Scouting America New Hampshire
2026 Merit Badge Extravaganza!
supporting Austin17House



Participant Guide

Welcome to Merit Badge Extravaganza! (MBE!) held at Raymond High School in Raymond, NH with a satellite Aviation program held at the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire in Londonderry. This event is a fundraiser for Both Scouting America New Hampshire and a key program partner, Austin17House. Each month Austin17House hosts the Brentwood Eagle Board & Historic Chapter OA Meetings at no cost. This fundraiser is our way of giving back to their supportive host.

We're thrilled to offer so many merit badge opportunities, and look forward to continuing this annual event so that Scouts can benefit far into the future!

This participant guide is a tool to help make the event a success for everyone. Inside, you will find further information regarding badge prerequisites, counselor contact info, what to bring, the day's schedule, and so on. We want to accommodate the newest Scouts as well as the most seasoned. We have gathered experts together to bring you a comprehensive program. Once again, welcome to Merit Badge Extravaganza!

Yours in Scouting!
Scouting America New Hampshire
Merit Badge Extravaganza! Planning Committee

Contact Information

In case of emergency during the event, please contact:

MBE HQ (where you checked-in) or dial 911.

To report abuse in the Scouting program, contact the Scouts First Helpline directly:

1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

For general event questions or event feedback, please contact:

- Mike Merry
  mike.merry.crew200@gmail.com

For registration questions, please contact:

- Tom Whelton
  tom.whelton.crew200@gmail.com

For Counselor Feedback or Scouts BSA advancement related questions, please contact:

- Michele Forrestall, Historic District Advancement Chair
  historicadvancement@gmail.com

For follow-up merit badge questions after the event, please contact the class instructor OR Michele Forrestall.

Registration

Registrations for the 2025 Merit Badge Extravaganza! II will be handled exclusively online at:

https://scoutingevent.com/330-SMBE

Space at this event is limited. Typically, session registration slots are capped at a maximum of 10 or fewer Scouts and awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

There are 3 program options.

1. All-Day, single-Merit Badge: $15
2. All-Day, 2-Merit Badges (morning AND afternoon sessions): $25
3. Half-Day, 1-Merit Badge (morning OR afternoon session): $15

General information and all updates regarding MBE! may be found on the Historic District's Facebook page (listed as a Facebook Event HERE).

Prerequisites

Merit Badge prerequisites have been set by each instructor, are posted on the main registration page, and may be accessed directly: HERE. Scouts are responsible for completing prerequisites or, when allowed, should understand that these requirements will be additional homework to be completed after the class and before the badge is awarded.

The provided prerequisite list contains hyperlinks to the requirements for each badge. In most cases, the official Merit Badge pamphlet may be downloaded in pdf format. The one exception is Military Service & Veterans which does not have a pamphlet. **Remember, Scouting America's scouting.org is the only authoritative website with current merit badge requirements.**

It is strongly encouraged that you to come prepared to show prerequisites finished and ready for sign off. As applicable, bring pictures, printouts, models, and other evidence of your work with you to MBE!

While researching, you may find many great resources to help you work on your Merit Badges, including unofficial "worksheets" for Merit Badges. Please know that while "worksheets" may be helpful learning aids for you personally, worksheets alone do not suffice for requirements that require you to discuss, tell, show, or demonstrate. No Scouts will be required to use "worksheets" to complete Merit Badges.

