

2019 Merit Badge Jamboree

Details

The Colonial District 2019 Merit Badge Jamboree will be held on Saturday, February 2 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria VA 22301. The cost is \$20 per scout, which includes lunch and a patch.

To earn the badge, Scouts must complete the prerequisites listed in this document before the Jamboree.

This year, registration will be done online by scout, rather than using a spreadsheet by troop.

Registration is on the Council website or at <https://www.scoutingevent.com/082-MBJ2019>.

There are three types of offerings:

1. Half-Day Badges—these badges are offered in the AM (9:30-Noon) and/or the PM (1-3:30).
2. Lunch-Time Badges—these badges require all work to be done in advance; counselors will be available at lunch time to review the work and sign off.
3. Full-Day Badges—only Search & Rescue is offered as a full-day badge. It requires scouts to attend both the AM and PM session to complete the badge.

All courses have enrollment limits to ensure a quality experience for each Scout who participates.

The limits and schedules are listed below along with the requirements that Scouts must complete before arriving at the Jamboree.

Prerequisites

Scouts must complete all prerequisites BEFORE arriving on Saturday, February 2 at the Merit Badge Jamboree.

For EVERY badge, all counselors strongly recommend that scouts read the Merit Badge Pamphlet. Pamphlets can be acquired from the [Scout Shop](#) at 5234 Port Royal Rd, Springfield, VA 22151, online at ScoutStuff.org, or, your Troop's library may have a copy. Reading the pamphlet will GREATLY enhance the scout's learning experience. Scouts who do not read the pamphlet will be at a disadvantage in the Merit Badge classroom.

Other prerequisites are listed below in alphabetical order by badge. Any communication direct from your Merit Badge Counselor takes precedence over what is in this document.

American Cultures

Winton Smith, winton.smith67@gmail.com; AM only; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

For requirement 1, report on what you learned. Consider a written report or notes to assist in your delivery to the group.

Prepare to discuss requirements 2 -5

American Heritage

Rebekah Byrd, rkbyrd@gmail.com; AM only; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Complete requirements 1, 2 (any two of a, b, c, and d), 3b, 3c, and one of 4b, c, d, or e. 4a will be completed in class.

American Labor

Joanna Pineda, jpineda@matrixgroup.net; AM and PM; Limit 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Requirement #1: Using resources available to you, learn about working people and work-related concerns. List and briefly describe or give examples of at least EIGHT concerns of American workers. These may include, but are not limited to, working conditions, workplace safety, hours, wages, seniority, job security, equal opportunity employment and discrimination, guest workers, automation and technologies that replace workers, unemployment, layoffs, outsourcing, and employee benefits such as health care, child care, profit sharing, and retirement benefits.

Requirement #2: With your counselor's and parent's approval and permission, visit the office or attend a meeting of a local union, a central labor council, or an employee organization, or contact one of these organizations via the Internet. Then do EACH of the following:

- a. Find out what the organization does.
- b. Share the list of issues and concerns you made for requirement 1. Ask the people you communicate with which issues are of greatest interest or concern to them and why.
- c. Draw a diagram showing how the organization is structured, from the local to the national level, if applicable.

Requirement #5: Do ONE of the following:

- a. Develop a time line of significant events in the history of the American labor movement from the 1770s to the present.

b. Prepare an exhibit, a scrapbook, or a computer presentation, such as a slide show, illustrating three major achievements of the American labor movement and how those achievements affect American workers.

c. With your counselor's and parent's approval and permission, watch a movie that addresses organized labor in the United States. Afterward, discuss the movie with your counselor and explain what you learned.

Cesar Chavez is recommended—available on Amazon Prime at https://www.amazon.com/Cesar-Chavez-Michael-Pe%C3%B1a/dp/B00LEROQM6/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1546455442&sr=8-1&keywords=cesar+chavez

Other movies can be found at <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1621046/>

d. Read a biography (with your counselor's approval) of someone who has made a contribution to the American labor movement. Explain what contribution this person has made to the American labor movement.

Requirement #7: Choose a labor issue of widespread interest to American workers—an issue in the news currently or known to you from your work on this merit badge. Before your counselor, or in writing, argue both sides of the issue, first taking management's side, then presenting labor's or the employee's point of view. In your presentation, summarize the basic rights and responsibilities of employers and employees, including union members and nonunion members.

Some labor issues in the news recently:

The Human Toll of Instant Delivery - this is my preferred set of articles as I want the scouts to argue this issue during the class.

-- <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/26/podcasts/the-daily/warehouse-workers-instant-delivery.html>

-- <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/11/23/amazon-warehouse-workers-protest-working-conditions-black-friday.html>

-- <https://www.thenation.com/article/heike-geissler-seasonal-associate-amazon/>

Dining Workers at Brown - <https://www.thenation.com/article/how-brown-university-students-and-dining-workers-got-better-working-conditions-together/>

Working conditions for miners - <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12806663>

Working conditions and nurse-patient ratios - <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12806663>

Aviation

Mark Grapin, mgrapin@aol.com; AM only; Limit 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Scouts must complete ONE of 4a, b, or c before attending class. Requirements 1, 2, and 3 will be completed in class.

Crime Prevention

Section 1

Mark Husband, [davidmark.husband@gmail.com](mailto: davidmark.husband@gmail.com); AM only; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Requirements 2, 6, and 7a or 7b. Bring your notebook (requirement 2) with you to show your counselor and be prepared to discuss requirement 6 and 7a or 7b with your counselor in class.

