deletions or additions, and ensure that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Ensure Youth Protection Guidelines in all merit badge instructional sessions.
- Renew my registration annually and be certified with Youth Protection if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval by Council Representative: _____ Date: _____

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**LIST YOUR MERIT BADGE SUBJECTS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE,
DETAILING YOUR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE MERIT BADGE**

(Keep a copy of this application for your records.)

Directions:

Describe your proficiency for the merit badge subject as Vocation, Avocation, or Special Training. You may attach additional pages if more space is needed. **(Please be very specific in your description.)**

Examples:

Vocation: Is this merit badge in line with your job, business, or profession? If so, give a description of your vocation.

Avocation: Do you follow this subject as a hobby, having more than a “working knowledge” of the requirements? If so, give a description about your practical skills and experience.

Special Training: Do you have any special training or other qualifications for this particular merit badge? If so, give a description of your qualifications.

1. Merit Badge Name: _____

Circle One:	VOCATION	AVOCATION	SPECIAL TRAINING
Do you know the requirements?	YES		NO

What experience do you have for this particular merit badge? How have you familiarized yourself with the requirements this merit badge is asking of the scouts?

2. Merit Badge Name: _____

Circle One:	VOCATION	AVOCATION	SPECIAL TRAINING
Do you know the requirements?	YES		NO

What experience do you have for this particular merit badge? How have you familiarized yourself with the requirements this merit badge is asking of the scouts?

3. Merit Badge Name: _____

Circle One:	VOCATION	AVOCATION	SPECIAL TRAINING
Do you know the requirements?	YES		NO

What experience do you have for this particular merit badge? How have you familiarized yourself with the requirements this merit badge is asking of the scouts?