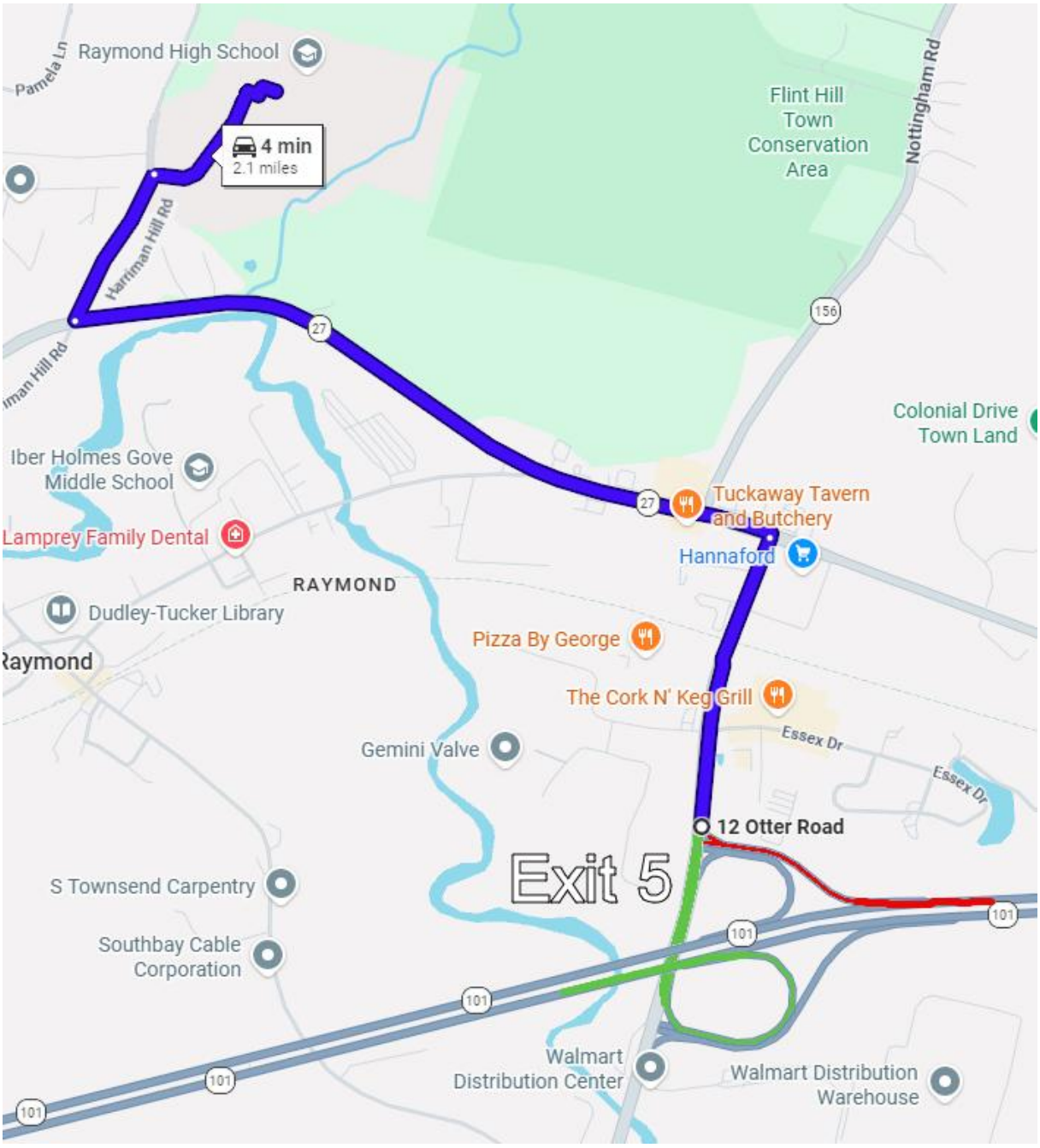
Contact information for each Merit Badge Counselor has been provided, below, so please feel free to engage them if you have any questions or needs ahead of time. Remember, ALL electronic correspondence (email, text, Facebook message) between a Scout (youth) and instructor (adult) **MUST include a second adult** at a minimum. This second adult may be a parent, Scout Leader, or event staff member (Mrs. Forrestall or Mr. Merry).

