



# Council-Wide Merit Badge College 2012

March 24th and April 21st



**Description:** Terrific opportunity for all Scouts in the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. Two Saturdays dedicated to completion of merit badges, many of them Eagle required. Scouts may also take advancement classes. Adult training classes are being offered too. 50 classes offered.

**Registration:** Registration is done by Troop only, by a single point-of-contact, using the on-line registration system. Registration is required for Scouts taking merit badge classes, Scouts taking rank advancement classes, adults taking training classes, and for lunch option. Registration opens February 3<sup>rd</sup> and closes March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Troops who have provided merit badge counselors may register one week early beginning on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis; Troops may waitlist a Scout or adult if a class is full. Walk-in registration on the day of the Merit Badge College can be done on a space available basis. Classes have a minimum size of five and a maximum size; see Class List. Register at: [www.meritbadgeu.com/brmc](http://www.meritbadgeu.com/brmc)

**Classes:** The Merit Badge College is being held at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, 225 Middle School Road, Rocky Mount, VA 24151. Troop check-in begins at 7:30am, opening ceremonies are at 8:30am, and classes run from 9:00am to 4:10pm. Classes will be conducted in either 1.5 hour or 3.0 hour sessions each Saturday. Attendance is required on both Saturdays for merit badge and rank advancement classes, and either Saturday for adult classes.

**Merit Badges:** Scouts may choose to take merit badge classes. Only Scouts who complete all merit badge requirements as officially listed at [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org), as determined by the counselor, will have their Blue Cards signed as completed; see Class List.

**Advancement:** Scouts may choose to take rank advancement classes; see Class List.

**Adult:** An adult leader from each Troop must remain at the Merit Badge College and be responsible for his/her Scouts. All adults at the Merit Badge College will be asked to assist counselors in their classes. Adults may choose to take adult training; see Class List.

**Lunch:** Lunch, consisting of 2 slices of pizza, chips, and a drink, will be available for \$5.00.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per Boy Scout. Some merit badges require an additional fee; see Class List.

**Payment:** Payment in full for each Troop can be made on-line with a credit card at the time of registration, by check delivered to the Council office, or by check at the Merit Badge College. The Blue Ridge Mountains Council address is: 2131 Valley View Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24012.

**Prerequisites and Homework:** Some merit badges require prerequisite work by the Scout prior to the first Saturday; see Class List. Homework may be assigned by some counselors for completion prior to the second Saturday.

**Bring:** Scouts must bring a Blue Card signed by their Unit Leader for each merit badge in which they have registered. Scouts taking advancement classes must bring a Scout Handbook. Scouts must be in Class A or Class B uniforms, they must bring a pen and notebook, and they may want to bring lunch. Other supplies may be needed for certain merit badges; see Class List.

**Questions/Comments:** [brmcmbc@yahoo.com](mailto:brmcmbc@yahoo.com)

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# Class List

Class #	Merit Badge	Time Period	Counselor	Max	Prerequisites / Notes / Fee
Time Period A=9:00-10:30, B=10:40-12:10, C=1:00-2:30, D=2:40-4:10; AB=9:00-12:10; CD=1:00-4:10					
M1	Aviation	CD	Art Cournoyer	20	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M2	Bird Study	A	Bob Garst	15	Scouts should bring a bird identification book and binoculars to class. Scouts should bring a bird feeder/house or photo of it to class for requirement #8a.
M3	Citiz in the Community	AB	David Hurt	20	Scouts must complete requirements 2a, 7a, and 7b prior to class, and bring completed map from requirement 2a to the first class; accurate/complete content is more important than format/size/artistic. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays.
M4	Citiz in the Community	CD	David Hurt	20	Scouts must complete requirements 2a, 7a, and 7b prior to class, and bring completed map from requirement 2a to the first class; accurate/complete content is more important than format/size/artistic. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays.
M5	Citizenship in the Nation	AB	John Alexander	20	Scouts are encouraged to complete requirement #2 prior to class; otherwise, it will be assigned as homework between the two Saturdays.
M6	Citizenship in the Nation	CD	John Alexander	20	Scouts are encouraged to complete requirement #2 prior to class; otherwise, it will be assigned as homework between the two Saturdays.
M7	Citizenship in the World	AB	Wayne Shepherd	30	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M8	Citizenship in the World	CD	Wayne Shepherd	30	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M9	Communications	AB	Theresa McDaniel	15	Scouts must bring paper and pencil to class. The speech for requirement #3 and introduction for requirement #4 must be written prior to class and presented in class.
M10	Communications	CD	Theresa McDaniel	15	Scouts must bring paper and pencil to class. The speech for requirement #3 and introduction for requirement #4 must be written prior to class and presented in class.
M11	Disabilities Awareness	A	Ricky Furrow	10	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M12	Disabilities Awareness	B	Ricky Furrow	10	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M13	Energy	B	William O'Brochta	15	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M14	Family Life	C	Judie/Lucas Snipes	15	Requirement #3 must be started no later than January 20 to complete this merit badge by April 21; otherwise, Scouts can complete this merit badge after April 21.
M15	Family Life	D	Judie/Lucas Snipes	15	Requirement #3 must be started no later than January 20 to complete this merit badge by April 21; otherwise, Scouts can complete this merit badge after April 21.

