



Merit Badge Fair 2005 Leader's Guide

Session I: February 12

Session II: March 12

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.

Session I: February 12

Session II: March 12

Classes are scheduled with a start time between 9 am and 4 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.

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 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.

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

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2005 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
1st aid	Leon Powell	672-8104	9-11, 1-3		2 to 10
American Heritage	Stu Carlson	677-0521	1 to 2	Full uniform, bring merit badge book	2 to 10
Art	Steve Mountainspring	679-0480	9 to 11		2 to 10
Bird Study	Felisa Church	584-2740	10 to 12	Bring pen and paper	2 to 10
Citizenship in the Community	Mark Smalley	673-4318	9 to 11	Bring Book and have reviewed it	2 to 8
Citizenship in the Nation	Stu Carlson	677-0521	11 to 12	Full uniform, bring merit badge book	2 to 10
Citizenship in the World	Stu Carlson	677-0521	9 to 11	Full uniform, bring merit badge book	2 to 10
Citizenship in the World	Mike Baker	440-0580	12 to 2	Full uniform, bring merit badge book	2 to 10
Collections	Ryan Quanbeck	679-9672	9-10, 10-11		2 to 10
Communications	Steve Mountainspring	679-0480	11 to 1		2 to 10
Electricity	Dick Drawz	669-0813	1 to 2	Read Book, be prepared to discuss	2 to 6
Electronics	Dick Drawz	669-0813	2 to 3	Read Book, be prepared to discuss	2 to 6
Family Life	Mark Smalley	673-4318	11 to 1	Bring list of home duties for #3, bring ideas for project #4, bring Book and have reviewed it	2 to 8
Fingerprinting	Gerry Dutton	672-3203	9 to 10		2 to 10
Genealogy	Janice Richardson and Sandy Kingore	496-4444	9 to 11, 1 to 3	Bring Family Tree information, names and dates	2 to 10
Geology	Pete Mulder	459-1427	1 to 3		2 to 10
Personal Management	Dave Quanbeck	679-9672	9 to 11	#1a.b.c, #8a.b.c.d, #9a.b.c.d	2 to 10
Photography	Chris Church	584-2740	10 to 12	bring camera, pen and paper, photography Book	2 to 10
Public Speaking	Stu Carlson	677-0521	2 to 3	Full uniform, bring merit badge book	2 to 10
Traffic Safety	Mike Baker	440-0580	9 to 11	Read Book, #9 (Field Trip Day One)	2 to 10