



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL

Sierra Valley District  
2019 August Merit Badge Midway

**Date:** Saturday, August 24, 2019

**Time:** Check-in starts at 8:00 AM, program runs from 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM

**Place:** **The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints located at 6060 Northland Rd, Manteca**

**Cost:** Registration fee of \$10.00 per Scout payable online ONLY at [www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org). Fee includes snacks and lunch. \$5 for adult lunch option.

**Etc.:** Please wear your “Class A” uniform and bring items outlined in PREREQUISITES section

**IMPORTANT!** Class sizes are limited so **pre-registration is required**. Registration is available online ONLY at [www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org). Please contact Scott Hermann (209) 815-4141 or e-mail [scottahermann@gmail.com](mailto:scottahermann@gmail.com) with any questions! Registration closes on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 PM. **NO WALK-INS!** Payment deadline is Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM.

**Important!**

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Register online at  
[www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org)  
! Registration closes  
Wednesday, August 21 at 9  
PM.

You may only register & pay online. There is a small additional processing fee for this online payment.

*Leaders! On the same day, Boy Scout, Varsity and Venture leader-specific training will be offered at the other LDS building in Manteca, located approximately 5 minutes from the location of the Merit Badge Midway. This training has been coordinated so that you can drop your Scouts off at the Midway and make it over to the training for a day of great instruction! Please see the Greater Yosemite calendar for further information.*

## MERIT BADGE CLASSES, SCHEDULE & INSTRUCTORS (\* = Eagle required)

Classes are subject to change or be canceled if there is not enough interest. Counselors may change!

# Merit Badge Classes

Merit Badge	Session 1 9:00 - 11:00	Session 2 11:45 - 1:45	Session 3 2:00 - 4:00
Citizenship of the Nation*			Melissa Moebius
Citizenship in the World*	Melissa Moebius	Melissa Moebius	
Communications*	Jim Dorrah		
Disability Awareness	Jeff Anderson	Jeff Anderson	
Emergency Preparedness*		Jim Dorrah	Jim Dorrah
Engineering	Nathan Masters	Nathan Masters	
Family Life	Sarah Fulk	Sarah Fulk	Sarah Fulk
Fingerprinting	Kelly Bressel		
First Aid*	Kathleen Eve	<b>-requires 2 sessions</b>	
Fly Fishing	Kevin Ferreira	<b>-requires 2 sessions</b>	**
Indian Lore	Victoria Salisbury	<b>-requires 2 sessions</b>	
Inventing			Nathan Masters
Medicine			Kathleen Eve
Nuclear Science	<b>-Requires 2 sessions</b>	Paul Acosta	Paul Acosta
Personal Fitness*		John Souza	John Souza
Public Speaking		Kelly Bressel	Kelly Bressel
Stamp Collecting	<b>-requires 2 sessions</b>	Jenni Long	Jenni Long
Surveying	Zack Wong	<b>-requires 3 sessions</b>	<b>-requires 3 sessions</b>

\* - Eagle-required merit badge

\*\* - Available to help Scouts finish requirements that were not previously completed

+ - Additional fee to cover materials cost

## Prerequisites

### (1) For ALL Merit Badges...

- Print out the appropriate worksheet from <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/wkbks/list.html> or [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org). Use the worksheet to complete prerequisites and bring it with you to class.
- Bring a clipboard, pens, pencils, and any other stationery items that you may need.
- Before the class, read the current Merit Badge Pamphlet and bring it with you, if possible.
- If possible, complete the prerequisites for the Merit Badge BEFORE the class and bring any write-ups, letters, collections, pictures, diagrams, etc. with you to share with the counselor.
- Bring one "Blue Card" signed by your Scoutmaster for EACH Merit Badge subject you will attend. Complete your personal and Troop information on each card PRIOR to class.
- Bring a water bottle for use during the day. Come prepared for weather.