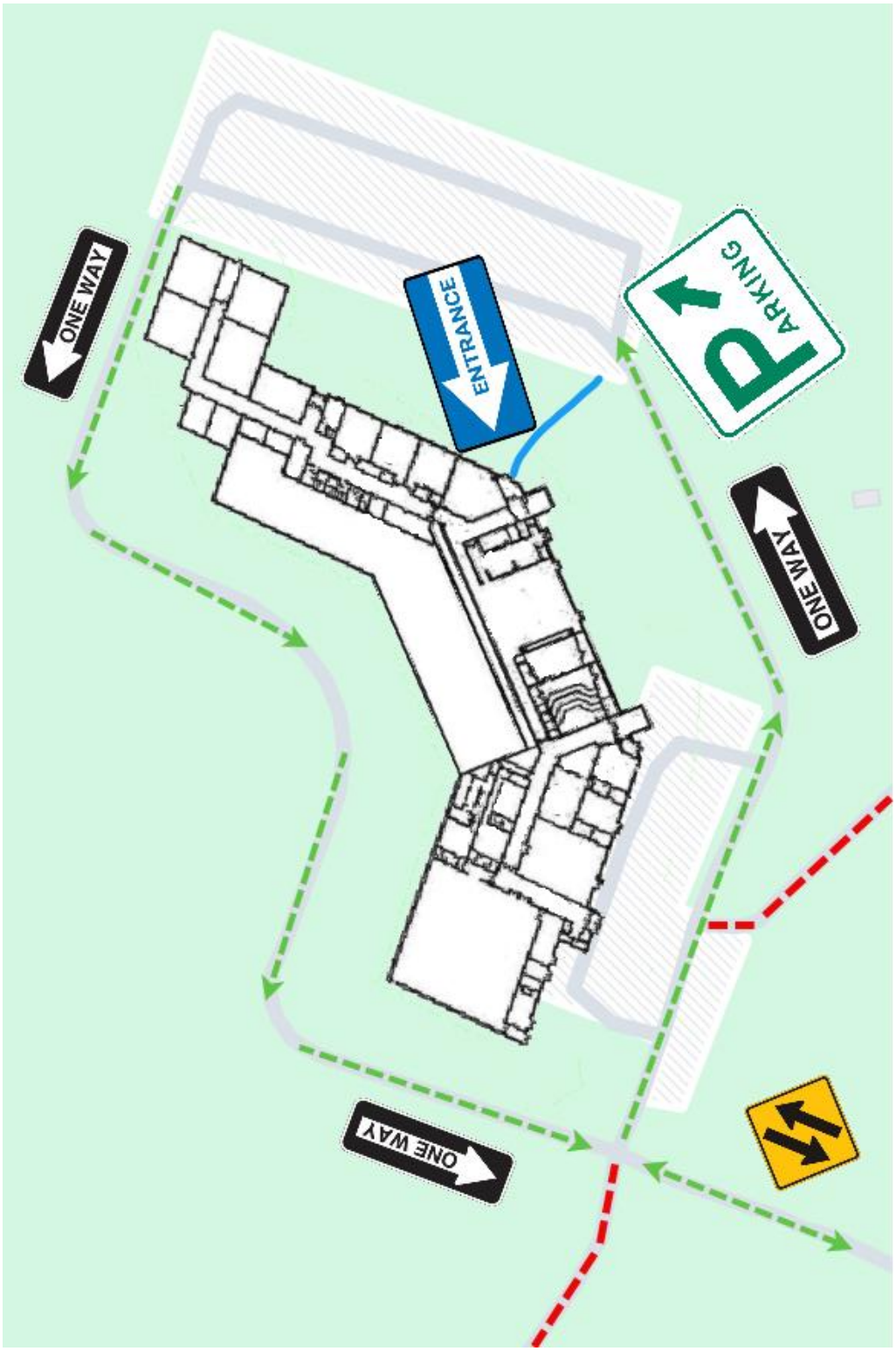
Badge	**Instructor**	**email**
American Business	Tom Whelton	tom.whelton.crew200@gmail.com
Aviation	George Adamakos	gadamakos@comcast.net
Citizenship in the Nation	Kevin Stewart	kstewart0088@gmail.com
Citizenship in the World	Garvin Louie	garvin.louie@gmail.com
Emergency Preparedness	Iain McGregor	czrescue@gmail.com
First Aid	Tim Billbrough	TBILLBROUGH@gmail.com
Health Care Professions	Rob Sargent	scouterrob1987@gmail.com
Law	Donnie Shedd	shedd1001@gmail.com
Military Service & Veterans	Garvin Louie	garvin.louie@gmail.com
Safety	Mike Merry	mike.merry.crew200@gmail.com
Scholarship	Rob Sargent	scouterrob1987@gmail.com

