Cardinal District Merit Badge Weekend 2009
March 27th – March 29, 2009

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Registration

The registration fee is $8.00 per Scout and $4.00 per adult for all units registering by March 13th. After March 13th, a $4.00 late fee will be added to each registration.

Registration may be completed online through the district or council calendars. Payment may be made online by credit card or electronic check. Online registrations also have the option to mail the payment or turn it in at the council office.

Registration may also be done by turning in paper forms at the Council Service Center. However, for purposes of filling merit badge classes, online registrations will be time-stamped from the moment they are completed whereas the forms turned in to the council service center will be time-stamped as they are manually entered into the system.

Merit Badge Class Sign-Up

In order to provide quality instruction and to meet the needs of our volunteer counselors, merit badge class sizes will be limited. Every effort will be made to accommodate merit badge requests which are turned in by the deadline. Merit badge classes will be filled in the order in which the registrations were received. Late registrants may have to select from merit badge classes with space available.

Because of this, both online and paper registration forms ask that each Scout select both a first and second choice for the merit badge class they wish to attend.

Check-in Procedures

Early Arrival and Vehicles: No troop may bring equipment to a campsite prior to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 27th without the permission of the Camp Director. If troops wish to set up their site early, they will be allowed to bring in equipment and any vehicles they wish prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27th. However, troops may not arrive early and simply “mark off” an area. The intent in allowing early access is to get as much equipment on site prior to Scouts arriving so we can reduce vehicular traffic on Friday night. Camp staff will be present all day on Friday and troops are asked to confirm their site location at the administration building before departing. Any troop found to be “squatting” on a site with only minimal equipment will have it removed and the troop will lose the site. At 5:00 p.m. all troops with vehicles in camp will be asked to relocate the vehicles to the Cub Camp parking lot. All vehicular traffic entering the reservation will be directed to the Cub Camp parking lot. Each troop will be issued one vehicle pass at check-in. Vehicles with a pass will be permitted into Douglas Fleet to offload equipment. The pass also permits the troop to keep one vehicle at its campsite during the weekend. Please refrain from driving this vehicle in and out of camp unless it is absolutely necessary. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy as it will allow us to keep the road clear for fire and rescue emergency vehicle access, prevent injury to Scouts (and adults!) from vehicles and greatly reduce the hazards of petroleum based fuels in case of a runaway fire.
**Check-in:** Check-in officially opens at 6:00 p.m. and will be conducted in the conference room at the Cub Camp administration building. Check-in will close at 9:00 p.m. It is requested that the Scoutmaster (or designated assistant Scoutmaster) and the senior patrol leader check in the troop. This will help expedite check-in by minimizing congestion and confusion. Each troop will receive an information packet and vehicle pass.

**Health Forms:** Each unit must provide a copy of the health forms of all its campers during check-in. There are no exceptions to this requirement. If there are special health requirements for any Scout or adult leader, please notify the Camp Director.

**Leader Briefing:** Scoutmasters and senior patrol leaders are required to attend a leader briefing at 10:00 p.m. in the Brady Saunders dining hall. Procedures and any changes will be covered. Any unresolved concerns can be addressed at this time. Cracker barrel and fellowship will follow the briefing.

**Merit Badge Courses**

Archery  
Art  
Backpacking  
Crime Prevention  
Cycling  
Dentistry  
Electricity  
Electronics  
Fingerprinting  
Fire Safety  
Fishing  
Forestry  
Genealogy  
Geology  
Golf  
Hiking  
Home Repairs  
Indian Lore  
Law  
Leatherwork  
Orienteering  
Pioneering  
Radio  
Railroading  
Reptile and Amphibian Study  
Traffic Safety  
Veterinary Medicine  
Weather  
Wilderness Survival
Merit Badge Weekend Schedule

Friday, 27 March

9:00 a.m. Camp staff on site
10:00 a.m. Early bird setup for troops that wish to bring their equipment in early. Please inform the camp staff of your location after equipment is set up.
5:00 p.m. Early bird setup ends. All vehicles without passes are required to leave camp.
6:00 p.m. Check-in and registration begins at Cub Camp administration building. Vehicle passes issued.
9:00 p.m. Check-in closes.
10:00 p.m. Scoutmaster and SPL briefing at Brady Saunders dining hall.
11:00 p.m. Lights out. Quiet time begins and lasts until 6:00 a.m. Saturday.