### (2) Specific Prerequisites & Notes by Merit Badge. Complete prerequisites PRIOR to class.

- **Citizenship in the Nation**- 2 (choose 2), 3, and 8 (bring a copy of your letter and any response).
- **Citizenship in the World**- 3A, 3B, and 7 (choose two). Note these requirements should be done individually and NOT as a group prior to the event.
- **Disability Awareness** – 2 and 4 (choose A or B) Contact Jeff Anderson ([jeffreyandrsn@att.net](mailto:jeffreyandrsn@att.net))
- **Communications** - 2A, 4, 5, 7(choose one), 8. Have speech for 3 prepared. [jim@modestopc.com](mailto:jim@modestopc.com)
- **Emergency Preparedness** - 1,2B, 6C,8,9. For 8B, contact the counselor BEFORE the Midway: [jim@modestopc.com](mailto:jim@modestopc.com)
- **Engineering** - 1,2,5 (a or b),6,9 and Contact counsellor regarding these BEFORE the Midway([nathan.d.masters@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.d.masters@gmail.com) or 925-337-8924)
- **Family Life**- 3-6. #6 is a family meeting. Be at least 13 years old. For 6A, please email the counselor PRIOR to the Midway and before holding the meeting. Email is [astridwork@yahoo.com](mailto:astridwork@yahoo.com). \*\* YOU MUST BRING WORKSHEETS
- **Fingerprinting** - None
- **First Aid**- 1 -2 (Bring written proof). Read the first aid section of the scout handbook
- **Fly Fishing** - Study knots listed under requirement #3. Bring \$2.00 for fly tying materials. Note. Completion will be dependent on catching a fish with a fly rod.
- **Indian Lore** - Item #3 should be complete prior to Midway.
- **Inventing** - 1b, 2(a or b), 3c, 5,6,7,8 and Contact counsellor regarding these BEFORE the Midway([nathan.d.masters@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.d.masters@gmail.com) or 925-337-8924)
- **Medicine** - 1 and 6 (choose the EIGHT and FIVE respectively, 10 (may email [kathleen93@me.com](mailto:kathleen93@me.com) for approval of prior work or will need to be completed after the Midway)
- **Nuclear Science** - 3b, 5b, 6c, 7, 8 (Be prepared to discuss these)
- **Physical Fitness** - 1A. Requirements 7 and 8 will be completed after the Midway. Also, bring a completed copy of BSA Health Form A, B, C. Final note. MB requires a 12 week exercise log which will need to be certified complete after the Midway
- **Public Health** - Class will be visiting a local hospital facility leaving at 8:40a from midway to complete req. 5, which is BEFORE the general sessions start. Scouts MUST BE PUNCTUAL AND have PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PERMISSION to attend. NO EXECPTIONS! Permission should be done by email at [jagyiii@yahoo.com](mailto:jagyiii@yahoo.com). As this is traveling away from the midway site, we need to leave early to make it on time. If a scout is late, he will not be allowed to attend and req 5 will need to be completed after the midway. Requirement 7 will be completed at the midway with guest speaker from the county Health Department.
- **Public Speaking**- #1 and #2 - prepare the speeches and be ready to present to the group. Be sure you have visual aids. #4 - prepare the outline, write out the speech, and practice the speech be sure it meets the 8 to 10 minutes requirement. Students without the outline and written speech for #4 will NOT be able to participate in the Merit Badge Class.
- **Stamp Collecting** - #7, and a start to a collection (#8 is mounting a collection) Contact Jenni Long at [jennilong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jennilong@sbcglobal.net). Class limit is 8. Extra fee for class materials = \$5 paid directly to Jenni Long.
- **Surveying** - Requirements may need to be finished after the Midway.

## Event Checklist

This page is intended to help leaders and parents to help Scouts come prepared to the Midway.

- € Blue card filled out with Scout's information AND signed by your unit leader
- € Merit Badge pre-requisites completed (if a completed merit badge is desired). Bring proof of any completed pre-requisites
- € Printed receipt showing payment that includes the QR bar code generated by the online registration process
- € Pens and or pencils to take notes
- € Clipboard or other writing surface
- € Merit Badge worksheet for each class
- € Water bottle(s) with water. Please DO NOT bring soda cans. Also, please do not add any colored flavoring to the water as this can stain the carpet at the facility. Our continued use of the facility could be at risk if Scouts continue to bring colored drinks to the event.
- € Merit badge pamphlet for the class, if you have this. Read the pamphlet PRIOR to the event

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What does my Scout need to bring with him to the Midway?**

*A: Please see the first page of the flyer. Things to bring are the MB worksheets, pens/pencils, water bottle, **SIGNED** blue cards, receipt with QR barcode to scan at entrance and any materials required for the classes your Scout will be taking.*

**Q: I didn't get a receipt when I registered online, so what should be brought?**

*A: You need to contact the Scout office to get a copy of your receipt. If you do not bring proof of payment and we cannot verify payment was made, your Scout will NOT be allowed to attend classes.*

**Q: Where do I get the blue cards from?**

*A: They can be purchased from the Scout Shops. Typically Scoutmasters have supplies of these as well. The event organizers will NOT have extra blue cards on the day of the event.*

**Q: What needs to be filled out on the blue cards?**

*A: Please see your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair for help with this.*

