

February 6, 2019

Dear Community Leader;

The Boy Scouts of America is recognized as the leading youth service agency in developing children into leaders with a strong value system and moral compass. A study of young people conducted by Tufts University found that children with just two years of Scouting experience performed better in school and consistently made more positive value choices than children with no exposure to Scouting.

The Verdugo Hills Council has been providing Scouting programs to the Glendale, Burbank, La Crescenta / Foothill, Sunland / Tujunga and Eagle Rock communities since 1920. Scouting continues to prosper in our area and build our leaders of tomorrow.

One of the better known components of the Scouting program is the Merit Badge system of advancement, whereby Scouts learn about and demonstrate skills in particular subject areas, trades or activities. In fact, there are 137 different Merit Badges ranging from Animal Science to Swimming to Video Production. Each year, Scouts in our Council earn over 3000 merit badges. To better promote that activity, our council is initiating a Merit Badge Partner Program to connect businesses and individuals directly to Scouts and Scouting families that demonstrate an interest in a specific activity or field of endeavor.

Here's how it works:

For a \$500 contribution, you or your company is designated as a partner for any of the regular or "elective" Merit Badges that you select for a period of one year. Certain Merit Badges are required for the coveted rank of Eagle Scout and for that reason, there is a premium value for those awards of \$1000 per required badge. If you want exclusivity for a merit badge there is a \$500 additional cost. Recognition includes:

- **Listing in the weekly Echo e-newsletter to over 2,300 scouts and scouting families, along with a one-time profile of the business.**
- **Company logo and website link on the Verdugo Hills Council Website and Facebook page.**
- **Recognition at the Annual Meeting in January.**
- **Opportunity to present the badge to all Scouts who complete the requirements.**
- **A recognition certificate.**
- **An opportunity to sit on a Verdugo Hills Council Eagle Board of Review.**

Because there are only 137 badges, we are encouraging individuals and companies to sign-up quickly, select the badge of their choice, and begin the commitment to helping mold the leaders of tomorrow through the Scouting program. To review the complete list of merit badges now a part of the BSA advancement program, go to <http://www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx>

An application form is attached or can be obtained on the Verdugo Hills Council website vhcbsa.org. For additional information contact the Verdugo Hills Council Service Center at (818) 243-6282. Applications can be submitted to

Verdugo Hills Council – Merit Badge Partner Program
1325 Grandview Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201

Merit Badge Partner opportunities run annually through the Scouting program year, and proceeds benefit all Scouting programs operated by the Verdugo Hills Council. All proceeds are fully tax deductible.

Sincerely;

Andy Turner

Andy Turner, President
Verdugo Hills Council, BSA

Verdugo Hills Council, BSA

2019 Merit Badges

- AMERICAN BUSINESS
 - AMERICAN CULTURES
 - AMERICAN HERITAGE
 - AMERICAN LABOR
 - ANIMAL SCIENCE
 - ANIMATION
 - ARCHAEOLOGY
 - ARCHERY
 - ARCHITECTURE
 - ART
 - ASTRONOMY
 - ATHLETICS
 - AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE
 - AVIATION
-

- BACKPACKING
 - BASKETRY
 - BIRD STUDY
 - BUGLING
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- **CAMPING**
 - CANOEING
 - CHEMISTRY
 - CHESS
 - **CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY**
 - **CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION**
 - **CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD**
 - CLIMBING
 - COIN COLLECTING
 - COLLECTIONS
 - **COMMUNICATION**
 - COMPOSITE MATERIALS
 - **COOKING**
 - CRIME PREVENTION
 - **CYCLING**
-

- DENTISTRY
 - DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
 - DISABILITIES AWARENESS
 - DOG CARE
 - DRAFTING
-

- ELECTRICITY
- ELECTRONICS
- **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**
- ENERGY
- ENGINEERING
- ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

- **FAMILY LIFE**
 - FARM MECHANICS
 - FINGERPRINTING
 - FIRE SAFETY
 - **FIRST AID**
 - FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
 - FISHING
 - FLY FISHING
 - FORESTRY
-

- GAME DESIGN
 - GARDENING
 - GENEALOGY
 - GEOCACHING
 - GEOLOGY
 - GOLF
 - GRAPHIC ARTS
-

- **HIKING**
 - HOME REPAIRS
 - HORSEMANSHIP
-

- INDIAN LORE
 - INSECT STUDY
 - INVENTING
-

- JOURNALISM
-

- KAYAKING
-

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LEATHERWORK
- **LIFESAVING**

Eagle required merit badges noted in red

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2019 Merit Badges

- MAMMAL STUDY
- MEDICINE
- METALWORK
- MINING IN SOCIETY
- MODEL DESIGN AND BUILDING
- MOTORBOATING
- MOVIE MAKING
- MUSIC



- NATURE
- NUCLEAR SCIENCE



- OCEANOGRAPHY
- ORIENTEERING



- PAINTING
- **PERSONAL FITNESS**
- **PERSONAL MANAGEMENT**
- PETS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PIONEERING
- PLANT SCIENCE
- PLUMBING
- POTTERY
- PROGRAMMING
- PUBLIC HEALTH
- PUBLIC SPEAKING
- PULP AND PAPER



- RADIO
- RAILROADING
- READING
- REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN STUDY
- ROBOTICS
- RIFLE SHOOTING
- ROWING

- SAFETY
- SALESMANSHIP
- SCHOLARSHIP
- SCOUTING HERITAGE
- SCUBA DIVING
- SCULPTURE
- SEARCH AND RESCUE
- SHOTGUN SHOOTING
- SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND CODES
- SKATING
- SMALL-BOAT SAILING
- SNOW SPORTS
- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
- SPACE EXPLORATION
- SPORTS
- STAMP COLLECTING
- **SUSTAINABILITY**
- SURVEYING
- **SWIMMING**



- TEXTILE
- THEATER
- TRAFFIC SAFETY
- TRUCK TRANSPORTATION



- VETERINARY MEDICINE



- WATER SPORTS
- WEATHER
- WELDING
- WHITEWATER
- WILDERNESS SURVIVAL
- WOOD CARVING
- WOODWORK

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Boy Scouts of America**



Merit Badge Partner Agreement

The merit badge partner program raises funds to support Scouting programs in Glendale, Burbank, La Crescenta / Foothill, Sunland-Tujunga and Eagle Rock. Businesses and individuals “adopt” a merit badge for a period of one year, in return for contributing a partnership fee of \$500 for regular or “elective” Merit Badges or \$1000 for Eagle-required merit badges. \$500 for any merit badge exclusivity. Partners are recognized by:

- A Listing in the weekly Echo e-newsletter to all scouts and scouting participants, along with a one-time profile of the business
- Recognition at the Annual Meeting in January
- Opportunity to present the badge to all Scouts who complete the requirements.
- Opportunity to sit on a Verdugo Hills Council Eagle Board of Review
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Partner's Name _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Signed Up By: _____

Referrals: _____

I want to support the scouting programs of the Verdugo Hills Council by agreeing to adopt the _____ merit badge, in return for contributing the suggested donation.

___ Check Enclosed

___ Bill Me

___ *Credit Card Option

Contact the VHC office 818-243-6282

Signature Date