



MBX GUIDE FOR SCOUTS AND LEADERS

**Presenting
“Broaden Your Horizons!”
on April 18, 2026**

**An eclectic collection of Merit Badges and Skills to
start you on a hobby, a career possibility, interest,
build empathy, or just for fun- try out something
new.**

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
33420 US-97, Oroville, WA 98844



Your Merit Badge Menu:

*** means there is a class size limit.**

Full Day Badges:

***Nuclear Science brought to you by Dr. Arden Dougan- fear not, she is FUN and this is cool!**

Prerequisite: 2 B please bring the isotope model with you.

(can be made with tooth picks and gumdrops etc...)

Overview: Nuclear science gives us a simple explanation of the natural world. The ultimate goal of nuclear science is to find out if there is one fundamental rule that explains how matter and forces interact. Earning the Nuclear Science merit badge is a chance for Scouts to learn about this exciting field at the cutting edge of science today.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/nuclear-science/>

Insect Studies brought to you by Camp Bonaparte's famous Mother Nature, Pat Willett. This is for bug lovers and those who could be.

Overview: In earning the Insect Study merit badge, Scouts will glance into the strange and fascinating world of the insect. There, they will meet tiny creatures with tremendous strength and speed, see insects that undergo startling changes in habits and form as they grow, and learn how insects see, hear, taste, smell, and feel the world around them.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/insect-study/>

Aviation is being made possible by 'high flying' Joe Dowling of the Methow.

Overview: For most of history, people have dreamed of flying, imagining how it would feel to soar through the sky like an eagle or hover in midair like a hummingbird, to float on unseen currents, free of Earth's constant tug, able to travel great distances and to rise above any obstacle. Today, through aviation, we can not only join the birds but also fly farther, faster, and higher than they ever could.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/aviation/>

Half Day Badges:

***Art taught by one of the most talented and creative people in our district, Kim Stout**

Overview: This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/art/>

Citizenship in Society is eagle required and by command performance taught by Lisa Turner who is never boring.

Overview: Realize the benefits of diversity, equity, inclusion, and ethical leadership with the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge. Scouts will research any individual who has demonstrated positive leadership while making an ethical decision, explain what options the leader had when faced with a problem, why they believe they chose their final course of action, and the outcome of the leader's decision.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-society/>

Disabilities Awareness is being brought to life by a brand new Merit Badge Counselor who is experienced and passionate about accessibility for all, Cara Godwin.

Overview: Understand various disabilities and how they affect your friends, family, and community members with the Disability Awareness Merit Badge. Scouts will learn about the experiences of someone with a disability, explain the significance of disability etiquette, and how it may differ depending on the specific disability.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/disabilities-awareness/>

***Family Life is an eagle required one brought to you by John MacDonald aka Father John. Often put off “until some day” by scouts, this could be your day! As you might guess there are prerequisites, so check it out here:**

Prerequisites: 2, 3, and 6b with results recorded in the merit badge workbook that can be found here:

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/010161677/OR/Family_Life_Workbook.pdf

Scouts will need to have page 6 signed by a parent before taking the course.

Overview: The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever before. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/family-life/>

Photography is a badge everyone can relate to (it is more than selfies) and thoughtfully taught by Peter Polson.

Overview: Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers use photography to express their creativity, using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place, a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/photography/>

Stamp Collecting is a passport to history and culture where you can hold in your hand a stamp from a country or across the world or one you have never heard of. It's being brought to you by A collector of over 60 years, Ed Prophet and his side kick Janis Tipton-King. You will receive a basic album and a ton of stamps to get you started or to add to your collection. Make any sort of collection- by art, by country, by nature, by planes, by sports etc...

Overview: The world's most popular hobby, stamp collecting is enjoyed by millions throughout the world. Through this hobby, you can experience history: postage stamps are like tiny windows that introduce the people of the world to the country's leaders, customs, history, products, and environment.

Link to requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/stamp-collecting/>

Skill Sessions: These are NOT badges but trail to first class skill sessions Knots and Lashing for trail to first class and beyond taught by Camp Bonaparte's Alan Kelso forester and all-round knotty guy.

Go get your bowline, sheep shank, lark's head, clove hitch, tautline hitch, sheet bend, timber hitch, half hitches all squared (knot) away with Alan. Learn how to make most anything from bridge to towers and from tables to swing sets with lashing basics.

This is offered in the morning and repeats in the afternoon so you have 2 chances to up your knot game.

First Aid skills for trail to first class taught by first aid/CPR instructor, Ed Prophet.

Do you really know how to bandage someone who has injured themselves or are you more of an mummy wrapping sort of person? Can you calmly handle a heart attack? Bleeding? An eye

injury? Transport someone without hurting yourself? All the tenderfoot, second and first class ranks have important first aid skills to learn, demonstrate and remember. Come and learn them the right way and be prepared to rescue someone some day.

Particulars:



Schedule:

8:30 AM check in
9-noon AM session
12:00-12:30 Lunch
12:30-3:30 PM session

° **Some badges are half day, others are all day.** Knots and lashing is a skills session and offered twice, you can elect the AM session or the PM session.

° **You must preregister** for the event online through the council's Black Pug system **by April 4th.**

° **Choices:** We need to know each scout's first and second choice badges for each the slot AM , PM or all day.

° **Prerequisites?** Only one badge has a prerequisite, however almost all of them will require one or 2 requirements to be done at home to complete. Each MB Counselor will make it clear what the assignment is and how to contact them to complete the badge.

° **Bring your own lunch and water** There are no coffee, tea, caffeinated or dark colored liquids allowed in or on church property.

° **Permission slips:** Please make certain all scouts come with signed permission slips for the MBX. Disabilities Awareness , and Aviation will take place in part off site. The MBC will need the slips in hand when they travel. with current emergency contact information on the form.

° **Cost:** The event is free to attend.

° **Special thanks to Brent Timm,** bishop of the Oroville LDS Church for allowing us to use the building.

Thanks to all the adults driving scouts to the MBX and we **hope you'll stay and assist** a MB counselor for the day. Please?

And thank you to all the MBC for sharing your expertise and passion for your subject with us.



Basic Directions

From the Coulee Area: Head over Hwy 155 and then north on 97. OR if it is snowy / icy you can use the low route which is Hwy 17 and then north on Hwy 97. The church is close to the border on your left.

From the Methow Take Hwy 20 east to Hwy 97 and then north through most of Oroville and the church is on your left.

From the south: Take Hwy 97 north, past most of Oroville and the church is on your left.