**Q: Do we really have to do the pre-reqs?**

*A: Only if you want to get as much done as possible by the day of the event. Some classes also REQUIRE that the pre-reqs be done in order to take the class. Failure to do the pre-reqs will most likely result in a partial.*

**Q: My Scout didn't do the pre-reqs. Can he still finish the badge that day?**

*A: Most likely he will not be able to finish, but this will need to be worked out with the counselor the day of the Midway.*

**Q: My Scout did the pre-reqs and attended the class, but still got a partial.**

*A: Not all merit badges can be completed with pre-reqs and class attendance. It could also be that the instructor felt your Scout did not meet the requirements. Your Scout should contact the instructor after the event to clarify any missing requirements.*

**Q: My Scout lost his blue card. What can be done?**

*A: Please contact the event organizers to get the contact information for the instructor, then have your Scout work with the instructor to get a replacement card completed.*

**Q: Why are classes full? Can't you offer more classes?**

*A: The classes we offer are made possible through the kind effort of our excellent instructors. We are limited by space in the building and willing instructors. If you would like to help, the organizers are always looking to offer different badges!*

**Q: Why don't you get a bigger facility if you need more room?**

*A: The LDS churches kindly allow our events to be held at the building at no cost. In order to keep prices as low as possible, we utilize these facilities. The Winter Midway is offered in Modesto, so we offer the Fall Midway in Manteca to keep it closer to the District members farther north. If you know of an alternative location, please contact the event organizers!*

**Q: I would like to help out with the event. What can I do?**

*A: We are always looking for help! Please contact the event organizers to see where you can help.*

**Q: Why are there so many pre-reqs?**

*A: Many of the requirements simply cannot be completed in a midway environment or within the time frame for the class. It may take other visits to a counselor to complete the badge after the event.*

**Q: We need to finish some requirements, but the counselor lives too far away.**

*A: Check with the counselor as some would be willing to complete the requirements over the phone, via Skype or email. Otherwise, check with your Scoutmaster to see if there is a local counselor for the badge that can finish up the requirements.*

**Q: Why are some classes longer than others, i.e. take up multiple sessions?**

A: Some classes have materials and activities that take longer than 2 hours. The counselor must also sit down with each Scout to review the requirements, so this can take time.

**Q: I had problems with the registration online. Who do I contact?**

A: Please contact the Scout office for assistance.

**Q: What does the event fee cover?**

A: The fee covers the cost of food and some basic supplies needed to run the event. Almost all of the fee covers the cost of food for the Scouts and the event staff who are donating their time and expertise.

**Q: Why do some classes have an additional fee?**

A: Some classes require materials that must be purchased and are not covered by the low event fee that is charged.

**Q: Why don't you offer the (insert merit badge here) badge?**

A: The classes offered are determined by the space of the event facilities and having willing instructors. Some badges also do not lend themselves to a merit badge midway-type of event either.

**Q: I don't understand the pre-req for one or more of the merit badges.**

A: Take a look at the requirements for the badge at [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org). If you still have questions, consider purchasing the merit badge book. If all else fails, contact the instructor or the event organizers.

**Q: Why aren't there waitlists this year for classes?**

A: The waitlists caused too many issues and it was decided not to use them this year.

**Q: I registered for classes but need to make changes.**

A: You should be able to log back in and make changes. If you have problems, please contact the Scout office for assistance.

**Q: The class I want is not showing as available, but the schedule shows it is offered.**

A: The online registration software removes classes from the schedule when they are filled to capacity.

**Q: What happens if I don't make payment by the payment deadline?**

A: The payment deadline is Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. After that, your Scout will be dropped from any registered classes if payment has not been received by the Scout office. He will not be allowed to attend classes without proof of payment.

**Q: Can I make payment the day of the Midway?**

A: For planning purposes, we must have all payments by the deadline. We **are not able** to accept payment the day of the event at all. We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Q: Can my son take just one or two classes?**

A: This is fine, but please be aware that we are not able watch Scouts who are not in classes. An adult must be present to either pick up the Scout or be responsible for them during any class period in which they are not participating. If a Scout is signed up for a class and chooses not to attend, an adult will need to come to either pick up the Scout or be with him until the end of the event or his next class begins. Scouts who refuse to attend their assigned class will have a leader or parent called to pick them up. The cost will remain the same, regardless of the number of classes taken or if the meal is eaten.

**Q: Do I need to pack a lunch for my Scout?**

A: Lunch is provided, but if your Scout has any special dietary needs you should send him with his own food. Because of limited resources and staffing, we're not able to offer any special dietary alternate meals.

**Q: Why is there a fee in the online registration process for adults to eat?**

A: The cost per scout does not cover extra adults. If you plan on eating with us for lunch, please purchase the adult meal option.