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The Jersey Shore Council, Southern Shore District Merit Badge Academy at Stockton University is designed to give scouts an interactive opportunity to explore a topic in a small group setting with volunteer merit badge counselors from Stockton University and the community. Sponsored by the School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics at Stockton University, scouts will be able to experience the vibrant campus and outstanding resources of Stockton University while learning about their chosen merit badge subjects. The date for the 2023 event is Saturday, February 25th.

Register on-line at www.jerseyshorescouts.org/mbacademy The email you use with registration will be the email we will use to communicate any updates.

No registrations will be taken the day of the event. NO REFUNDS will be issued.

Scouts must bring a blue card signed by his or her Scoutmaster for each merit badge class.

Uniform is Class A.

Room assignments and map will be emailed one week prior to the event and posted at the event. Scouts do not need to check in at the information table; please proceed directly to your first classroom.

Information table: C/D Atrium The outside of the building is designated with a C.

Parking: use **Lots 1, 2 or 3**. Permits are not needed.

Lunch: Scouts are encouraged to bring a bag lunch that they can eat at the tables in the C/D Atrium behind the information table There are some onsite options.

Scouts and families may purchase tickets for the on-campus N Wing Buffet Dining. Tickets for N Wing Buffet may be purchased online, jerseyshorescouts.org, Southern Shore District Merit Badge Academy events page, \$9.00 per ticket, and may be picked up the day of the event at the information table in the C/D Atrium.

Photo Consent: Please be advised that photographs will be taken for media and promotional purposes. Your consent and media release is intrinsic with registration. Please contact Sharon McKenna, District Executive, at Sharon.McKenna@scouting.org prior to the event should you have any objections.

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Youth Schedule by Time Period

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
9:00-10:20 AM	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	1:00-2:20 PM	2:30-4:00 PM
Cit. World (Kendrex)	Cit. Nation (Kendrex)	American Heritage (Kendrex)	Cit. World (Kendrex)
Scholarship (Stofko)	Aviation (Stofko)	Aviation (Stofko)	Scholarship (Stofko)
Collections (Kalatucka)	Collections (Kalatucka)	Collections (Kalatucka)	Collections (Kalatucka)
Fishing (Double Session; Aguiar)		Fire Safety (Double Session; Ehrlich)	
Stamp Collection (Townsend)	Traffic Safety (Mazur)	Traffic Safety (Mazur)	
Cooking (Double Session; A Donchey)		Cooking (Double Session; A Donchey)	
Music (Sita)	Music (Sita)	Electronics (Trout)	Weather (Trout)
Reading (N.Barnabei)	Disabilities Awareness (Colon-Torres)	Communication (Double Session; Colon-Torres)	
	Architecture (Amey)	Architecture (Amey)	
American. Cultures (Maund)	Scholarship (Maund)	Scholarship (Maund)	Am. Cultures (Maund)
Personal Management (D. Donchey)		Family Life (D. Donchey)	Family Life (D. Donchey)
Public Speaking (DAllasandro)	Fingerprinting (DAllasandro)	Scouting Heritage (DAllasandro)	Public Speaking (DAllasandro)
Cit. Nation (Tunison)	Eagle Project/ Distinguished Conservationist Award* (Flicker)	Cit. Nation (Tunison)	
Game Design (Double Session; Applegate)		Game Design (Double Session; Applegate)	
Astronomy (Riordan)	Photography (Riordan)		
Genealogy (Morgan)	Genealogy (Morgan)	Genealogy (Morgan)	Genealogy (Morgan)
Digital Technology (Double Session; Rivera)		Chess (Double Session; Lague & Lague)	
Archaeology (Double Session: Hornbeck & Zucconi)		Insect Study (Double Session; Shaak)	

* Not a merit badge

Adult Schedule:

10:30-11:50 AM. Scouting with Special Needs and Disabilities (Debiak)

Merit Badge Prerequisites can be found in class descriptions below:

Scouts are encouraged to choose one or more merit badges and invest some time beforehand in preparing for the session. Attendance at the session does not guarantee that a blue card will be signed. Be prepared to participate in the discussions and activities.

