



## Boy Scouts of America

### TROOP PARENT TALENT SURVEY

AND

### MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION

Welcome to the Boy Scout family of our troop. Boy Scouting is for parents as well as boys. As your son advances through the ranks of scouting, skills learned by earning merit badges need not be solely from summer camp and merit badge lock-in, but throughout the year with the help of talented volunteers.

*Volunteers like you.*

Your Boy-led troop and Committee are looking for volunteers who indicate a willingness to help, according to their abilities and skills. We are confident that you have education, talents, and hobbies that will help in the operation of our troop. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Boy Scouts in this troop throughout the year to come.

Although your help may not be on a full-time basis, whatever you can do will be remembered by your son and the other boys in his troop for many years to come.

Your answers to the questions here will be made available to your son as well as his friends in the troop, to help them along in planning for their merit badges.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

**(Please type or print.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
DL # \_\_\_\_\_

*(BSA Tour Permits – If you are willing to be a driver for outings – will be held confidential)*

Please answer the following as completely as possible:

1. My hobbies are:

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2. I can play and/or teach these sports:

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3. My job, business, professional certifications, or profession would be of interest to Boy Scouts:

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4. My Educational Background (degrees, certifications, training, etc):

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5. My Scouting experience (Indicate years/grades in school):

Cub Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Explorer: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank attained: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally? \_\_\_\_

7. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help:

**General Activities**

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Bookkeeping
- Typing
- Drawing/art
- Transportation of Scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Program Assistance**

- I can participate in boards of review.
- I have a station wagon or truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have access to a cottage.
- I have access to camping property.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I can help with troop equipment.
- I have access to a personal computer.
- I have access to a Copy Machine.

8. Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach.

- Rope work (knots and lashings)
- Conservation
- Outdoor cooking
- Aquatics
- First aid
- Knife and ax handling
- Star study
- Citizenship
- Map and compass use
- Camping

There is no fee for becoming a merit badge counselor. You need only to submit this form and a BSA Adult Application Form upon initial registration. Confirmation of your continued interest in serving as a merit badge counselor should resubmitted on an annual basis.

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**To qualify as a merit badge counselor, you must**

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be proficient in the merit badge subject by vocation, avocation, or special training.
- Be able to work with Scout-age boys.
- Be registered with the Boy Scouts of America.

**As a merit badge counselor, I agree to**

- Follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all Scouts.
- Have a Scout and his buddy present at all instructional sessions.
- Renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.

**CHECK ONE:**

- I wish to work only with \_\_\_\_\_ (Troop Number)
- I wish to work with all Boy Scouts in my District

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The BSA Adult Application **must** be attached.

Council approval by \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

# MERIT BADGES

**Check the merit badges that you would be interested in teaching to the scouts**

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Business            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore               | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Cultures            | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention             | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study              | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile and Amphibian Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage            | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Shooting              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Labor               | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science               | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Awareness         | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork               | <input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Shooting            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness       | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Design and Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Small-Boat Sailing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics               | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating              | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship             | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil and Water Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Science           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics               | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography              | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Collecting            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bugling                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting               | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering              | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness          | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Wildlife Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Management       | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly-Fishing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography               | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Transportation        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Nation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering                | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the World     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science             | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Sports                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting              | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications               | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics Arts                | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking           | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composite Materials          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp and Paper            | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                     |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroading               |  |

Check other skills or activities you can do, circle those you are interested in learning or doing below list other activities not shown:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking        | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics       | <input type="checkbox"/> Spelunking        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain man    | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business             | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering    | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Video/photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill skiing      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba diving    | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater canoe  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free-style biking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfing       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow camping    | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Camping    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey               | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer          |  |

