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**Boy Scouts of America
Verdugo Hills Council**

Merit Badge Counselor Application

Please email applicable documents as stated below 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 youth.
- Attach your current Youth Protection Certificate. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/> to complete the course and print certificate.
- Complete Merit Badge Counselor training and attach certificate. Go to <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/> for instructions.
- First time applicants must attach** a completed Boy Scouts of America Adult Application. Per BSA National Policy: *Include a completed Adult Leader Application if you are not currently approved as a Merit Badge Counselor.*

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 youth. 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: _____

Advancement Comm Use:

Approval by Council Rep: _____ Date: _____

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Date of 1st review: _____ 2nd review: _____

Not approved | **More info needed:** _____

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

Guidelines:

- Please read and understand the Verdugo Hills Council Merit Badge Counselor Guidelines document
- Submit application by email (meritbadge@vhcbsa.org) or in person at the Council Service Center.

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.

Merit Badge Name: _____

Approved | Not Approved

Circle One: VOCATION AVOCATION SPECIAL TRAINING

Do you know the requirements (*acknowledge that you have read and currently have a copy of the latest Boy Scouts of America Requirements book for this merit badge*)? 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? Are you comfortable teaching this material?

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