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Counselors may change the day of the Academy. Scouts should use the Merit Badge worksheets, found online for free, to do their prerequisites unless otherwise instructed.

Bring your worksheets to the Merit Badge Academy. Merit Badge Pamphlets, available at the Scout Store and online, are suggested, but not required (unless noted in the course description). When contacting counselors, scouts should always include a second adult on the communication.

There are no opening/closing ceremonies. Arrive in time to park and find your classroom. Scouts may depart with their parent/guardian once they are dismissed from their final session.

Each scout must bring a blue card signed by his or her Scoutmaster for each Merit Badge. Scouts should read the class descriptions below.

American Cultures: Prerequisites: Requirements 1-4 need to be completed or prepared before class. Use the most current version of the Merit Badge Workbook. A great deal of discussion will take place during this class, and you will be urged to participate. During class, we will plan for requirement 5, which you will complete after our class is over. Merit Badge Counselor: Sandra Garrison Maund: slgmaund@gmail.com (second letter is a lowercase L).

American Heritage: Prerequisites: All Requirements 1-6 need to be completed before class. Merit Badge Counselor: Mrs. Nancy Kendrex: NancyNJ@comcast.net

Archaeology: (Double Session) The Archaeology Merit Badge will introduce scouts to the science of investigating the human past and will explore the value in protecting cultural heritage. Scouts will gain experience handling and investigating artifacts by participating in excavations and exhibit development at the Museum of Cape May County. The dynamic and multidisciplinary archaeological research process and career options will be reviewed and complemented with a discussion of archaeological research in the Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

Completion of Requirements

Prerequisites: Complete numbers 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8: Review and be prepared to discuss.

During Session: Numbers 2, 6, and 9 will be covered. Bring items as necessary for 7.

After Session: 10a, 11a. Fulfillment of requirements 10a and 11a will occur later at the Museum of Cape May County. Exact date and times are TBD but will occur in the spring. Please arrive at the museum in your Class B uniform.

MB Counselors:

Bobbi Hornbeck, Ph.D. Teaching Specialist of Anthropology, Stockton University.

bobbi.hornbeck@stockton.edu

Laura Zucconi, Ph.D. Professor of History, Stockton University.

Laura.zucconi@stockton.edu

Architecture: Learn how buildings go from ideas to the built environment and how they affect society. Prerequisites: 1a (bring sketch); be prepared to discuss 1b, 2a-d, & 5.

MB Counselor: Mrs. Christina Amey, NJ Registered Architect, LEED AP,

AIA, Christina.Amey@gmail.com

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Astronomy: Prerequisites:

- 1) 1c, 2, 4a-c, 5a-d, 6a-b7c, Pre/postreq: 8
- 2) Scouts should familiarize themselves with the entire workbook and be prepared to discuss all requirements. Many items require outdoor observing time with a parent's permission. Appropriate attire is required for observing. Be Prepared.
- 3) Observation times will be offered with Miss Michelle Riordan & Mr. Joe Burns. Scouts MUST BE PREPARED with layered winter gear. Proper behavior is expected when we are around expensive equipment. Bring your Blue Card.

Counselors will create group text regarding observation dates & any date changes.

SCOUTS MUST CONTACT COUNSELOR with a cell phone number immediately after registering to be added to the group text.

MB Counselor Michelle Riordan, msriordan64@gmail.com

Aviation: Complete as much of the worksheet as possible.

Merit Badge Counselor Kurt Stofko: KDStofko@aol.com; 609-709-7676.

Chess: (Double Session) Prerequisites: 1, 2, 3. All Scouts MUST bring a chess set and board to the class. All Scouts need to print the Merit Badge worksheet from usscout.org, and complete requirements 1-3. Scouts must also be prepared to discuss answers in group discussion.

Link: <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Chess.pdf>

Requirements 4-5 will be gone over in class.

