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## **2020 Merit Badge Extravaganza**

### **Hosted by Rio del Oro District**

**! Important !**

Class sizes are LIMITED

Register Online at:

[www.yosemitescouting.org](http://www.yosemitescouting.org)

Registration Closes Thurs  
Jan 30th at 5pm

**Date:** Saturday, February 1st, 2020

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

**Place:** Camp McConnell - 11760 Livingston Cressey Road, Livingston, CA 95334

**Cost:** Registration fee of \$20.00 per Scout. Fee includes snacks and lunch. \$5 for adult lunch option (registration separate). Some Merit Badges have an additional cost that need to be paid directly to the counselor at the time of the event.

**Etc:** Please wear your scout field uniform and bring items outlined in PREREQUISITES section

**Contact:** Chuck Denny (209) 604-4016 or e-mail [ChuckDenny@live.com](mailto:ChuckDenny@live.com) with any questions!  
Registration closes on Thursday, January 30th at 5:00 PM. **NO WALK-INS!**

***Payment for the Extravaganza must happen at the time of online registration.***

Adults hanging out for the day have the option to purchase a lunch – registration link off of Extravaganza registration page.

If you are unable to make an electronic payment, for instance, if you need to use **Scoutbucks**, then you must walk in your registration and payment to the Modesto Scout office during regular business hours and handle the transaction there prior to the January 30th deadline.

**MERIT BADGE CLASSES, SCHEDULE & INSTRUCTORS**  
**PLEASE REVIEW AND COMPLETE PREREQS PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

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

# MeritBadgeClasses

Merit Badge Fees and (Class Size)	Session 1 9:00 - 11:00	Session 2 11:45 - 1:45	Session 3 2:00 - 4:00
Archery <sup>+</sup> (\$5 Fee) (10)	Donna Russell	Req 3 Sessions	Req 3 Sessions
Art <sup>+</sup> (\$5 Fee) (10)			Debra Haworth
Automotive Maintenance (8)	Bob Gunn	Req 2 Sessions	
Aviation (8)	Mel Howell	Req 2 Sessions	
Citizenship in the Nation* (10)	Janis Gannaway		
Citizenship in the World* (10)		Janis Gannaway	
Electricity (10)			Chuck Denny
Environmental Science*(12)	Debra Haworth	Req 2 Sessions	
Fly Fishing (10)	Kevin Ferreira	Req 2 Sessions	
Indian Lore (10)	Marta Gunn	Req 2 Sessions	
Leatherwork <sup>+</sup> (\$20Fee) (10)	Kelly Osterhout	Kelly Osterhout	
Movie Making (12)	Chuck Denny	Req 2 Sessions	
Nuclear Science (12)	Paul Acosta		Paul Acosta
Photography (8)		Brian Osterhout	Brian Osterhout
Pioneering (12)	Richard Kleitman	Req 3 Sessions	Req 3 Sessions
Scouting Heritage (10)		Dwayne McCoy	Req 2 sessions
Veterinary Medicine (10)		Doug Marks	Doug Marks

\* - Eagle-required merit badge

+ - Additional fee to cover materials cost

## Prerequisites

### (1) For ALL MeritBadges...

- Print out the appropriate worksheet from:
- <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>
- 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, **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 by Merit Badge. Complete prerequisites PRIOR to class.

- **Archery:** \$ Bring \$5 to be paid to the counselor - No Other PreReqs
- **Art** - \$ Bring \$5 to be paid to the counselor :- #6 as a prereq. (With your parent’s permission and your counselor’s approval, visit a museum, art exhibit, art gallery, artists’ co-op, or artist’s workshop. Find out about the art displayed or created there. Discuss what you learn with your counselor)
- **Automotive Maintenance:** None
- **Aviation:** Do one of the following #4 - A, B or C
- **Citizenship in the Nation:** 2a, b or c, 3 (Bring record and notes of 5 days) Req 6 - bring a copy of the speech
- **Citizenship in the World:** 7, bring a newspaper from 2 separate days
- **Electricity:** 2, 8 and 9A - bring a copy of the meter reading and power bill
- **Environmental Science:** None
- **Fly Fishing** - Req 10 or do later and complete
- **Indian Lore:** None
- **Leatherwork:** \$ Bring \$20.00 to be paid to the counselor -
- **Movie Making:** None
- **Nuclear Science :** 3b, 5b and 6c
- **Photography:** Purchase and install ProCam 7 on a phone or tablet and bring it with you. Have CyberChip completed prior to the event.
- **Pioneering:** Bring an eye splice on a three strand rope, a back splice and a short splice. Bring 40 feet of rope.
- **Scouting Heritage:** None
- **Veterinary Medicine:** Have the work sheet printed and with you with a pen/pencil. and do 6a or 6b prior to the event

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What does my Scout need to bring with them to the Extravaganza?**

*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 Extravaganza.*

**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 their 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: 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 classroom 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.*

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

*A: Some classes require materials that must be purchased and are not covered by the 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 single day event.*

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

*A: Take a look at the requirements for the badge at :*

*<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>. If you still have questions, consider purchasing the merit badge book. If all else fails, contact the instructor or the event organizers. We want the youth to be as successful as possible and it is necessary for them to "Be Prepared" and not just presenting themselves.*

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

*A: Waitlists usually cause more frustrations than solutions.*

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

*A: Yes; please be aware that we are not able to 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 them until the end of the event or their 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 them with their own food. Because of limited resources and staffing, we're not able to offer any special dietary alternate meal.*

