

## Yolano MBC List Notes (January 30, 2022)

I am sending this email to Scouters who are registered as merit badge counselors with the Yolano District. I have some updates about new things going on that do affect MB counselors.

If you are up on BSA Council news, you have heard about a new California law (AB506, effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>) that requires anyone dealing with youth to complete a training on child abuse and neglect reporting. So, any registered adult in our Council is being asked to complete this training. It will be required every two years, just like Youth Protection Training (which is still required). As a MB counselor, you will need to complete this training by June to continue with the MBC charter which starts July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. There is also a new protocol coming for background checks, which will require a one-time digital fingerprinting—this is not the place as yet and there is little information about how soon it is coming.

There is a website that has information about the new California law pertaining to required reporting training <https://californiascouting.org/>

Once you have completed the training ,you can log in her to register your certificate: <https://californiascouting.org/gec/>

Another MBC list item. There is a new, Eagle-required MB you likely have heard about called “Citizenship In Society.” This is a merit badge dealing with diversity, equity and inclusion. So far, we have 4 Scouters who have signed on, all in Davis, to teach this badge. There is a special training needed to add it to your list, which you can find once you log into your [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) account. Obviously, there is a need for counselors from other communities besides Davis to step up and help with this badge. If you would like to add this badge, please complete the training, and send me a copy of your DEI training certificate as well as a new MBC application listing this badge.

Link for the MBC application: <https://www.gec-bsa.org/document/mbcapp/207389>

You will be hearing from me again, hopefully early June, to see about the MBC recharter for this year. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.

Thanks so much for your involvement with the MB program.

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