For requirement 6, class will be divided into groups of four to compete in a round robin chess tournament. Badge will be completed by students who actively participate in the group discussion and are able to complete the three games.

MB Counselors: Zachary Lague and Mike Lague, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Stockton University, Michael.Lague@stockton.edu

Citizenship in the Nation: The Citizenship in the Nation badge will provide Scouts with an understanding of American history, government, civics, and politics. Scouts will learn about the Constitution, the presidency, Congress, the federal court system, and current issues. This class will involve discussion and Scouts should be prepared to participate.

Prerequisites: 5, 6, 7, 8. Be prepared to discuss the rest of the requirements.

Bring any pamphlets/brochures you may have received during the visit, and a list of any resources used. Bring a copy of your letter and any response.

MB Counselor (sessions one and three): Gretchen Tunison tunetoo@aol.com

MB Counselor (session two) Nancy Kendrex NancyNJ@comcast.net

Citizenship in the World: Prerequisites 3, 4, 7; Scouts should come ready to participate.

Merit Badge Counselor: Nancy Kendrex NancyNJ@comcast.net

Collections: Prerequisites: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7. Bring 10 items from your collection or photograph(s) of your collection, but not stamps or coins since they are separate merit badges.

Merit Badge Counselor: Elaine Kalatucka: ekalatucka@yahoo.com

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Communications: (Double Session) Scouts should contact the counselor regarding Requirements 5 and 6 to get approval, as per the requirements. For requirements 1, 5, 7, and 8, scouts should bring proof that they were completed with either the finished product or a letter from their scoutmaster. For requirements 2, 3, 4, and 6, scouts should do the necessary preparation and be prepared to present in the class.
MB Counselor Maria Colon-Torres, DEd, mjcolontorres@gmail.com

Cooking: (Double Session) Pre/Postrequisites:

- 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.

MB Counselor: Arthur Donchey, rratt@comcast.net

Digital Technology: (Double Session) The BSA Digital Technology Merit Badge explores:

1) the basic concepts of digital technology including how information is digitized, stored, and transferred, 2) how to create digital content that can be shared posted to the Internet, and 3) different careers in digital technology.

Prerequisites:

- Cyber Chip - bring your signed card showing completion.
- Laptop - scouts must bring their own laptop
- Scouts should familiarize themselves with the Digital Technology workbook and come prepared to participate in group discussion about requirements 4b, 5b, 7c and 9.
- Requirement 6 can be done as a pre-requisite or post-requisite (Contact MB counselor to review and approve post-requisites)

Merit Badge Counselor: Jose Rivera, Ph.D. has over 29 years of experience in the Bio-pharmaceutical industry with expertise in the areas of Information Systems quality and compliance. email: gjrc313@gmail.com.

Disabilities Awareness: Prerequisites: Requirement #2: visit an agency that works with people with physical, mental, emotional, or educational disabilities (see requirement for details). Be prepared to discuss what you learned. Requirement #3: Do two of the four activities listed and be prepared to provide in class the information required for the two activities you performed. Be prepared to complete requirement #4 - we will visit Stockton facilities to assess accessibility. Requirement #5: Be prepared to present the advocacy activity you performed.

MB Counselor Maria Colon-Torres, DEd, mjcolontorres@gmail.com

Eagle Project/Distinguished Conservationist Award: Prerequisite: Scout ready to plan Eagle Project. This information session will introduce the Distinguished Conservationist Award (formerly the Hornaday Award) and show how the requirements for this award can be combined with your Eagle Project. This project will be a high level conservation project that will be in one of several specific areas. NOT A MERIT BADGE.

Presenter: George Flicker. Email: g.flicker@verizon.net

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Electronics: Prerequisites: none

Explore the world of electronics with this hands on merit badge in the Stockton Electronics Lab.

Merit Badge Counselor: Joseph Trout, Ph.D., Professor of Physics, Stockton University.
Contact: Dr. Trout Joseph.Trout@stockton.edu

Family Life: All requirements are POSTrequisites to be started after meeting with counselor.

