2019 Winter
MERIT BADGE FAIR

Jersey Devil District
Russell O. Brackman Middle School
600 Barnegat Blvd North
Barnegat, NJ
December 7, 2019
Welcome Scout!

The Jersey Devil District Merit Badge Fair is going to be a great day for all scouts who attend. We have lined up wonderful and talented merit badges counselors for you. This fair is open to all Scouts BSA. It’s not limited to our district and/or council. We welcome and invite all to attend, but class size IS limited to ensure the best experience for everyone. Here are some helpful notes regarding the merit badge fair:

**PRE-REGISTRATION** – Pre-registrations for the merit badge fair may only be done online. Online signups may be accessed through [www.jerseyshorescouts.org/ddmbfair](http://www.jerseyshorescouts.org/ddmbfair) Pre-registration will close on Sunday, November 24th at the end of the day. You will no longer be able to pre-register for the event after this date. There are NO exceptions to this. After the pre registration date has passed, you may only sign up at the door and your choices will be very limited to only classes that have open spots, if any. Please make every attempt to pre register. As a courtesy, I will try to keep the web page updated as to what classes are closed.

**ARRIVE ON TIME**– Check-in begins at 7:00am, opening ceremony and announcements are at 7:50, and classes start at 8:00am. You should arrive between 7:00 am and 7:15 am so everyone can get checked in as efficiently as possible and no one is late for their first class.

**CHECK IN** – Bring your receipt from your pre-registration. Each scout must check in at the registration desk before starting the day. Use the main entrance to access the building and registration area.

**BRING SIGNED BLUE CARDS** – For those that have never taken a merit badge course before, a blue card is your gateway to a completed merit badge. They need to be signed in advance by your Scoutmaster and filled out for the classes you are taking. Don’t forget to put your name and address on them! (Adult leaders are encouraged to bring some extra blank blue cards in case they are needed – Johnny Scout has been known to forget his cards at home). **If you come without blue cards and need a blue card at the event, there will be a $1 convenience fee charged per blue card.**

**COST**– Merit badge fair is $10 for in council scouts and $15 for out of council scouts. Breakfast, lunch, drinks and snacks will be available for purchase at a minimal cost in the cafeteria as a fundraiser for a local troop. You may also choose to bring a bagged lunch or make other arrangements if you so desire.

**SUPPLIES** – Bring pens/pencils, paper, proof of your pre reqs, a Scout Handbook (if required), and a smile.

**UNIFORM** – This is a full Class ‘A’ uniform event.

**LOCATION:** Use the main entrance to access the building and registration area.

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**PRE-REQUISITES**- If you are using a Boy Scouts of America merit badge book that you got from the public library, your troop library, or from a friend, make sure you are using the most recent publication. Some of the merit badges have recently been changed. If you use an old book you won’t complete the correct pre-requisites. You can also go to meritbadge.org to get merit badge booklets. The booklets only contain the pre-requisites required for a particular badge. They don’t have the teaching information that the merit badge books have.

(Part 1) – Work on the pre-requisites and bring proof. Signed letters from Scoutmasters, photos, whatever you need. Don’t wait until the day of the merit badge fair to ask your Scoutmaster to sign a letter that you have been a Master of Ceremonies. Merit badge instructors will NOT issue credit without suitable proof of accomplishment.

(Part 2) – Timed merit badges will be checked against blue card dates. If you have a requirement that requires you to keep a log for three months but your blue card was only signed a week ago, you may not receive credit for that requirement at the time of the merit badge fair.

**COMMUNICATE** – If you have questions, I will try to answer them in a timely fashion. The best way to reach me is by email (Brandon Page, bpage7473@gmail.com) During the event, I will be around to answer any questions you might have.

**COURTEOUS** – A Scout is Courteous! Brackman Middle School is offering us space and special assistance for this event. Please return their kindness by being courteous and respectful at all times.

**SCHEDULE:**
7:00am – Check-in
7:50am – Opening and Announcements
8:00am – Session 1
9:10am – Session 2
10:20am – Session 3
11:30pm – Lunch
12:10pm – Afternoon announcements
12:15pm – Session 4
1:25pm – Session 5
2:40pm – Session 6
3:45pm – All sessions close

(Because Scouts will finish their day at various times, there is no closing ceremony. When you’re done, you can head home!)

