

Winter Merit Badge Day Guide

Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. to noon

at

Troop 65 Scout Hut

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

11501 Bain School Road

Mint Hill, NC 28227

<https://www.philadelphiachurch.org/>

Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge is the only merit badge offered at this location on this day. No camping is involved with this course location.



Please read this entire Guide before registering.

The counselor expects that Scouts will complete pre-class homework assignments before the merit badge class begins.

Map to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Ay3zhyimU4V9Fwwe9>

Age and rank guidelines: None. Scouts BSA members from any troop in any council are welcome to register and participate. There are no age or rank requirements to participate.

Registration fee: \$12.00 plus \$1.00 transaction fee

Registration opens: When this announcement is posted.

Registration closes: When the class is full or on December 8.

Maximum class size: 16

Links to on-line registration and payment will be posted at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/winter-camp>

Parents: Parents are welcome to attend all sessions.

Blue cards

Scouts and parents should read the Blue Card Guide.

Infection Prevention Guidelines

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Health forms:

Mecklenburg County Council does not require Scouts or adults to present health screening questionnaires or Scout Health and Medical Record Forms A, B, or C or Liability Waivers for single day events like this merit badge course.

Food and drinks

Food and drinks are not available for purchase at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church or at the Scout Hut. **Scouts must pack their own snacks and lunches and beverages.** Scouts should not bring nut or sesame seed products because of risk of serious allergies affecting participants and staff. Scouts may drink and eat in the designated area during breaks in the class. Eating or drinking during the class sessions will not be allowed.

Please bring a personal water bottle to maintain hydration throughout the day.

Clothing

Scouts are expected to wear their field uniforms ("Class A" uniforms) to foster discipline and Scout spirit. Neckerchiefs, slides, merit badge sashes, and medals are not expected or required.

Scouts must Be Prepared with layers of clothing, including rain gear.

Bad weather

We will hold this class whether rain or shine. The class will be conducted inside the Troop 51 Scout Hut in a classroom setting.

What to bring

Scouts should pack health forms, blue cards, clothing layers, rain gear, **food for snacks and lunch, water**, pen, paper, merit badge homework, EpiPens, asthma inhalers, other medications. To allow hands-free walking, please pack gear in a sturdy day pack, not in a paper or plastic bag or a duffel.

Cell phones

Scouts are not permitted to use cell phones in any way during class or in small group discussions.

If a Scout chooses to send text messages or talk on their cell phone or check social media during class, they will be expected to loan their cell phone to the instructor or to a parent or to a Scout leader for safe keeping during the rest of the class, to be returned when the activity ends.

Partial or Full Completion

Full completion of many of this merit badge is possible IF Scouts complete homework assignments before and during class. If a Scout does not finish all requirements, the

Scout must work with their counselor to list and initial requirements completed on their blue card for later completion with that counselor or with a registered counselor associated with their home troop or a registered counselor identified through Scoutbook. Scouts should follow the buddy system with 2-deep adult leadership for all merit badge counseling sessions.

Questions

For questions about this merit badge course, please contact the Merit Badge Counselor, Ms. Marie Beavers at mdichoso65@gmail.com .

Preparing for this merit badge class

Home-grown Merit Badge Guides contain complete, current merit badge requirements and information on pre-class homework assignments and resources for answering merit badge requirements.

Scout should use these Guides to prepare for this merit badge course:

[Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Guide](#)
[Citizenship: What Every Scout Must Know](#)