MB Counselor: Dawn Donchey, dwdonchey@gmail.com;

Fingerprinting Prerequisites: None, Scouts will learn about the unique fingerprints each of them possess, the history of using fingerprints and its importance.

Merit Badge Counselor: Richard D'Allasandro III, Dallassandrorichard@gmail.com

Fire Safety: (Double Session) Prerequisites: 6, 6a, 11, 12, 13; Verification of completion by responsible adult required for 6, 6a, 11, 12. After registering for class online, scouts should email the counselor for the worksheet that will be used in class.

Supplies needed by attending Scouts

- Paper and pencil
- Fire Safety merit badge pamphlet or printed worksheet
- Blue card
- Completed and verified prerequisite work
- Dress for the weather; scouts will go outside

Utilizing multiple teaching mechanisms such as classroom instruction, group discussions and both demonstrations and hands on live fire evolution; Scouts will obtain a working knowledge of the most important discovery of humankind: Fire!

Merit Badge Counselor: Scott Ehrlich, Firedad6206@gmail.com

Fishing: (Double Session) Prerequisites: Scouts should have a NJ freshwater fishing license.

Scouts should come with a Fishing Merit Badge Workbook printed, sections 1a, 1b, 2, 5, 7 and 10 completed and scouts are ready to talk about them. Instruction will be provided on 1c, 1d, 3, 4, 6a, 6b and 8 as part of the course. Req. 9 will be worked on the day of the course, but if not completed, will result in a partial. Be prepared to fish Feb. 25 at Stockton University, although Lake Fred will be slow in February.

Scouts can catch and fillet a fish in advance and document it through a picture or video they show the counselor. Scouts should bring small lures and small rod/reel setups with light line (8-10 lb test) - either a spinning or a conventional setup. Dress for the outdoors.

MB Counselor: Adam Aguiar, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, Stockton University
adam.aguiar@stockton.edu; Dr. Aguiar, 732-939-5257.

Game Design: (Double Session) The Game Design merit badge is designed to challenge your imagination and take you through the entire inventive process. You will begin your merit badge on Feb. 25, but you will have to follow up with your counselor throughout your journey to complete this challenging badge. There are NO prerequisites since you will have to start from the

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beginning with a counselor and be guided and coached along the way. Please note that this class does not teach computer programming.

Please bring to this class:

- 1) 2 or 3-inch binder with looseleaf pages and separator.
- 2) Game Design merit badge pamphlet; this badge is in-depth, and the book will really help you.
- 3) you are starting the journey and will be responsible to follow up with the counselor throughout your quest as you work your way through the requirements to complete this badge.

Merit Badge Counselor: Thomas Applegate, owlsftw@outlook.com (609) 328-7422

Mr. Applegate has been developing software since the late 90s and now volunteers time helping to build a framework for immersive online servers.

Genealogy: Scouts should expect to gain a better understanding of genealogy in general and a deeper appreciation of their specific family history. Scouts should come to the session prepared to briefly share the biography included in the first requirement. I plan to start the session off by giving a brief biography of my 5th great grandfather who was in the Revolutionary War as a Doctor heading up several hospitals. After that I will ask Scouts to share any of the biographies they have prepared. I plan a general discussion about several of the requirements and will ask Scouts to share what they learned while working on the prerequisites. I will review prerequisites on an individual basis. There may be some other opportunities to have the Scouts share their work with the group depending on timing and confidentiality issues. If the Scouts come prepared, they should be able to complete the requirements for the badge.

Prerequisites are:

Scouts should read a copy of the merit badge booklet.

Req 2 Bring either the biography or the journal,

Req 3 Bring the record of this interview

Req 4b Bring a copy of the document

Req 5 Bring a copy of the report of ONE of the listed individuals or institutions.

Req 6 Bring a copy of the family tree generated

Req 7 Bring both completed forms

Req 1, 4a, 4c, 8, and 9 are discussion requirements and can be completed during the session.

MB Counselor: Charlie Morgan, cell: [609-442-1871](tel:609-442-1871).