Section 2

Joe Kelly, sjdkelly@comcast.net; PM only; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Requirements 2 and 6a, and bring to class to show your counselor. Also, you must complete requirement 4 and be prepared to discuss with your counselor what you did.

Digital Technology

Nicole Gray, bsapopcorn2017@gmail.com; AM and PM; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book

Requirements 1, 5, 6, and 9a OR 9b.

Disability Awareness

P.J. Jurack, pjjurack@fbi.gov; AM and PM; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book

Requirement 4 (Option A)—either a, b, or d (c will be completed in class).

Electricity

Paul MacDonald, pmacdonald@metaengineers.com; AM and PM; Limit: 12

Read the Merit Badge Book

Requirements 2, 5, and 8.

Electronics

Keith Maly; malyckjs@gmail.com; AM and PM; Limit 8

Read the Merit Badge Book

Mr. Maly suggests each scout purchase a DIY kit and bring a soldering iron. The kits cost about \$15 and it makes the event real by bringing home electronics they build.

Emergency Preparedness

Michael Martin, taxpayerrep@comcast.net; PM only; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Complete Requirements 1, 2c, 7b, 8b.

Fingerprinting

Burt Thompson; thompsonnu84@gmail.com; AM and PM; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Genealogy

Jay Liddle, layjent@gmail.com; Lunchtime Badge

All requirements are to be completed before the MBJ and put into a notebook to be turned into at registration. You'll meet with the counselor to review your work during lunch.

Indian Lore

Michael Martin, taxpayerrep@comcast.net; AM only; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book

2. Do two of the following: make an item of clothing; make and decorate an item that a tribe uses; make an Indian dwelling; or visit a museum and write two paragraphs.

Law

Jay Jupiter, jjup@yahoo.com; AM and PM; Limit: 20

Complete the worksheet found here: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Law.pdf> (or similar). The requirements which call for discussion (1,2,3,5,8,10, and 11) will be reviewed in the Class and signed off if they are documented in the worksheet.

Scouts are required to complete requirements 4, 6, 7, and 9 prior to attending class in order to complete the merit badge.

Oceanography

Eleanor Cambridge, Cambridge.eleanor@yahoo.com; AM only; Limit 20.

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Complete requirements 4 and 8 prior to class

Scouts will need to review the merit badge book prior to the jamboree. This is a very academic booklet. As an aid, Scouts can view the following videos on uTube and work through the Oceanography merit badge worksheet. This will require about two hours of prep time but prepare them to discuss the answers the day of the merit badge jamboree. Ocean videography has advanced greatly and many of the concepts in the pamphlet are easier to grasp (and more fun!) with the videos.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG-0d2xO6204DogGJzQHMvjsAlw-7Kc6B&disable_polymer=true

Scouts are required to complete requirements 4 and 8 prior to class to complete the badge. We will discuss requirement 4 and do requirement 7b in class. Scouts should note if they plan to visit an aquarium for requirement 8 that it needs to have salt water displays. The merit badge worksheet is here: <https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Oceanography>

Public Speaking

Winton Smith, winton.smith67@gmail.com; AM Only; Limit: 6

Rebekah Byrd, rklbyrd@gmail.com; PM Only; Limit: 6

Read the Merit Badge Book.

Prepare for Requirements 1, 2, and 4.

Requirement 3 and 5 will be covered in class.

Reading

Ann Salmons, asalmons@comcast.net; Lunch-time Badge

All requirements are to be completed before the MBJ and put into a notebook to be turned into at registration. You'll meet with the counselor to review your work during lunch.

Scholarship

Vince Kiernan, kiernan@nasw.org; Lunch-time Badge

All requirements are to be completed before the MBJ and put into a notebook to be turned into at registration. You'll meet with the counselor to review your work during lunch.

Scouts must obtain a note from the school principal or designated school official addressing behavior, leadership and service. Notes from the teacher on a report card do not meet this requirement

Search and Rescue

Bruce Defibaugh, bruce.defibaugh@verizon.net; Full Day Badge—Requires attendance for both AM and PM sessions; Limit: 20

Read the Merit Badge Book. Be prepared to discuss Requirements 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 9.

Research Requirements 4 and 10.

Complete Requirement 5, training for ICS-100. Go to <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is100b.asp> and on the right side is the button for Interactive Web based course. Print the certificate and bring to class.

Please bring any of the following that you have available (do not go out and buy for the class, only if you have it available): Watch, Compass, GPS (UTM Capable), FRS/GMRS Radio, Full Water Bottle, Pen and paper.

Soil & Water Conservation

Eleanor Cambridge, Cambridge.eleanor@yahoo.com; PM only; Limit 20.

Read Merit Badge Book

Complete Requirement 7e.

Scouts should complete 7e prior to the Jamboree. (Make a list of places in your neighborhood, camps, school ground, or park having erosion, sedimentation, or pollution problems. Describe how these could be corrected through individual or group action.) Scouts should be able to identify to the problems and explain how to correct them- snapping a photo is always a helpful way to document what you observe at these places. Note a list implies more than one place- please consider three a good minimum.

Weather

Mark Grapin, mgrapin@aol.com; PM Only; Limit: 10

Read Merit Badge Book

Bring completed requirements 3 and 6 to class with you to discuss with your counselor. Either 9a or 9b must be completed prior to class. Come prepared for requirement 10a—this will be done in class.