Saturday, 28 March

7:00 a.m. Reveille
8:00 a.m. Opening ceremony in front of administration building.
8:15 a.m. Morning sessions begin.
11:45 a.m. Morning sessions end.
12:00 p.m. Lunch at troop sites
1:15 p.m. Afternoon sessions begin
4:45 p.m. Afternoon sessions end
5:00 p.m. Retreat ceremony in front of administration building.
8:00 p.m. Campfire program and OA Callout at campfire ring
11:00 p.m. Lights out. Quiet time begins and lasts until 6:00 a.m. Sunday

Sunday, 29 March

7:00 a.m. Reveille
8:30 a.m. Scouts Interfaith Worship Service at campfire ring
9:00 a.m. Closing session at campfire ring followed by checkout in the administration building
Merit Badge Course and Program Information

Merit Badge Course

About the MBW Program: Please note that most merit badge have requirements that cannot be completed during a day session at the merit badge weekend event. Too often, many Scouts and adults perceive a “partial” as a negative. Keep in mind that the purpose of Merit Badge Weekend is not to try and earn a patch in a day. Rather, it follows the intent of the merit badge program which is to introduce Scouts to new ideas, new skills, and new interests which may one day lead them to pursue a career or hobby in that field.

Each merit badge usually has several requirements that require the Scout to become familiar with the topic and to present them with the skills they will need. Often, the last couple of requirements are usually practical requirements in which the Scout takes these new skills and applies them to the topic. Merit Badge Weekend is focused on those “learning” requirements. Where it is appropriate, we will conduct the practical requirements as well but if those are not offered, it should not deter a Scout from attending the course.

Scouts MUST read the merit badge pamphlet and bring it to class: Our merit badge counselors expect each Scout in their class to obtain and read the pamphlet in preparation for the course. The Scouts must also bring their pamphlet with them to class. A lot of information will be covered in a short period of time. Scouts who are familiar with the material in the pamphlet will be better prepared to successfully complete assignments.

This is also a sign of respect for the class and the instructor. It demonstrates that the Scout is serious about the class and has made an effort to “be prepared” to learn these new skills.

Finally, the pamphlet provides clarification and standards to the course. Often, Scouts have questions pertaining to the merit badge. The answer is in the merit badge pamphlet and is the standard by which the instructor will use to determine whether the Scout has successfully completed the requirement or not.

Application for Merit Badge (a.k.a. “blue card”): All Scouts must bring with them to class an Application for Merit Badge that has been signed by their Scoutmaster.

Order of the Arrow program for new Scouts

New Scouts, who have recently crossed over from Webelos patrols, are strongly encouraged to attend the “Introduction to Scouting Fundamentals” program. Conducted by youth members of the Pamunkey Chapter 7, Nawakwa Lodge #3, Order of the Arrow, the course will run all day Saturday and is an introductory experience to many of the skills required for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements. It is important to stress that the “Introduction to Scouting Fundamentals” program is designed to give new Scouts only a brief overview of what they will learn and experience as a Boy Scout and is not an opportunity for new Scouts to receive any signatures of completion for Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class requirements. After attending this course, new Scouts will have a basic understanding of the skills set forth in many of the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class requirement and will assist them with the internalization of these skills. “Introduction to Scouting Fundamentals” is a great introduction to the Boy Scout program and will provide your new Scouts with valuable skills that will benefit them when participating in future troop activities.