



Merit Badge Fair 2004 Leader's Guide

Session I: February 28

Session II: March 13

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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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 pedersen@rosenet.net. 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 other than a parent
- A buddy must be present during any meeting with a counselor
 - o Buddies may be other Scouts, siblings, friends, or parents
- No boy will begin work on a Merit Badge prior to obtaining a Unit Leader approved Merit Badge Application
- No boy will work with a Merit Badge Counselor who is not approved by the District and/or 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 awards are 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
 - o *Sign up for sessions*
 - o *Complete pre-requisites*
 - o *Bring Merit Badge Applications*
 - o *Bring appropriate materials*
 - o *Do the work and finish the badge*
- Follow up
 - o *Check with boys to see how they are doing*
 - o *Encourage finishing what they start*
 - o *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 pedersen@rosenet.net and 673-5622

Advancement Chair:

- Chris McCullough hitower@cmc.net and 673-5305

District Executive

- Patrick Lewis dougfirde@mcsi.net and 784-9283

2004 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 pedersen@rosenet.net or at 673-5622

Badge	Counselor	Phone	Time	Pre-requisites	Cost	Class Size
1st aid	Leon Powell	672-8104	9-12, 1-4			2 to 10
American Business	Ardell Wicks	672-5230	9-11, 12-2			2 to 10
American Heritage	Stu Carlson	677-0521	3 to 4	Full uniform, read book		2 to 10
Art	Steve Mountainspring	679-0480	12-1	Read the Merit Badge Requirements		2 to 10
Bird Study	Felisa Church	584-2740	1 to 3			2 to 10
Citizenship in the Community	Mark Smalley	673-4318	9-11, 12-2	Bring Book and have reviewed it		2 to 10
Citizenship in the Nation	Stu Carlson	677-0521	1 to 3	Full uniform, read book		2 to 10
Citizenship in the World	Stu Carlson	677-0521	9 to 11	Full uniform, read book		2 to 10
Collections	Ryan Quanbeck	679-9672	2-3, 3-4			2 to 10
Communications	Gerald Wieland	440-9427	12 to 2	Read the book and be familiar with the information		2 to 10
Communications	Steve Mountainspring	679-0480	10-12	Read the Merit Badge Requirements		2 to 10
Emergency Preparedness	Karen Shilling	440-9837	1 to 3	Read book, have 1st aid MB, bring personal 1st aid kit		2 to 10
Family Life	Dawn Thompson	677-9015	11 to 12	Bring list of home duties for #3, bring ideas for project #4		2 to 10
Fingerprinting	Gerry Dutton	672-3203	9 to 10			2 to 10
Genealogy	Patty Powell	672-8104	9-11, 12-2	Bring info on family (parents & grandparents name, important dates & places)	\$1	2 to 10
Geology	Pete Mulder	459-1427	9-11, 1-2	Bring book & 2 rock samples		2 to 10
Indian Lore	Julianne Marez	673-6060	9 to 11	Bring mb book, spiral notebook, pencil, \$10, and dress for outdoors	\$10	2 to 10
Landscape Architecture	Larry Jackson	863-6719	9 to 11	Reed MB Book		2 to 10
Law	Dan Bouck	673-1028	9 to 11	Requirements #4, 6, 7 need to be completed on own either before 1st session or before 2nd.		2 to 10
Leatherwork	Dianne Hollinger	672-1626	12-2, 2-4	Bring project material purchased at Clemen's boot company on main st		2 to 10
Mammals	Steve Mountainspring	679-0480	9-10	Read the Merit Badge Requirements		2 to 10
Music	Karen Shilling	440-9837	3 to 4			2 to 10
Personal Management	Dave Quanbeck	679-9672	9 to 11			2 to 10
Photography	Chris Church	584-2740	9 to 11	bring camera		2 to 10
Public Speaking	Chris McCullough	673-5305	11 to 12			2 to 10
Safety	Stu Carlson	677-0521	11 to 12	Full uniform, read book		2 to 10