Insect Study: (Double Session) This session will provide scouts with interesting exhibits and will be led by a Stockton University entomologist. However, the session will not cover requirements 5, 6, 9, & 10, which can be done as prerequisites or post requisites.

Scouts are strongly encouraged to study the Insect Study Merit Badge Pamphlet and to fill out the worksheet from usscouts.org prior to class. There will be a short test consistent with the requirements available to see how well scouts understand the requirements. If you have already completed the scrapbook and required observations, we can check those requirements, and certify that you have finished what is required for the badge. A counselor will also be available in the spring to review progress on any requirements you do not finish. There is the possibility of a second day open to any scout

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who needs to work on requirements 5, 6, 9, & 10 later in the spring. Please contact the counselor by email if you would like to complete requirements in the spring.

MB Counselor: Steven Shaak, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, Stockton University Steven.Shaak@stockton.edu

Music: Prerequisites: prepare your instrument and complete as many requirements as you can prior to class.

MB Counselor: Gary Sita, gary.sita53@gmail.com

Personal Management: (Double Session) Prerequisites are 1-10. Requirements 2A-D and 8A-D can only be completed after talking with a Personal Management merit badge counselor and opening a blue card.

MB Counselor: Dawn Donchey, dwdonchey@gmail.com.

Photography: Prerequisites: # 1a-b, 4, 5, 7. Please bring proof of completion of Cyber Chip. Scouts must bring a digital camera, cell phone or iPad and download Photoshop Express (Free App). BE PREPARED. MB Counselor: Michelle Stella Riordan msriordan64@gmail.com

Public Speaking: Scouts must prepare for requirement #2 and 4 so they can present their prepared speeches at the session. Merit Badge Counselor Richard D'Allasandro III, Dallassandrorichard@gmail.com

Reading: Prerequisites: 2,3,4,5,6; Bring signed proof hours were completed.

Merit Badge Counselor: Nicole Barnabei, nbarnabei@gmail.com

Scholarship: All requirements need to be completed or prepared before class. Use the most current version of the Merit Badge Workbook.

Prerequisites:

1. Bring copy of report card
2. Do two of four requirements. If doing a or d, plan to report to the class; for b, please email me the professional's names and profession, and get my approval prior to your interview, and be prepared to share with the class; for c, please bring your planner.
3. Bring note from principal, teacher, or guidance counselor on school letterhead
4. Be prepared to discuss
5. Bring your completed report and be prepared to share with the class.

MB Counselor (1st & 4th session): Mr. Kurt Stofko KDStofko@aol.com; 609-709-7676

MB Counselor (2nd & 3rd session): Mrs. Sandra Garrison Maund:

slgmaund@gmail.com (second letter is a lowercase L)

Scouting Heritage: Prerequisites: 4 & 5. Bring copies of your letter and answers to questions. Be prepared to share with the class.

Merit Badge Counselor: Richard D'Allasandro III, Dallassandrorichard@gmail.com

Scouting with Special Needs and Disabilities: Prerequisites: Open mind & open heart. For parents/leaders only. NOT A MERIT BADGE. FOR ADULTS ONLY. Class materials are provided by National. Presenter: Mike Debiak mwd360@outlook.com

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Stamp Collection: All requirements need to be completed or prepared before class.

Merit Badge Counselor: Mrs. Melissa Townsend m.townsend12@hotmail.com

Traffic Safety:

For requirement 5, scouts may do (b) at home or come to class prepared with questions and to discuss (a) interview a traffic safety officer regarding community traffic safety problems.

Scouts will go outside. Be prepared by dressing for the weather.

MB Counselor: Stephen M. Mazur, South Jersey Transportation Authority, Chief Engineer / Director of Engineering, mazebot@comcast.net

Weather: Prerequisites: 9a or b, 10.

Merit Badge Counselor: Joseph Trout, Ph.D., Professor of Physics, Physics Program Chair, Stockton University. Contact: Dr. Trout Joseph.Trout@stockton.edu

If you have questions regarding the Merit Badge Academy event, please contact

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