



Merit Badge Fair 2007 Leader's Guide

Session I: February 17

Session II: March 10

Purpose

This program is presented by the Doug-Fir District to assist boys in Scouting Units to meet merit badge counselors and introduce them to the merit badge process.

Earning merit badges gives a Scout the kind of self-confidence that comes from overcoming obstacles to achieve a goal. Through the merit badge program, a Scout also learns career skills, develops socially, and may develop physical skills and hobbies that give a lifetime of healthful recreation.

Please use the following information to help the Scouts in your Troops and Teams in preparing for and going to this great event

Location / Times

The program is broken down into two sessions. This is to provide the boy and counselor an opportunity to follow up on the merit badge work. Each session will be held at the LDS Church at **2001 W. Bertha St. in Roseburg**, on the hill off of Harvard, unless a class is specified to be held elsewhere.

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Session II: March 10

Classes are scheduled with a start time between 9 am and 2 pm. Please refer to the schedule in the back of this guide for individual times.

Process

Scout Leaders begin promoting this event to the boys soon after the February Roundtable. Please use the checklist provided in this guide to help in this endeavor.

Once the boys determine what badges they want to work towards, the Unit Leader must approve by signing a Merit Badge Application. This is then presented it to the merit badge counselor at the first session. **NOTE:** No boy may begin a merit badge without this application.

Once the boy is approved, he may sign up for the badges by emailing the fair chairman, Curt Pedersen, at cjpedersenfarmers@hotmail.com.

Curt will then email back a confirmation. It is recommended that alternative badges be selected in the event that the boy's first choice is unavailable due to a full session. If confirmation is not received back from Curt make additional effort to contact him.

The boys will attend the first session and meet his counselors. He will be expected to do all the work to complete the badge. This work may be required between sessions I and II.

If the work is not completed during the course of the fair, the boy will be responsible for maintaining contact with the counselor to finish the work.

Once the badge is completed, the counselor will present the boy with the completed application. The boy will then turn the application over to his unit leaders so the award can be purchased and presented at the next Court of Honor.

Rules

When working on Merit Badges, it is imperative to remember the following rules:

- Scouts must never be alone with an adult
- A buddy must be present during any meeting with a counselor
 - Buddies may be other Scouts, siblings, friends, or parents
- No boy will begin work on a Merit Badge prior to obtaining a Badge Application approved by a unit leader
- No boy will work with a Merit Badge Counselor who is not approved by the District and registered with the local council.
- No counselor may require more or less than the requirements of the badge. However, he or she may teach or instruct more as deemed appropriate.
- There are not any limits to the length of time it takes to earn a badge. Partial merit badge work is good until the boy turns 18.
- A merit badge cannot be taken away once it has been earned, provided the counselor is a registered counselor for the merit badge.

Scout Leader Event Checklist:

The following is a checklist for you to use in promoting and utilizing this event.

- Photo copy and Hand out to each boy, a *"Merit Badge Fair Scout's Guide"* at the first available opportunity
- Help each boy work out a schedule that will fit his abilities and needs
- Present each boy with the appropriate number of approved merit badge applications to bring with him to Session I
- Make sure each boy understands his responsibilities
 - *Sign up for sessions*
 - *Complete pre-requisites*
 - *Bring Merit Badge Applications*
 - *Bring appropriate materials*
 - *Do the work and finish the badge*
- Follow up
 - *Check with boys to see how they are doing*
 - *Encourage finishing what they start*
 - *Collect signed applications and present awards*

Resources:

- www.meritbadge.com
- <http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/meritbadges.asp>
- <http://www.emf.net/~troop24/scouting/mb-pages.html>
- www.geocities.com/oct_scouts/ (Doug Fir District)

Contacts:

Merit Badge Fair Chair:

- Curt Pedersen cjpedersenfarmers@hotmail.com or 673-5622

Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator:

- Jim Stuntz brewmaster2@charter.net or 440-6837

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District Executive

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2007 Merit Badge Fair Badge List

Questions regarding sessions or merit badges should be directed to the counselors.
Questions regarding registration should be directed to Curt Pedersen at cjpedersenfarmers@hotmail.com or at 673-5622

	Badge	Counselor	Phone	Time	Pre-requisites	Class Size
001	1st aid	Leon Powell/Steve Mountainspring	672-8104	9 to 11	Bring MB book \$5 fee; may need 3 rd class to complete	2 to 10
002	1st aid	Leon Powell/Steve Mountainspring	672-8104	1 to 3	Bring MB book \$5 fee; may need 3 rd class to complete	2 to 10
003	Auto Mechanics	Preston Batman	679-7449	12 to 2	Bring MB Book	2 to 10
004	Citizenship in the Community	Stu Carlson	677-0521	1 to 3	Full uniform, read & Bring Merit Badge Book	2 to 10
005	Citizenship in the Nation	Stu Carlson	677-0521	11 to 12	Full uniform, read & bring merit badge book	2 to 10
006	Citizenship in the World	Stu Carlson	677-0521	9 to 11	Full uniform, read & bring merit badge book	2 to 10
007	Climbing	Ed Coughlin	680-5701	12 to 2	Cost \$15/boy; A 3 rd class at Eugene Climbing School will be necessary to complete MB, transportation will be arranged: Must be at least 2 nd class. Must be age 12 by 4/1/07. Bring MB book.	2 to 10
008	Coin Collecting	Jim Stuntz	440-6837	9 to 10	Bring MB book	2 to 10
009	Collections	Ron Brown	673-3614	1 to 3	No class on 3/10 bring your collection to class on 2/17	2 to 10
010	Communications	Shannon Hull	677-0415	12 to 2	Bring MB book	2 to 10
011	Electricity	Jim Stuntz	440-6837	10 to 12	Read MB Book, be prepared to discuss	2 to 10
012	Electronics	Dick Drawz	915-7125	11 to 1	Read MB Book, have project ideas	2 to 10
013	Emergency Preparedness	Steve Mountainspring	679-0480	11 to 1	Must have 1 st Aid or be registered in 1 st aid class	2 to 6

014	Environmental Science	Mike Rice	679-4505	10 to12	1 st class and above	2 to 10
015	Family Life	Mark Smalley	673-4318	9 to10	Bring MB book	2 to 8
016	Fingerprinting	Ken Leest	673-3973	12 to1	Review merit badge book	2 to 10
017	Genealogy	Pat Gausnell	673-8173	11 to12		2 to 10
018	Personal Management	Carter Anderson	863-5534	11 to1	Complete requirement #1 and start #2 for 1 st class Must be 14 & above	2 to 10
019	Personal Management	Diana Vincent	459-5134	10 to12	Will need 1 follow up class after MB fair	2 to 10
020	Pets	Roberta Batman	679-7449	12 to 1	None	2 to 10
021	Photography	Andrea McClendon	677-0187	1 to 3	Bring 35mm or digital camera, need to develop 24 pictures between 1 st & 2 nd class	2 to 10
022	Stamp Collecting	Mark Smalley	673-4318	10 to12	Bring merit badge book	2 to 8
023	Weather	Jim Stuntz	440-6837	1 to 3	Bring MB book	2 to 10