



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL

Rio del Oro District
2017 Merit Badge Extravaganza

Date: Saturday, February 11th, 2017

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 4250 Geer Rd, Turlock

Cost: Registration fee of \$10.00 per Scout. Fee includes snacks and lunch. \$5 for adult lunch option (registration separate).

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. Please contact David Woodruff (209) 417-0740 or e-mail woodruffda@gmail.com with any questions! Registration closes on Wednesday, February 8th at 9:00 PM. **NO WALK-INS!**

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

If you are unable to make an electronic payment then you must walk in your registration and payment to the Modesto Scout office during regular business hours and handle the transaction there.

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Register online at
www.yosemitescouting.org!
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Training Opportunity for Venturers & Adults:

Leaders! On the same day, Boy Scout, Varsity, and Venture leader-specific training as well as Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews will be offered at the other building across the parking lot. This opportunity 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
Automotive Maintenance	Matt Day	-requires 2 sessions	
Aviation		Mel Howell	
Chemistry+		Stacy Rivera	-requires 2 sessions
Chess 1-2	Chris Brown	-requires 2 sessions	
Chess 1-3	Chris Brown		-requires 2 sessions
Chess 2-3		Chris Brown	-requires 2 sessions
Cinematography		Gunn Family	-requires 2 sessions
Citizenship in the Community*	Judy Payne		
Communication*	Rich Kleitman	-requires 2 sessions	
Digital Technology	Brian Osterhout		Brian Osterhout
Electricity	Les Nickerson	-requires 2 sessions	
Environmental Science*	Matt Falke	-requires 3 sessions	-requires 3 sessions
Family Life*	Astrid Workinger	Astrid Workinger	Astrid Workinger
First Aid*	David Wherry	David Wherry	David Wherry
Genealogy	Suzie Antirien	Suzie Antirien	Suzie Antirien
Geocacheing	Mario Parraz	Mario Parraz	Mario Parraz
Nuclear Science	Paul Acosta		Paul Acosta
Personal Fitness*		Kathy Tullio	-requires 2 sessions
Pets	Stacy Rivera		
Photography	Gary Waymire	-requires 2 sessions	
Programming		Brian Osterhout	

* - Eagle-required merit badge

+--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. 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.

- *Automotive Maintenance* - none
- *Aviation* – 4A, 4B, or 4C
- *Chemistry*- 7a, b, c, or d. Bring evidence. Note extra fee for this class.
- *Chess*- 1 and 2
- *Cinematography* - TBD
- *Citizenship in the Community* – 3 and 7 will need to be done outside of the class itself, whether prior to or after the Extravaganza
- *Communication* - 2A, 4, 5, 7(choose one), 8. Have speech for 3 prepared
- *Digital Technology* – 5b, 5c and 6 (bring examples from 6)
- *Electricity*- 2, 5, 8, 9a (bring electricity bill with you); bring merit badge work book with completed Sample Home Electrical Inspection Checklist.
- *Environmental Science* – 3f 1 or 2
- *Family Life*- 3-6. #6 is a family meeting. Be at least 13 years old. For 6A, please contact the counselor before holding the meeting. Email: astridwork@yahoo.com; phone: **209-834-1453**. ****YOU MUST BRING WORKSHEETS****
- *First Aid*- 1 -2 (Bring written proof). Contact the counselor after registering at **209-573-2727**
- *Genealogy* – 2a, 3, 4b and talk to a family member and get the info for 6 and 7.
- *Geocaching* – 7, 8, 9
- *Nuclear Science* - 3b, 5b, 6c, 7, 8 (Be prepared to discuss these)
- *Personal Fitness* – 1a, 3, 4b, 7, 8
- *Pets* - Bring proof of completion of 1 and 4. Reading for 3 can be completed either before or during class.
- *Photography*- 4A or 4B. Contact the counselor after registering at **559-362-5792**
- *Programming* – Must have earned your Cyber Chip for your current age; 5a, 5b, 5c. If the code is less than 15 pages, print it and bring it.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does my Scout need to bring with him 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 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 no cost. In order to keep prices as low as possible, we utilize these facilities. The Summer Midway is offered in Manteca, so we are offering the Winter Extravaganza in Turlock to keep it closer to the District members farther south. 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 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. 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. 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 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.

