

Merit Badge Classes Offered by Troop 82

BADGE	EAGLE REQ?	ELIGIBILITY	TAUGHT BY	WHEN
Citizenship in Community	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring Semesters
Communications	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring Semesters
Cooking	Yes	Life and above	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring, Nov and March campouts
Family Life	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring Semesters
First Aid	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring Semesters
Personal Fitness	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring Semesters
Personal Management	Yes	Life and above	MB Instructor	Fall/Spring Semesters
Citizenship in World	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Winter Session - Odd Years
Citizenship in Nation	Yes	All Scouts	MB instructor	Winter Session - Even Years
Emergency Prep	Yes	All Scouts	MB instructor	Winter Session - Even Years
Environmental Science	Yes	All Scouts	MB Instructor	Winter Session - Odd Years
Camping	Yes	Life and above	Camping/MB Chairs	Spring campout or 1 hr meeting
Salesmanship	No	All Scouts	2nd Year Dads	Fall Semester, prior to a Scout meeting
Wilderness Survival	No	Life and above	4th Year Dads	November Campout
Orienteering	No	Life and above	3rd Year Dads	January campout
Disabilities Awareness	No	All Scouts	Outside Troop 82	Carry the Load - Memorial Day
Safety	No	All Scouts	Outside Troop 82	Carry the Load - Memorial Day

Merit Badges - more details

Circle 10 Merit Badge University and Other Merit Badge Events

Circle 10 offers an annual Merit Badge University on a Saturday in April at the University of Texas at Dallas campus. Event registration is required. There are a variety of other open merit badge events on the Circle 10 calendar your scout can sign up for (Forestry, Soil & Water Conservation, etc.)

<http://circleten.org/merit-badge-university-1>

BSA Museum – Moving to Philmont at end of Summer 2017

The BSA posts new Merit Badge classes on its website the 2nd Monday of each month (classes are usually posted two months out so scouts can complete any prerequisite work before class). Eagle-required MB classes fill up fast, so call to reserve your scout's spot quickly. Must bring blue card to be signed.

www.bsamuseum.org/Programs-Events/Calendar

Perot Museum

Classes for the upcoming year are posted on their website. Most MB classes are science related. Environmental Science and Citizenship in the Community are two Eagle-required MB classes they offer. Advance reservations required. Must bring blue card to be signed.

<https://www.perotmuseum.org/events-and-programs/children/scouting-adventures/boy-scouts/index.html>

Texas Archery

Schedule a 3-hour scout archery merit badge seminar on a Saturday (6 scout minimum – or join a seminar that is already scheduled) Cost is \$25/scout. Scouts must have read archery merit badge pamphlet and must bring completed worksheet to class. Must bring blue card to be signed.

Clint Montgomery is contact person clint@texasarchery.info

<http://texasarchery.info/1155-2>

Plano Conservancy

Electricity and/or Railroad Merit Badge classes are held the 4th Saturday of each month at 9 and 10:45am if at least 6 Boy Scouts sign up. Classes last 1-1/2 hours. Must read merit badge book and attempt to have work sheets completed before arriving. Advance reservations required. Must bring a blue card to be signed.

<http://www.planoconservancy.org/boy-scouts.html>

Carry the Load, Memorial Day Weekend

Over the past several years, scouts who volunteer service hours at this event have also been able to participate in merit badge classes being held in the early mornings or late evenings for other troops camping at Carry the Load for the weekend. MBs have included: Disability Awareness, Safety, Crime Prevention, Fingerprinting. Must bring a blue card for each MB class. Sign up to participate through Troop 82.

Tera Byte Video Game Creation Camp

Scouts can participate in a 1-week video game creation camp in June and earn two merit badges: Digital Technology and Game Design. Class space is limited! Register as soon as they post camp dates for Summer 2017. Must bring blue cards to be signed at the end of the week.

<http://terabytegames.com/>

Heard Museum

Classes are posted on their website (Environmental Science and Mammal). Advance reservations required.

<http://www.heardmuseum.org/scouting#merit>

Dallas Zoo

The Dallas Zoo occasionally offers Boy Scout Merit Badge classes. Advance registrations required.

<http://www.dallaszoo.com/education/camps-classes/scout-badge-programs/>

UP Police

You can contact Officer Snellgrove and coordinate a 1-hour class of no more than 6-8 scouts to earn their fingerprinting merit badge. Scouts need to have read the fingerprinting merit badge pamphlet and completed the workbook sheets before the class. Officer Snellgrove will go over answers with boys and fingerprint them. Make sure she signs and dates the fingerprint page.

Troop 82 Campouts

Troop 82 incorporates some of the merit badge requirements into the regular monthly campouts (Camping, Cooking, Orienteering, Wilderness Survival), which allows scouts to complete requirements not met when starting the merit badge class at summer camp or on Monday nights. Make sure your scout attends the campouts when these activities are being scheduled.

Troop 82 Special Outings

Occasionally several Dads in the Troop will put together a merit badge outing and make it available to other scouts in the troop (Enchanted Rock trip – Climbing Merit Badge, with merit badge classes on the bus for Law Merit Badge and Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge; Water Skiing Weekend – Water Sports Merit Badge)

Troop 82 Special Classes

Several parents have shown interest in becoming certified to teach merit badge classes so their scout can keep up with merit badge requirements due to missing a summer camp. It would be beneficial to Troop 82 scouts to offer extra merit badge classes in the summer. Get with Robert Manley to learn how to become certified and then determine what merit badge class and days/times you are able to teach and coordinate with Troop 82 so more scouts can sign up and earn the merit badge.

Other Boy Scout Troop Merit Badge Universities

Sometimes other Boy Scout Troops offer merit badge “universities” where they hold a day class for scouts to complete all or most requirements for a merit badge. If they have space in the class they will occasionally allow scouts from other troops to participate. Your son will need to get permission from Troop 82 prior to participating, complete all requirements requested before the class and bring a blue card to be signed at the end of the class.

Vacation/Travel

When you are going on vacation and plan to participate in an activity with a guide or a private instructor (Kayaking, Snow Sports, Water Sports, Fly Fishing, Sailing, Golf, Rifle or Shotgun Shooting), consider contacting them ahead of time and share the list of requirements your scout needs to demonstrate/accomplish for his merit badge. They will pair you with an instructor who can help you meet these requirements. Your scout will need to read the pamphlet for the merit badge and complete the worksheet questions ahead of time. Take some pictures of your son with the instructor as they are working on the requirements and have the instructor sign/initial each requirement your son completed on the worksheet. All of this can be submitted to the Troop Merit Badge Advisor when your son has completed everything.

Trip to Chicago – Visit the Money Museum at the Federal Reserve Bank and work on Coin Collecting Merit Badge; Visit the Fire Museum of Greater Chicago and any fire station to work on Fire Safety Merit Badge; Kayak Class in Lake or Chicago River

Trip to Colorado – Visit the Money Museum in Colorado Springs and work on Coin Collecting Merit Badge; go fly-fishing with a guide to work on Fly Fishing Merit Badge; go snow skiing or snowboarding with an instructor to work on Snow Sports Merit Badge

For more information

<http://www.hptroop82.org/filesandresources.html>