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M16	First Aid	AB	Pam Katt	10	This class is limited to First Class rank Scouts and above. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M17	First Aid	CD	Pam Katt	10	This class is limited to First Class rank Scouts and above. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M18	Forestry	B	Bob Garst	15	Scouts should bring a tree identification book to class. Scouts should collect and press 15 species of trees, wild shrubs, or vines for requirement #1 now before all are gone; bring to class.
M19	Genealogy	B	Rick Groesbeck	10	Scouts must complete the timeline for requirement #2a prior to class. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M20	Genealogy	C	Rick Groesbeck	10	Scouts must complete the timeline for requirement #2a prior to class. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M21	Geocaching	AB	Terry Gump	10	Scouts are asked to bring a handheld GPS to class if they have one. Since this is a new merit badge, Scouts are encouraged to become familiar with Geocaching prior to class by visiting, with parent's permission, <a href="http://www.geocaching.com">www.geocaching.com</a> and/or YouTube.
M22	Geocaching	CD	Terry Gump	10	Scouts are asked to bring a handheld GPS to class if they have one. Since this is a new merit badge, Scouts are encouraged to become familiar with Geocaching prior to class by visiting, with parent's permission, <a href="http://www.geocaching.com">www.geocaching.com</a> and/or YouTube.
M23	Music - Advanced (April 21 only)	C	Tanya Graybear	10	This one-day Advanced class is for Scouts with more than 3 years music instruction or experience. Requirement #3 must be completed prior to class; bring signed completion verification. Scouts may bring their own instrument.
M24	Music – Basic (April 21 only)	D	Tanya Graybear	10	This one-day Basic class is for Scouts with fewer than 3 years music instruction or experience. Requirement #3 must be completed prior to class; bring signed completion verification. Scouts may bring their own instrument.
M25	Oceanography	AB	John Allgauer	15	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M26	Oceanography	CD	John Allgauer	15	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M27	Personal Fitness	AB	Brian Lang	10	Scouts must complete requirement #1 prior to class. Scouts will be required to complete homework between and after the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M28	Personal Fitness	CD	Brian Lang	10	Scouts must complete requirement #1 prior to class. Scouts will be required to complete homework between and after the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M29	Personal Management	AB	Gale Abbott	15	Requirement #2 must be started no later than January 20 to complete this merit badge by April 21; otherwise, Scouts can complete this merit badge after April 21.

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M30	Photography	B	Art Cournoyer	20	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M31	Public Health	B	Tammy Arotzarena	15	Scouts are encouraged find out what immunizations they have and to complete requirement #7 prior to class. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M32	Public Speaking	C	Gale Abbott	15	Every Scout must participate; preparation and delivery of speeches during class is required to complete this merit badge.
M33	Railroading	CD	Kraig Neidlgh	15	No prerequisites are required.
M34	Reading	A	Dick Dierckins	15	Scouts are encouraged complete requirement #1 prior to class; otherwise, Scouts will be required to complete it as homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M35	Reading	B	Dick Dierckins	15	Scouts are encouraged complete requirement #1 prior to class; otherwise, Scouts will be required to complete it as homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M36	Safety	C	Tammy Arotzarena	15	Scouts are encouraged complete requirement #1a and #1d prior to class. Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.
M37	Space Exploration	AB	Bill Tucker	15	A fee of \$8.00 will be charged per Scout; the Counselor will provide a rocket kit for each Scout in class. No prerequisites are required.
M38	Stamp Collecting	AB	Dan Perkins	15	Scouts will be required to complete homework between the two Saturdays to earn this merit badge.

Class #	Scout Rank Advancement	Time Period	Instructor	Max	Prerequisites / Notes / Fee
S1	Advance to First Class	A	To Be Determined	15	This class is for Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts looking to complete many of the advancement requirements. Scouts must come to class prepared to demonstrate Tenderfoot requirement #4b and First Class requirement #7a. Scouts must bring Scout Handbook to class. This class will be taught by Life or Eagle Scouts.
S2	Advance to First Class	C	To Be Determined	15	This class is for Tenderfoot and Second Class Scouts looking to complete many of the advancement requirements. Scouts must come to class prepared to demonstrate Tenderfoot requirement #4b and First Class requirement #7a. Scouts must bring Scout Handbook to class. This class will be taught by Life or Eagle Scouts.

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A1	Leave No Trace (March 24 only)	A	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A2	Leave No Trace (March 24 only)	C	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A3	Scoutmaster 123 (March 24 only)	AB	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A4	Scoutmaster 123 (March 24 only)	CD	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A5	Youth Protection Training (March 24 only)	B	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A6	Youth Protection Training (March 24 only)	D	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A7	Leave No Trace (April 21 only)	A	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A8	Leave No Trace (April 21 only)	C	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A9	Scoutmaster 123 (April 21 only)	AB	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A10	Scoutmaster 123 (April 21 only)	CD	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A11	Youth Protection Training (April 21 only)	B	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.
A12	Youth Protection Training (April 21 only)	D	To Be Determined	15	This one-day class is for adults.

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