

Mercer Area District Merit Badge Fair

Dates: Saturday, March 8, 2008
~~Sunday, March 9, 2008 — Canceled~~

Time: Saturday, 8:30am – 4:30pm, registration starts at 8:00
~~Sunday, 8:00am – 1:00pm Swimming Only~~

Location: Saturday: CNJC Service Center, 4315 Route 1 South, Monmouth Junction
~~Sunday: To be determined. Notice will be sent to scouts registered.~~

Scoutmasters-Please reproduce this page and the registration form and distribute to your scouts.
Thank you.

Merit Badges to be offered on Saturday have prerequisites that should be done in advance, prior to the Merit Badge Fair. Class sizes are limited. Registration is on a “first come / first served” basis. Choose the merit badges you would like to take at the fair – one in the morning and/or one in the afternoon – and fill in your choice on the attached form. Please PRINT legibly; then mail or deliver the form with the \$4.00 registration fee to:

CNJC, BSA
Attn: MAD Merit Badge Fair / Stephen Smith
4315 Route 1 South
Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852
(Make checks payable to: CNJC, BSA)

You must bring a “blue card” signed by your Scoutmaster. No blue cards will be given out.
Merit Badge choices are as follows:

Eagle required Merit Badges:

Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World
Communications
Personal Management
Family Life

Non-required Merit Badges:

American Heritage
Collections
Art
Reading
Scholarship
Dentistry
First Aid
Public Health
Safety

Notes:

- 1) Approval of requirements where counselor approval is required is at the discretion of the counselor.
- 2) Bring items indicated as well as any lists or research requested in the requirements.
- 3) Be prepared to *show, describe, explain, tell, or discuss in detail* the items listed in the requirements with those words.
- 4) Obtain and use the most current Merit Badge Books in order to have the best chance of completing the badge(s) you choose. To finish the badge, all pre-requisites found in the books need to be accomplished prior to the Fair.

~~Sunday Only (location to be determined): Swimming~~

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Some questions have been raised about going to www.meritbadge.org in order to use their worksheets. After checking the site, it was found that all worksheets are not up to date; however, some are. If you click on worksheets from their home page, it gives you a list to choose from and identifies which are up to date with a "smiley." Do **NOT** click on the link from the individual merit badge page, it may not give you the up to date form. You should be fine with the updated forms identified with a "smiley" from the home page. For those that are not up to date, you will need to create your own form. Only when a requirement asks you to write something does it need to be written; otherwise filling out these forms is just a tool to collect your thoughts and not a requirement. Things that should be written need to be done prior to attending the Merit Badge Seminar. If you are asked to track something for 30 days, start now. If you need to attend a meeting, attend it before the Seminar. These steps will help you finish the merit badge the day of the Seminar.

Do NOT use www.meritbadge.com, for it is out of date and has been moved to www.meritbadge.org.

Here is a link to the 2008 Boy Scout Requirement book online. In it, you will find all the current requirements needed.:

<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?s=promoi&c=http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/32215/index.html>

Mercer Area District Merit Badge Fair Registration Form

Please complete and mail this form along with \$4.00 registration fee, by February 29, 2008 to: CNJC, BSA Attn: MAD Merit Badge Fair / Stephen Smith, 4315 Route 1 South, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Please PRINT so we can read the information easily.

For Saturday Only: Please complete this portion

 Scout's First Name Scout's Last Name Troop # / Crew #

 Mailing Address City, State & Zip Code Phone #

 E-mail Address

Merit Badge Selections: Morning Session		Afternoon Session	
1 st Choice		1 st Choice	
2 nd Choice		2 nd Choice	
3 rd Choice		3 rd Choice	

Do NOT go to www.meritbadge.com to use the merit badge worksheets, they may not be current. **This is a change from last year.**

A confirmation e-mail or post card will be mailed out to each scout. Please check your e-mail.

For Sunday Swimming Merit Badge Only Please Complete this Portion.
 The Swimming Merit Badge will be open to the first 50 scouts **ONLY. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
All registrations must be received by February 29, 2008.

 Scout's First Name Scout's Last Name Troop #/Crew #

 Mailing Address City, State & Zip Code Phone #

 E-mail Address

Please check all that apply: Swimming _____

(The pool location has yet to be determined. Confirmation of location will be communicated prior to March 5, 2008.)

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