



2026 Ramapo Valley District Merit Badge Fair Guidebook

Saturday, November 7,
2026

Bergen County Technical School (Paramus)
275 Pascack Rd, Paramus, NJ

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CHECK IN

Check-in will begin at 8:00am on Saturday morning and continue until 8:45am. We will have signs showing the way into the building.

DISMISSAL

ALL Merit Badge classes will end at 3pm. All scouts must be picked up no later than 3:30pm.

MERIT BADGE BLUE CARDS

Each Scout is responsible to discuss which merit badges they want to begin with their unit leader. Upon approval from their leader, they will be issued a blue card from that leader. The Scout will bring the blue card to the merit badge fair. When a Scout arrives at the merit badge session, they will turn in the blue card to the merit badge counselor. **Scouts must come to the event with blue cards already approved and signed by a unit leader; no blue cards will be issued at the event.**

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

Merit Badge Counselors will be responsible for their own prerequisites. All questions should be directed at them. Counselors will reach out to scouts once they have signed up for their class.

FOOD

Food is included in the cost of the Merit Badge Fair. We will have pizza, snacks and drinks available in the cafeteria starting at 11pm. Lunch will end at 12:45pm and classes will resume at 1pm.

PATH TO EAGLE SESSION

Scouts who are interested in working toward the rank of Eagle Scout are encouraged to attend the Eagle Scout Process presentation. The presentation will focus on the Eagle Scout Service Project, including what makes a strong project and what the committee looks for when reviewing and approving project proposals. Committee members will be available to answer questions and provide guidance on project ideas and proposals. No proposals will be approved during this session. Scouts must still submit their proposals through the established approval process. The presentation and question-and-answer session will be held during the lunch period between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

MERIT BADGE OFFERINGS

AM Offerings	PM Offerings
American Business	American Business
Citizenship in the World	Citizenship in the World
Collections	Collections
Communication	Communications
Digital Technology	Digital Technology

Emergency Preparedness	Environmental Science
Entrepreneurship	Fire Safety
Fire Safety	Orienteering
Health Care Professionals	Personal Management
Orienteering	Public Speaking
Personal Management	Safety
Radio	
Safety	
Scouting Heritage	

PREREQUISITES

Merit badges were created to be earned; to show that a Scout has achieved proficiency in a specific life skill or explored a specific trade or hobby. In keeping with the purpose of merit badges, all Scouts are required to complete any prerequisites as outlined in this guide prior to their arrival. If a Scout has not completed the prerequisite requirements, that Scout will either be awarded a partial or not be allowed to take the merit badge class for which the prerequisites were not completed. Requirements will be deemed satisfied, and badges recognized as completed at the discretion of the merit badge counselor and in accordance with BSA merit badge guidelines. Please bring the merit badge workbook to all of your classes.

American Business with Billy Cook	
Citizenship in the World With Ryan Greff	Requirements 3, 4B, and 7.
Collections with Glenn Greff	
Collections With Jim Ferrone	Requirements 1, 2, and 4. The Scout should be prepared to discuss all remaining requirements.
Communication with Diane Rodrigues Reis	Requirements 1A, 2A, 3, 7A, and 9. Requirement 6 must be completed and the plan emailed to dmurtosa@gmail.com prior to the Merit Badge Fair for approval. Bring a copy of the letter and proof of email or fax delivery for Requirement 7A . Requirement 9 will be completed as a partial, as Scouts may not have Requirements 4, 5, and 8 completed before the Merit Badge Fair. The Scout should be prepared to complete the remaining requirements after the fair with this counselor or another approved counselor.

	<p>When submitting prerequisites, please include the Scout's name in all correspondence. Thank you.</p>
<p>Communication with Steve Jureller</p>	<p>Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. All requirements must be completed prior to the Merit Badge Fair, as they involve attending meetings, preparing documents or plans, and completing activities involving people other than the Scout. The Scout must bring evidence of completion to the fair. For Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, bring the completed work to the fair. For Requirement 6, complete the requirement beforehand and be prepared to discuss it during the session.</p>
<p>Digital Technology with Philippe Jakimowicz</p>	<p>Requirement 6, the completed requirement must be emailed to pjakimowicz@verizon.net prior to the meeting, and the Scout should be prepared to discuss it during the session.</p>
<p>Emergency Preparedness with Rich Malizia</p>	<p>Requirements 1, 2C, 6C, 7, 8B, and 9.</p>
<p>Entrepreneurship with John Kinghorn</p>	<p>You do not need to complete any worksheet and ideally will not use a worksheet for requirement 5. You must complete the following prior to the merit badge fair:</p> <p>A. Read and study the Entrepreneurship merit badge book. B. Complete requirements 1, 3, 4 and 6 in writing. For the parts of these requirements that require explaining to or discussing with the merit badge counselor, be prepared to complete these parts in class. C. Complete requirement 5, being careful to include all of the listed components of a business plan. This will require thoughtful analysis and writing. The business plan must be realistic. The merit badge book will be very helpful.</p> <p>During the class session I will give priority to scouts who have completed all prerequisites.</p>
<p>Environmental Science with Rich Malizia</p>	<p>Requirements 3, 4, and 6.</p>
<p>Fire Safety with Arthur Ditzel</p>	<p>Be prepared to discuss all requirements, watch all suggested videos and visit the suggested websites on the MB webpage</p> <p>Requirements 5D, 8H, and 10A or 10B. Complete all requirements prior to the Merit Badge Fair and bring any required documentation with you. For Requirement 5D, bring the completed Home Fire Safety Checklist. For Requirement 8H, bring your completed lesson plan and be prepared to present your lesson to another Scout during the session. For Requirement 10A, be prepared to discuss your fire station visit; or for Requirement 10B, be prepared to present your findings during the session.</p>

Health Care Professions with Karen Allen	Requirements 5 and 9 .
Orienteering with John Brain	Bring a Silva Type II or Type III compass and a trail, hiking, or USGS quadrangle map to the Merit Badge Fair. Additional compasses and maps will be available for Scouts who are unable to bring their own.
Personal Management With John Martinko	Requirements 1, 2, 4, and 8
Personal Management with Sergio Santomauro	Requirements 1, 2, 8, 9, and 10
Personal Management with Steven Nudelman	Requirements 1, 2, 4, and 8
Public Speaking with John Kinghorn	<p>You do not need to complete any worksheet, but you must complete the following prior to the merit badge fair:</p> <p>Requirements 1, 2, and 4. Read and study the Public Speaking Merit Badge pamphlet prior to the Merit Badge Fair. Prepare the speeches required for Requirements 1, 2, and 4 and be prepared to present all three during the session. Bring any notes needed for your presentations, as well as the visual aids required for Requirement 2 and the outline required for Requirement 4. The Scout should also be prepared to deliver an impromptu speech and discuss parliamentary procedure. Priority will be given to Scouts who have completed all prerequisites.</p>
Radio with Jim Sadur	Print the workbook and work on requirements 1, 2, and 3
Safety With Frank Miller	Watch the videos available on https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/safety/
Scouting Heritage with Jim Ferrone	Requirements 4, 5, 6, and 8 . The Scout should be prepared to discuss all remaining requirements.