



# Centennial – Black Feather

## MERIT BADGE COLLEGE



Looking for a Great End of Summer Activity for Your Scouts?

Join scouts from the Centennial and Black Feather District for an Outdoor Merit Badge College at Peaceful Valley.

### **MERIT BADGE COLLEGE AT PEACEFUL VALLEY – SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**

### **CHECK-IN STARTS AT 08:00 AM OR 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR CLASS**

The college is set up with 2 sessions for the day. An AM session and a PM session. A few Merit Badges will require attendance at both the AM session and the PM session.

Period A: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Period B: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Period AB: 08:30 AM - 3:30 PM with Lunch

Emphasis of this Merit Badge College is to focus on Merit Badges that can be completed in the outdoors. Earning a Merit Badge is not guaranteed. No Merit Badge requirements will be excused; none will be "gifted". The unit leader must ensure that each Scout is capable of understanding the material of the Merit Badge chosen. Specific Merit Badges being offered are subject to change based on counselor availability.

**Uniform: This is a “CLASS A” event.** Please wear your field uniform.

**Cell Phones - A Scout is Courteous** - If you must have a cell phone, set it to silent/vibrate. Demonstrate respect for the instructors and other classmates and do NOT make or take calls or text messages during class time.



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**Scouts are expected to obtain a Merit Badge pamphlet in advance of the Merit Badge College and to have read it. Scouts are to have a Merit Badge Application (blue card) filled out with their personal information and signed by their Scoutmaster before going to class.**

Prerequisite information and course catalogs can be found on the Merit Badge College website. It is the Scout's responsibility to be familiar with and complete any prerequisite, project, or other outside work before the Merit Badge College and present the work or evidence to the counselor. A note from the Scoutmaster or a signed prior partial Merit Badge Card may be useful in this. The Merit Badge Counselor has the discretion to determine if the Scout has met the requirements.

### GUIDANCE FOR SCOUTS ATTENDING A MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

The Merit Badge College is an opportunity to learn from subject matter experts in career or lifelong hobby subjects. We seek out experts in areas that may be difficult for you to find such as Electronics or Archeology.

#### 1.) Pick a Merit Badge

From the Course Catalog, you can select several Merit Badges that you have an interest in taking. We expect that you will talk to your Scoutmaster and parents about which badge to take. But in the end, we expect you to select a topic that you truly wish to learn about. Don't let rank advancement be the only consideration.

#### 2.) Consider Your Age

While there is not an age or grade requirement for any merit badge, certain classes at the Merit Badge College are recommended for older Scouts. In the short duration of a single day, the nature and amount of material covered in these classes will possibly make it difficult for a younger Scout to keep up. This can slow the pace of the class and the class will not complete the intended material. We want you to enjoy what you do here so you will do it well.

#### 3.) Getting Ready for Merit Badge College Day (Read the book)

OK. So, you have selected your badges and registered online. Congratulations! The next thing that you should do, if you have not already done so, is to get a copy of the Merit Badge pamphlet for yourself. (Read the book.) You should read through the pamphlet so that you are completely familiar with it.



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We do not guarantee that you will complete any badge. Many Merit Badge classes will have published a list of pre-requisites. These are requirements that you should complete before Merit Badge College Day. When you complete them, bring all material to class with you such as notes, pictures, writings, reports, letters. (**Read the book.**) It is up to you to make sure that you complete every requirement. Even if they are not listed, some requirements may by their nature not be doable in a classroom. (**Read the book.**) You should at least attempt to complete these before the Merit Badge College. If you can do this, then you will get the most out of the workshop. If you do not, then you won't (**Read the book.**)

### 4.) Blue Merit Badge Cards

Your card is your ONLY record of achievement at the MERIT BADGE COLLEGE. Keep it safe. You must have with you a Merit Badge Card for every badge. Before the MERIT BADGE COLLEGE, you should fill out the card with your name, address, Merit Badge, and Troop information. Your Scoutmaster should sign this card indicating that he approves you taking the class (**Read the book.**) This card will be the ONLY record of your achievement at the MERIT BADGE COLLEGE. Counselors are not required to keep records. Most will but some will not. You are responsible for your card. Keep it safe. (**Read the book.**)

### 5.) ON MERIT BADGE COLLEGE Day LEARN and ACHIEVE

#### BRING A CAMP CHAIR

This is a Class A event. Proudly wear your field uniform. Make sure to have your Blue Merit Badge Card and any prerequisite work that you have done (or it's proof) with you. Bring your Merit Badge Pamphlet. (**Read the Book.**)

**EXCELLENCE IS NOT AN ACT... EXCELLENCE IS A HABIT...BE EXCELLENT!  
PROPER SCOUT BEHAVIOR IS EXPECTED.**

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