

## ***Pacifica Merit Badge Day – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025***

The merit badge day is Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Torrance Scout House, located at 2365 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, CA 90501. If you have questions on your class, please send them to Sheila at [sheandjc@yahoo.com](mailto:sheandjc@yahoo.com)

For some merit badges, you may not be able to complete all of the requirements on Saturday. Your merit badge counselor will instruct you on how to complete the requirements and get signed off. If you need to get approval to take a merit badge class, obtain approval before you register. Changes can only be made on site if there is space available.

Remind your Scout that this is a Scouting Event and to behave according to the Scout Oath and Law. Any incidents should be reported to your merit badge counselor immediately and then to Sheila at the registration desk.

There are no refunds for the \$25.00 registration fee once you have registered for a class.

Here are some guidelines for the day:

- Scouts must be in full class A uniforms
- Scouts need to bring a copy of their A&B med form. Please remember to pick it up when checking out at the end of their day
- Bring paper and pencil
- Bring a signed blue card. Some councilors may use Scoutbook.
- Bring a printed copy of the worksheet for your merit badge. You can print merit badge worksheets from this site." [Merit Badge Requirements \(usscouts.org\)](http://usscouts.org)
- Bring the merit badge book or online version if you have it
- Bring a lunch if you are staying for multiple sessions. There is not a refrigerator available, so plan accordingly.
- Contact your merit badge counselor with any questions you have. Make sure your Scout gets the merit badge councilors name, email address and phone number.
- Checkin begins at 8:30. Come about 30 minutes before your first class of the day if you don't have a 9:00 session. You only have to be onsite for the classes you are registered for. If you have a break between sessions, we have an area that you can hang out in. (No wifi is available)
- Classes that have pre-requisites are listed below. Please try to complete the pre-requisites before the class.
- Scouts need to Check-in and out at the registration desk.
- Remind your Scouts to remain inside the Scout house until you arrive. Scouts are not permitted to hang out in the front of the building.

Let me know if you have any questions. I may be working late, so replies may not be immediate, please be patient.

Pre-Requisites for merit badge classes are listed below.

## **Crime Prevention**

**Requirement #2** - Prepare a journal from various sources that addresses crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.

**Requirement #4B** - After doing EACH of the following, discuss with your counselor what you have learned.

- b. Using the checklist in this (*the merit badge*) pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family.

**Requirement #6C** - Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:

- c. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.

## **Automotive Maintenance**

- Scouts 14 1/2 or older
- Bring gloves

Pre Req:

**1 (g)** Find out the requirements for your state's emissions and safety inspections (as applicable), including how often a vehicle needs to be inspected.

**1 (h)** Explain the importance of registering a vehicle and find out the annual registration fee for renewing your family car's registration.

**Do one of these:**

**11 (a)** Determine the value of three different vehicles you are interested in purchasing. One must be new and one must be used; the third vehicle can be new or used. For each vehicle, find out the requirements and cost of automobile insurance to include basic liability and options for collision, comprehensive, towing, and rental car. Using the three vehicles you chose and with your counselor's assistance, complete the operation/maintenance chart provided in this pamphlet. Use this information to determine the operating cost per mile for each vehicle, and discuss what you learn with your counselor.

**11 (b)** Choose a car cleaner and wax product for a vehicle you want to clean. Explain clear-coat paint and the precautions necessary for care. Clean the vehicle, both inside and out, and wax the exterior. Use a vinyl and rubber protectant (on vinyl tops, rubber door seals, sidewalls, etc.) and explain the importance of this protectant.

**11 (d)** Perform an oil filter and oil change on a vehicle. Explain how to properly dispose of the used oil and filter.

**12** Find out about three career opportunities in the automotive industry. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

## **Farm Mechanics**

**1 (b)** Draw a plan showing a well-equipped farm shop. Point out the shop's mandatory safety devices and features

**1 (d)** Describe what a safety data sheet (SDS) is and tell why it is used. Obtain the SDS for any engine coolant, oil, grease, fuel, hydraulic or transmission fluid, or other flammable or hazardous materials you use in meeting the requirements for this merit badge.