Directions

Raymond High School is located at 45 Harriman Hill Rd, Raymond, New Hampshire
Most will:

- take state route 101 to Exit 5
- merge onto 107 north to 27 west
- 1.1 miles on 27 west
- Right onto Harriman Hill Rd.
- 0.2 miles on Harriman Hill Rd.
- Right into Raymond High School

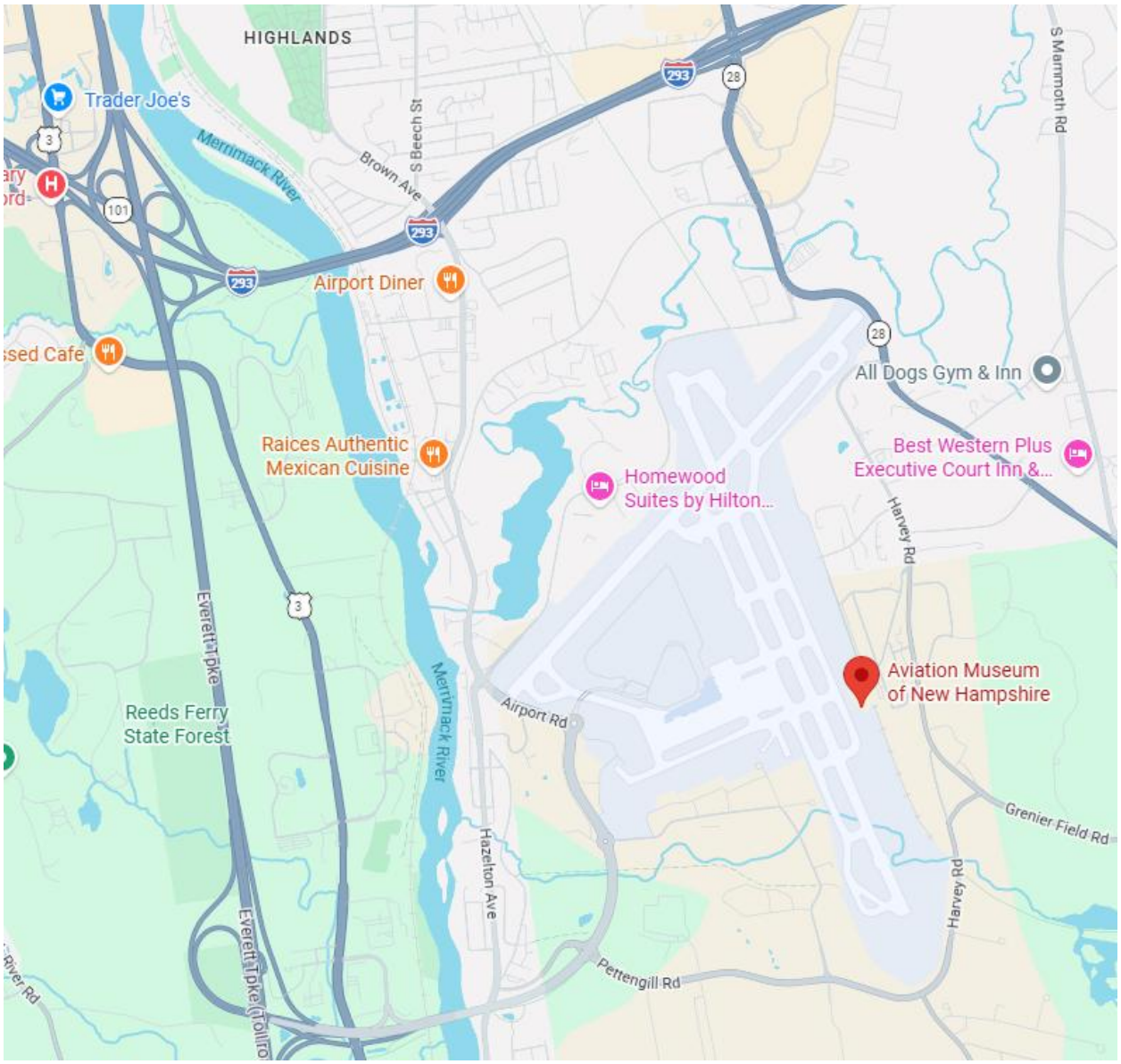


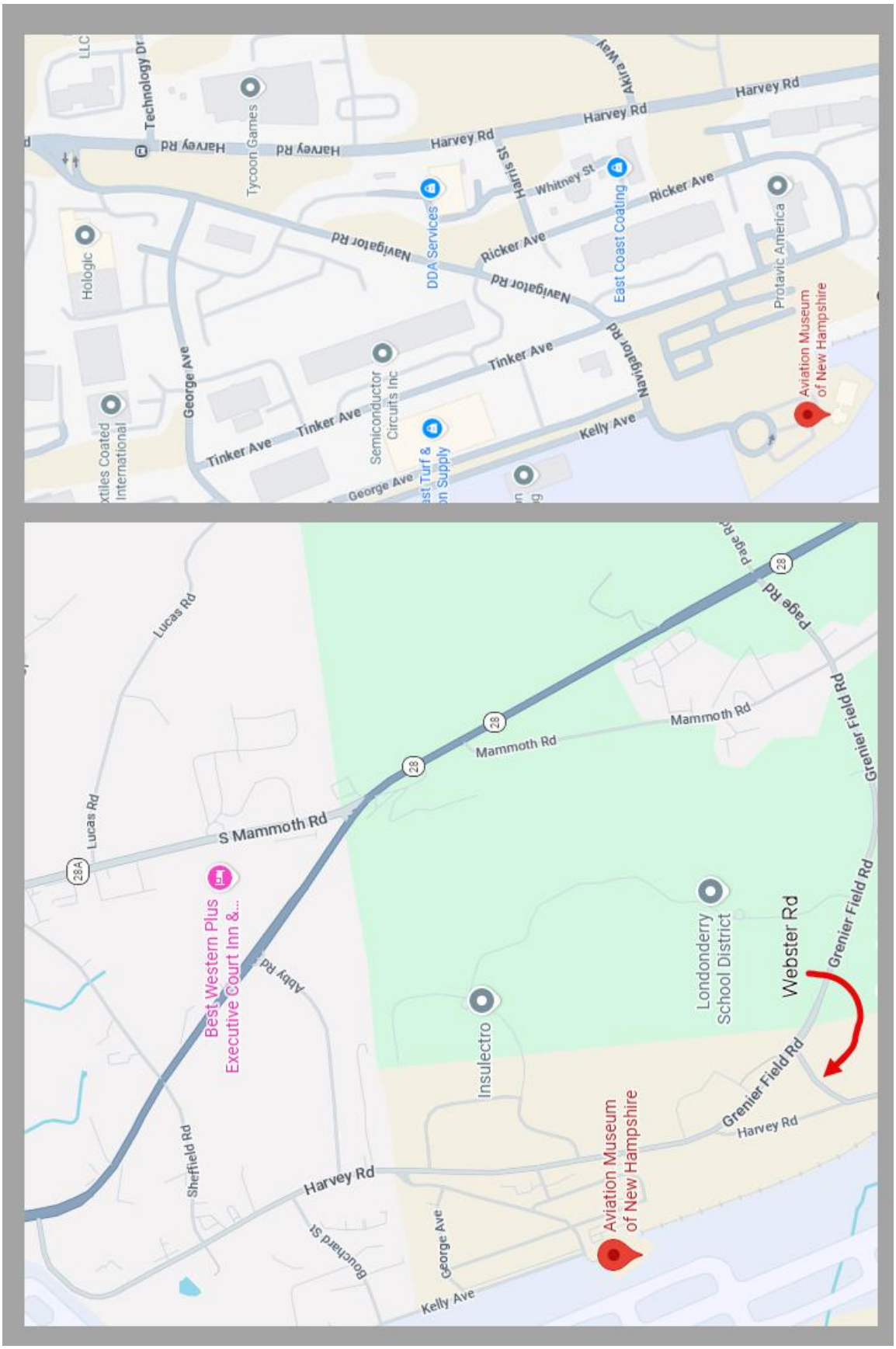

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ENTRANCE
PARKING
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Directions