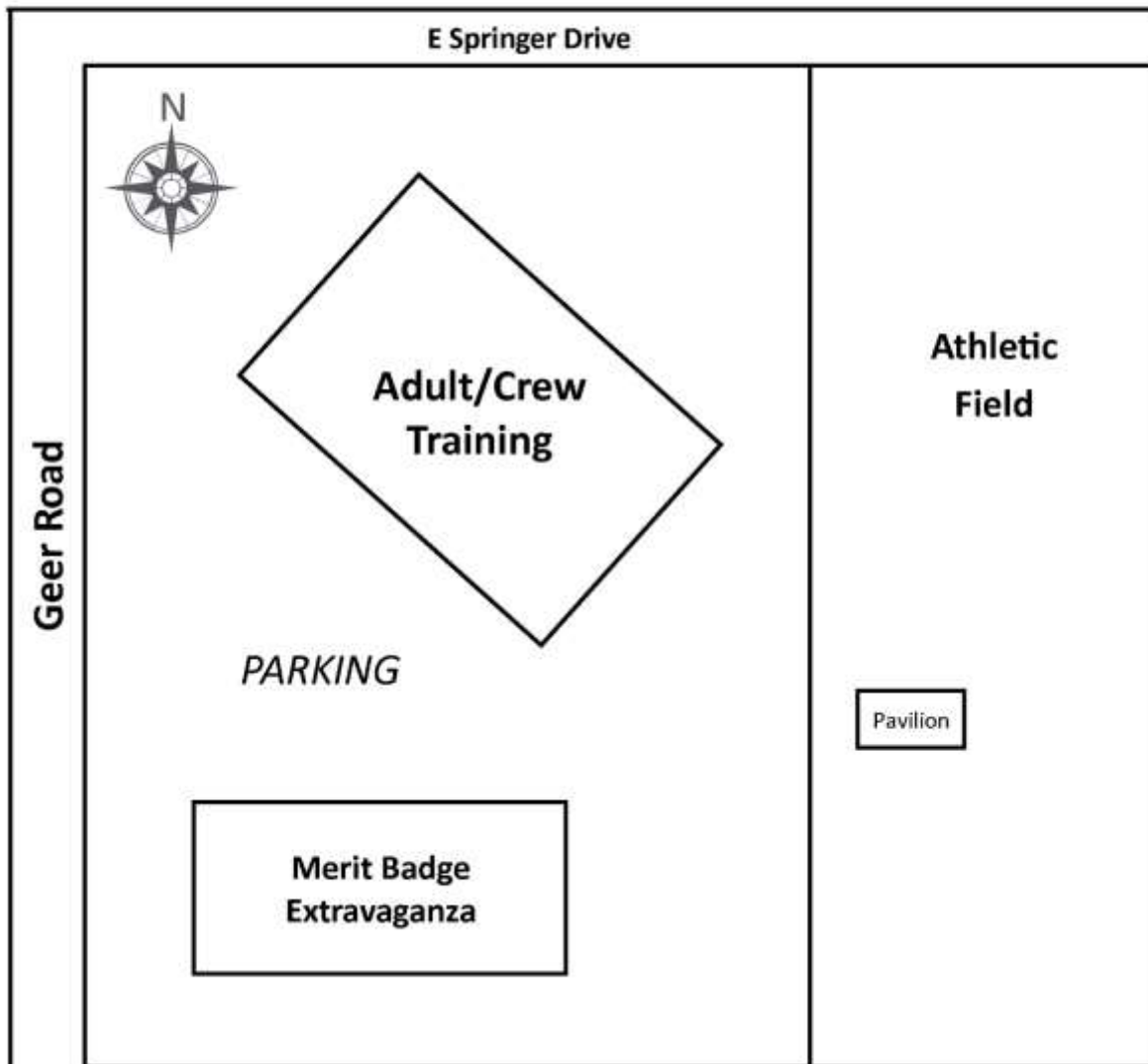
Q: Can my son take just one or two classes?

A: This is fine, but 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 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.

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A detailed building map will be available the morning of the Extravaganza upon check-in.