

DECEMBER
6th – 8th

2024

Pine Hill District Merit Badge College Participant Guide



Welcome to Merit Badge College 2024

Welcome to the annual Pine Hill District Merit Badge College. In addition to earning merit badges there will be time allocated to meet fellow scouts and have fun!

General Information

The information in this leader guide may change before the actual event. Any updates will be sent out to registered participants.

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Contact Information

Address

Pine Hill Scout Reservation (do not send mail to this address)

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Merit Badge College Weekend Schedule

Friday

Time	Event	Location
5:00 – 8:30 pm	Camping Check-In	Cub Field Stockade Gate
9:00pm	SM/SPL & MBC meeting	Dining Hall

Saturday

Time	Event	Location
7:30-8:30 am	Day Pass Check-in open	Cub Pavilion
8:30 – 8:50 am	Opening / Morning Colors	Cub Field Flags
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Merit Badge Class Session A	**Follow Map**
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Trading Post Open	Trading Post
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Campsites / Common Areas
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Merit Badge Class Session B	**Follow Map**
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Merit Badge Class Session C	**Follow Map**
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner / Time in Campsite	Campsites
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Scouts Own Service – Prep meeting	Cub Field Pavilion
7:00pm – 8:00pm	Merit Badge Session D	**Follow Map**
8:30 pm	Camp wide Campfire Program. Hosted by Communications Class. Troop Skits / Songs	Camp Fire Circle

Sunday

Time	Event	Location
9:00 am	Scouts Own Service	Camp Fire Circle (Pavilion if raining)
11:00 am	Check-out by 11:00 am	

General Information

Check-In

Troop Weekend Pass/Camping: All Troops will enter camp through cub field. Please check in at the Stockade for verification of your campsite and vehicle pass. Wrist bands will be issued to all paid participants and adults camping.

Day Pass only: Check in at Cub Pavilion Saturday Morning 7:30am – 8:30am. Wrist bands will be issued to all paid participants.

Vehicle Traffic

For the safety of the youth participating in the event, **vehicle traffic will be restricted to 1 vehicle per campsite during Friday night.** If multiple vehicles are required to enter the campsite, only one vehicle will be allowed back at a time. Once that vehicle returns to cub field, the next will be able to enter for that same campsite. There will be a vehicle pass for each assigned campsite. One (1) trailer will be permitted per Troop in each campsite (conditions permitting). All other vehicles will be required to park outside on cub field.

All Vehicles must be parked on Cub Field parking area following leaders meeting Friday Evening.

First Aid

First Aid is available at Webster Lodge throughout the event. A volunteer EMT will staff the First Aid Station for any needs.

Event staff and Scoutmasters are expected to send Scouts and their buddies to the Webster Lodge if they suspect that the scout is beginning to suffer from hypothermia or other cold related injuries.

(See Scout Handbook for Cold Weather injuries)

Friday Evening Leaders Meeting 9pm Dining Hall

Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, and Merit Badge Counselors that are in Camp are required to attend the meeting. Cracker Barrel will be served.

- **Turn in Troop Rosters**
- **Turn in Troop Saturday Night Campfire Skits/Songs**
- Pickup map of Merit Badge Class Locations, Troop Packets
- Signup to volunteer for Scouts Own Service
- Open Adult spots needed for MBC classes, if Necessary.
- General Announcements / Question

Saturday Evening Campfire Program 8:30pm Fire Circle

All Troops Camping for the weekend are strongly encouraged to attend. Since its Merit Badge College weekend, as part of the Communications MB the class will be planning and running the evening campfire.

- Troops are expected to come to Camp on Friday evening with at least 1 skit and 1 song to present. Turn in Skits and Songs during leaders meeting. If your Troop wants to perform more than one song and skit, please do so and add it to the list.

Merit Badge Classes

This is a Blue Card Event. All registered Scouts are expected to arrive with a signed blue card from your Troop leader. This will be turned in at the start of each class and will be returned to you at the end of class.

- Map of Classes will be handed out during Friday night leaders meeting and Saturday morning check-in.
- Scouts should come prepared for their classes.
- Scouts should arrive on time.
- Please be respectful of your counselors, remember they are volunteering their time!

Merit Badge Counselors

- Map of Classes will be dispersed prior to the weekend. Copies will be handed out during leaders' meeting and Saturday morning check-in.
- All Class are expected to have two adults minimum for youth protection and assistance.
- All Counselors will receive a Sign-in sheet with all registered scouts for check-in.
- Collect Blue Cards, which are to be returned to the scouts at the end of class.

Opening of Event/Flags

- All Scouts / Participants are expected to attend the opening flags at 8:30am

Participant Patches

- Each participant and registered leaders will receive a patch.

Trading Post

- The Trading Post will be open during the event and will have some lunch options and snacks.
- The schedule will be as follows: Saturday - 11:00 AM to 2:00PM Subject to Change

Fishing / Fish & Wildlife Management / Fly Fishing Merit Badges

- All Three Badges are offered in the morning as one session and afternoon as one session.
- Scouts have the option of spending the entire day at this event if choose and work on the requirements/fishing throughout the Day.
- Please check the course catalog for all the Pre-requisites for each of the badges. If a scout prepares all the pre-requisites and is ready to discuss or demonstrate then they may earn all three badges.
- The cooking of a fish will take place at Camp under the supervision of the counselor.
- Please Bring Fishing equipment to fish with.