The Aviation Museum of New Hampshire is located at 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry, NH, just outside of the fence line of the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. From your normal approach to the airport:

- Travel clockwise around the airport via Perimeter Rd. to (right onto) S. Willow Street to (right onto) Harvey Rd.
  - OR -
- counter-clockwise via Pettengill Rd. to (right onto) Wester Rd to (left onto) Grenier Field Rd which becomes Harvey Rd.
- From Harvey Rd., turn toward the airport onto Navigator Rd. and follow to its end.




Harvey Rd
Technology Dr
Tycoon Games
Harris St
Whitney St
East Coast Coating
Ricker Ave
DDA Services
Navigator Rd
Hologic
George Ave
Semiconductor Circuits Inc
Tinker Ave
Protavic America
Aviation Museum of New Hampshire
Kelly Ave
Lucas Rd
Page Rd
28
Mammoth Rd
S Mammoth Rd
28A
Grenier Field Rd
Webster Rd
Best Western Plus Executive Court Inn &...
Abby Rd
Londonderry School District
Insulectro
Sheffield Rd
Boucher St

Arrival & Check-In

For the safety of our Scouts, the speed limit in the Raymond High School parking lot is 5 mph. It is expected that the lot will be very busy between 7 –8 am. Parking is available in the lower parking lot behind the school.

It is expected that most Scouts will be dropped off for the event. Parents / Guardians are asked to remain on site until check-in is complete.

Check in for all programs at Raymond High School will be at the student parking lot main entrance, B7 (see map). All Scouts must check in to confirm their attendance and receive their program locations. **Scouts signed up for an all-day or morning program at Raymond High School are asked to arrive and check-in early so that all are present for the opening ceremony. Scouts participating in the afternoon-only program are asked to arrive before 12:15 pm.**

Required for check-in: BSA med form Part A&B, submitted in a sealed envelope marked with Scout's name and Troop number.

IMPORTANT: Because our instructors have prepared for a certain number of Scouts in their classes, we are not equipped to accommodate same-day sign-ups or same-day changes. Please communicate any cancellations in advance to Michele Forrestall *so that we may plan properly.*

The headquarters (HQ) for this event is located at the student parking lot main entrance, B7. For any questions or directions during the event, please visit this location. All non-staff visitors are asked to enter and exit the student parking lot main entrance, B7, and, following check-in, are asked to sign-in and out at HQ if they plan to remain on campus.

Schedule

Raymond High School		
Time	**Event**	**Location**
7:15 AM – 8:00 AM	Check-in	Student Lot Entrance (B7)
8:00 AM – 8:10 AM	Opening Ceremony + Remarks	Cafeteria
8:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Morning Session	(see check-in handout)
11:45 AM – 12:15 AM	Check-in (afternoon session only participants)	Student Lot Entrance (B7)
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch* (bring your own)	Cafeteria
12:30 PM – 4:15 PM	Afternoon Session*	(see check-in handout)
Various**	Dismissal*	Student Lot Entrance (B7)
**Experience has shown that classes will dismiss at various times depending on content. Expect your afternoon class to end anytime between 3:15 PM & 4:15 PM. Event staff will use mass e-mail to inform all registrants when each class has dismissed.		

Aviation Museum of New Hampshire	
Time	**Event**
8:30 AM – 8:55 AM	Check-in
9:00 AM – 11:30 PM	Aviation Program
11:30 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM*	Aviation Program (continued)
*NOTE: Aviation program may end early; parents & guardians are asked to be flexible on pick-up.	