**5** Visit an implement dealer. Interview the dealer technician or service manager for hints on good preventive maintenance. Ask why it is important, the costs, and what causes wear or damage. Report what you learn.

**7.** Find out about three career opportunities in farm mechanics. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

## **Shotgun**

There is a \$15 material cost that needs to be paid directly to the merit badge councilor for materials. The shooting portion for this merit badge will be completed on a separate date and will require an additional payment of \$75. More information will be provided from your merit badge councilor.

## **First Aid**

Scout Handbook- to show you have completed the First Aid Requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd & 1st Class- 1

First Aid Worksheets- this is a great Merit Badge that you will use throughout your life

Phone- Take a picture of your home First Aid Kit- Be prepared to discuss what is in it- 5a

Phone- Take a picture of your Troop's First Aid kit and discuss it with an Adult Leader. Please get a signature.

ID the location of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator)- School, place of worship, Troop Meeting place- 7e.

## **Bugling**

### **Guidance for learning bugle calls:**

Bugle Calls To Learn First: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/bugle/BugleCalls.pdf>

- Three easier bugle calls to learn first:
  - o TAPS
    - end of day Lights-Out/Quiet time
    - Military Funeral Honors
    - (Sometimes used for lowering flag)
  - o ASSEMBLY – gathering scouts back together
  - o MESS CALL – meal time / food is ready
- Three more challenging calls to learn next:
  - o RETREAT – before evening lowering of flag (flag ceremony)
  - o TO THE COLORS – during morning raising of the flag (alt. to Natl. Anthem)
  - o REVEILLE – time to wake up

**Recording links to the most commonly used by Scout Troops (noted above):**

On **G Bugle** pitch (same as pressing valves 1 & 3 on a Bb trumpet) – **Lower/Easier** to play  
(Links from [USMC Drum and Bugle Corps website – Audio Resources](#))

- Learn first (easier and most useful): [Taps](#), [Assembly](#), [Mess Call](#)
- Learn next (more challenging / requiring more experience): [Retreat](#), [To the Colors](#), [Reveille](#)

OR

On **Bb Bugle** (same as pressing **NO** valves – **open-** on a Bb trumpet) – **Higher/harder** to play  
(Links from Wikipedia [Bugle Call page](#))

- Learn first (easier and most useful): [Taps](#), [Assembly](#), [Mess Call](#)
- Learn next (more challenging / requiring more experience): [Retreat](#), [To the Colors](#), [Reveille](#)

**Related Merit Badge Workbook Links:**

- [Bugling Merit Badge Workbook](#)
- [Music Merit Badge Workbook](#)
- The Wikipedia “[Bugle Calls](#)” page is a great collection of recordings, notation, and purpose of a great variety of historical bugle calls.
- [Library of Congress Army Bugle Calls \(recording from @ the year 1900\)](#)

Like any physical skill:

- Practice several days per week on your own in addition to group meetings.
- When your muscles get tired, rest! Mental practice without actually playing helps too.
- Many short sessions are better than few long and tiring sessions.
- Mental practice without actually playing helps too – listen, sing notes & rhythms.

Feel free to contact me with questions (and ALWAYS INCLUDE A PARENT in the communication)

## **Camping**

Complete the following:

1. Do the following
  - a) Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while participating in camping activities and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards
  - b) Discuss with your counselor why it is important to be aware of weather conditions before and during your camping activities. Tell how you can prepare should the weather turn bad during your campouts.
  - c) Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, frostbite, heat reactions, dehydration, altitude sickness, insect stings, tick bites, snakebite, blisters, and hyperventilation.
2. Learn the Leave No Trace principles and the Outdoor Code and explain what they mean. Write a personal and group plan for implementing these principles on your next outing.

If you have a tent and a backpack, please bring them with you on Saturday.