Can two (or more) Scouts use the same computer?

Yes! Each Scout should register **separately** so we can track each Scouts' progress, but they may share a computer for each day's session. They will each have a chance to mark themselves "present" during daily attendance.

Do we need a camera and microphone?

No. You simply need a computer with speakers. The sessions are hosted through a standard web browser (Chrome, Internet Explorer, etc.); you will be able to see and hear the instructor. You will also be able to type questions using a "chat" field. There will be other interactive opportunities throughout the sessions, but none of them require a camera/microphone.

Are there any prerequisites?

Depending on the badge there will be item(s) that will/are not be covered during the class. These items can be done either prior to the course (prerequisites) or after the course. Item(s) not covered during the class will need to be reviewed by the Scout and a **local** registered merit badge counselor.

How will they get their "blue card" Merit Badge Applications?

Our registration system (through Black Pug Software) helps us track everyone's progress and provides printable "blue cards" that we will e-mail to each family after the course is complete. There are also Scoutbook and Troopmaster files that can be downloaded for easy update of your unit records.

How will Youth Protection and "no one-on-one contact" be maintained?

All merit badge class will be taught in such a way as there will never be an instance in which an adult merit badge counselor is alone (virtually in this case) with a youth member. Youth will be in "view only" mode with limited interaction with each other.

I don't live in Circle Ten Council. Can I still participate?

Of course! The internet makes this possible for EVERYONE!

What time zone are the class in?

All times listed are in CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME (CDT). Please plan accordingly for Scouts in other time zones.

What about Scoutmaster approval? Scouts should have their approval before beginning a merit badge, right?

Correct! It is each Scout's responsibility to get unit leader approval prior to the Scout attending the first class. Circle Ten Council will assume a Scout attending has his/her unit leader approval to take the merit badge being offered.

Will we complete the ENTIRE Merit Badge?

Probably not. While it is possible for a Scout to complete these badges in a week or so, that would be a very busy week. Our intent is to present content each day that gets the Scout STARTED on a set of requirements. It is then up to that Scout to complete any additional task(s), study project(s), or activity(s) **OFFLINE** with a **local** registered merit badge. The goal is to help Scouts potentially complete 80% - 90% of the necessary requirements. In some rare cases, Scouts may complete 100% certain badges.

Will you be offering MORE badges?

Yes. Check back with us (https://www.scoutingevent.com/571-OnlineMeritBadgeU) to see what we offer next.