



# 2012 CONTEST APPLICATION FORM Scouts



**DUE: on or before March 1, 2012**

Cane Quest seeks to motivate blind and visually impaired youth to practice proper safe travel techniques and overall orientation and mobility skills. It's designed to promote a student's confidence in any surrounding and build true mobility independence. **This form must be completed by an Orientation & Mobility Specialist** to validate the student's skill level and visual acuity. A separate form must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian for a student to participate.

**The Contest will be held April 21, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Braille Institute Regional Center in Anaheim.** All contestants will receive a certificate of participation. The winner for each contest age group and vision acuity level will be awarded a medal and prizes.

### CONTEST DESCRIPTION:

1. The Cane Quest "Treasure Quest" Course is open to visually impaired students in grades 3-6 who have received instruction in the use of the white cane, and who are both cognitively and physically able to walk independently for a half-hour at a time. To be eligible, a student's visual acuity must fall within the B1 through B2 classification range as defined by the United States Association of Blind Athletes.
  - **Class B1**—No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.
  - **Class B2**—From ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 20/600 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.
2. Students must use a white cane for this contest, and must wear closed-toe shoes.
3. Cane Quest will be held rain or shine, but will be postponed or cancelled due to lightning.
4. Students will complete the course in partnership with a parent or other sighted adult, who will be under blindfold.
5. All participants will be monitored at all times throughout the route by certified orientation and mobility specialists.
6. The route will be an "obstacle course" type challenge, and will be located entirely on the Braille Institute Regional Center, Anaheim campus. Features may include sighted guide, sound localization, traveling a variety of specific routes, reversal of routes, small staircase and ramps.
8. Points are earned for accurately using proper travel techniques and procedures. Points are deducted (except in the case of a legitimate emergency situation) for soliciting assistance or deviating from the route and needing re-direction.
9. All judging is performed by certified O&M specialists.

### ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SPECIALISTS, TO SUBMIT A STUDENT APPLICATION:

**Complete this checklist and attach a signed and completed Parents' Permission Form and submit to:**

Braille Institute; Attn: Christine Pak  
741 N. Vermont Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029

**For more information:** 1-800-BRAILLE (272-4553) • [www.canequest.org](http://www.canequest.org)

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

O&M Specialist's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Specialist's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Specialist's Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Specialist's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTESTANT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Vision Classification: B1 \_\_\_\_\_ B2 \_\_\_\_\_

### PREREQUISITE CHECKLIST FOR CANE QUEST

This checklist is to be completed by a certified Orientation & Mobility Specialist and will be used to determine a student's eligibility to participate in Cane Quest. Each of the following skills should be assessed on a scale of 1-4, with 1 representing poor and 4 representing excellent, and based on average expectations for a student at grade level. All skills apply to all eligible students in grades 3-6.

**Please circle one:**

Protective Techniques	1	2	3	4
Dropped Objects	1	2	3	4
Sound Localization	1	2	3	4
Sighted Guide Techniques	1	2	3	4
Hines Break	1	2	3	4
Changing Sides	1	2	3	4
About Face	1	2	3	4
Care of the Cane	1	2	3	4

### CANE TECHNIQUES

Two Touch Technique	1	2	3	4
Trailing with the Touch Technique	1	2	3	4
Touch and Drag Technique	1	2	3	4
Shoreline/Guideline Technique	1	2	3	4
Constant Contact Technique	1	2	3	4
Diagonal Technique	1	2	3	4

### BASIC TRAVEL

Walking in desired direction	1	2	3	4
Maintain straight line of travel	1	2	3	4
Use self correction techniques	1	2	3	4
Use appropriate cane techniques for moving around obstacles	1	2	3	4
Execute a route using directional instructions	1	2	3	4
Follow audio directions	1	2	3	4
Use landmarks for orientation	1	2	3	4
Reversal of route	1	2	3	4

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orientation and Mobility Specialist's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Orientation and Mobility Specialist's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_