Event Code of Conduct

The following code of conduct has been written to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all involved at MBE!.

Follow the Scout Oath, Scout Law, & Outdoor Code.

Treat all event staff and participants with respect.

Respect our hosts: MBE! is hosted at Raymond High School (RHS) and Hampton Airfield. We expect that you respect the spaces and materials provided to you for MBE!. This includes but is not limited to: only using materials provided to you, not using RHS technology unless explicitly instructed by your counselor, and not being in any RHS rooms unless event staff are present. Remember, as Scouts, we are expected to always "leave it better than we found it"!

Personal responsibility for breakage or loss of property: RHS, Hampton Airfield and the MBE! staff are not responsible for any breakage or loss of property. It is the personal responsibility of attendees to keep track of their belongings throughout MBE!.

The Scout Law is the Law of MBE!

Safety

Youth Protection / Safeguarding Youth Training: All Registered BSA Leaders who will be in attendance are expected to be current with Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT). Keeping Scouts safe is of utmost importance to the volunteers of Scouting of America New Hampshire. It is the responsibility of MBE! staff to monitor and ensure that SYT's Barriers to Abuse are not violated, no one-on-one contact being of greatest concern.

Inclement Weather: Some of the Merit Badge offerings may be offered in an outdoor setting but in close proximity to the RHS or structures at Hampton Airfield. Should inclement weather arise that is serious in nature, Scouts, leaders and instructors will move into the RHS gymnasium and the situation will be evaluated further.

Building Evacuation: Should the need arise to evacuate the building, all Scouts, Instructors, and visitors will evacuate via the nearest exit to the front of the Raymond School District office located adjacent to the staff parking lot. At the emergency assembly location, event staff will perform a muster to account for all participants, staff, and visitors.

Packing List / What to Bring

Scouts are asked to bring the following items with them to the Merit Badge Extravaganza:

- Scout uniform: Scouts are encouraged to wear their field uniform (commonly called "Class A"). A Troop, Crew, or generic Scouting shirt (commonly called "Class B") is also acceptable.
- Properly layered clothing - for indoor and outdoor activities (rain or shine)
- Bag lunch
- Water bottle
- Notebook and pens for note taking
- Any prerequisite Merit Badge work

7 Steps to Ensure a Successful MBE! Experience

1) Meet with your Unit Leader and explain which MB classes you are planning to attend.

2) Review the current requirements for the Merit Badge

3) Complete prerequisites for Merit Badge Extravaganza!

4) Meet with your counselor and get your individual requirements signed off

5) As required, commit to following up with your counselor

6) Link your advancement record thru Scoutbook to your counselor for any required sign-offs after the event

7) If you have any questions, ask for help as soon as possible

What Else Should You Know?

Merit Badge Extravaganza! is designed for Scouts looking to add another merit badge to their collection. As outlined in the Guide to Advancement, any registered Scout can start working on merit badges at any time.

The purpose of ANY Merit Badge College-Style event is to have fun and expand merit badge instruction opportunities for Scouts by providing Counselors to help aid in the badge's completion. Merit badge counselors are solely responsible for determining if the requirements for the merit badge are met by the Scout. The organizers of MBE! do not guarantee an individual Scout will fulfill all of the requirements during the event. Simply showing up does not guarantee completion of a merit badge. Active participation is required.

The responsibility for completion of merit badge work lies solely with the Scout. It is understood that some badge programs will NOT be completed on 11/21 and that Scouts will have additional homework to complete. Instructors will be available after the event to verify completion of work. Arrangements should be made with the original instructor. However, if connecting with the instructor becomes problematic, send a message to Mrs. Forrestall to make alternative arrangements.

Check-Out & Departure

For the safety of our Scouts, the speed limit in the Raymond High School parking lot is 5 mph. It is expected that the lot will be very busy between 4:00 – 4:45 pm. Parking is in the student lot to the east of the school's lower level (see provided map).

- Parents / Guardians are asked to enter through the student lot Main Entrance, B7, to meet your Scout(s).
- Medical forms may be picked up at HQ. Any forms left behind will be shredded.