**QUESTIONS?**
Before the event you can email me at:
Brandon Page
bpage7473@gmail.com
On the day of the event, problems can be brought to my attention. We do encourage merit badge counselors (who are all volunteers) and scout leaders (also volunteers) to work out discrepancies together before bringing an issue to my attention. If there is any doubt, especially about whether or not a requirement has been completed previously, we will err on the side of caution and not issue credit until the question can be resolved.

As a general rule, parents are NOT allowed in the classrooms with their scout. A scout is encouraged to do these merit badges on his own with the help of a registered merit badge counselor. Please support us as we enforce this rule. This has been a problem in the past and will not be tolerated. Any parent found in a classroom will be asked to leave.

CLASSES:
We are offering an exciting variety of merit badge classes. Some will be single sessions and some will be double sessions. Please check the schedule to see which classes you have. While in class, please note that you are a guest in someone else’s classroom. Do your best to leave the classroom better than you found it.

PRE-REQUISITES:
For all merit badges, go to www.meritbadge.org, and print the worksheets for each merit badge. Do the pre-requisites listed for your merit badge. Bring your worksheet, pencils and any additional items required for each badge you are taking. COMPLETING the pre-requisites AND attending the class IS NOT a guarantee you will complete a given merit badge. If you are unprepared, it will be counted as partial. You must be familiar with all the requirements for your merit badges so you are prepared to answer questions and participate in discussions based on the material.

All Scouts must bring a blue card signed by their Scoutmaster for each merit badge taken.

**Automotive Maintenance-Rod Grady**
11a, 12, and bring in an owner’s manual for a car

**Aviation-Kurt Stofko**
Please fill out the Aviation worksheet packet as much as you can and bring proof of completed requirements to the class.

**Citizenship in the Community-Frank Bopp or Vicky Dougherty**
3,4,5

**Citizenship in the Nation-Gretchen Tunison or Frank Bopp**
2,3,6,8

**Citizenship in the World-Vicky Dougherty or Frank Bopp**
3a-b,4b-c

**Collections-Terry Brooks**
1,8, bring collection or photos
Communication - Vicky Dougherty
2a or b, 4, 5, 7

Cooking - Arthur Donchey  rrat@comcast.net
a. Carefully read and understand all the requirements. Some requirements require a counselor to sign off before proceeding.
b. Research information for requirements 1-3 & 7 and be prepared to discuss them in class. 2c is based on your activity level, so research and prepare to discuss it.
c. If you have 4a-b, 5a-c, and/or 6a-c we can discuss them individual during 2nd half of double session. You can NOT start cooking until your menu, shopping list and equipment list are approved by your counselor.
d. The remaining requirements for 4, 5, and 6 (once menus are approved) can be complete after MB Academy and may contact me for completion.

Digital Technology - Arthur Donchey
1, 5b, 5c, 6, 9

Dog Care - Terry Brooks
bring pictures and activity log

Electricity - Joe Jackson
3, 11

Environmental Science - Brian O'Sullivan
1 - Discuss in Class. Active Participation Required.
2 - Discuss in Class. Active Participation Required.
3a, 3b, 3d, 3f & 3g - Discuss in Class. Active Participation Required.
3c - Pick ONE of THREE - Bring in report or pictures/video of experiments (Picture/Video can be on a cell phone). Active Participation Required.
3e - Pick ONE of THREE - Bring in report. Active Participation Required.
4 - DO EITHER 4a OR 4b. Bring in Pictures, Findings, Lists, Report, etc... Active Participation Required.
5 - Discuss in Class. Active Participation Required.
6 - Discuss in Class. Active Participation Required.

Family Life - Dawn Donchey or Kristen Thomas Page
3, 4, 5, 6b

Medicine - Terry Brooks
1, 2, 4, 10

Music - Dawn Donchey
3

Personal Management - Dawn Donchey or Kristen Thomas Page
1, 2, 8, 9, 10

Radio - Paul Rollman
3a, 3b, 3c, 8
Salesmanship-Kristen Thomas Page
3, 5, 6, 7

Scholarship-Kurt Stofko
Please fill out the Scholarship worksheet packet as much as you can and bring proof of completed requirements to the class.

Scouting Heritage-Frank Bopp
4, 5, 6, 8