



Merit Badge Challenge 2010

Dixie Heights High School –February 20, March 6 & March 20, 2010

Fairfield High School -January 16 & January 30, February 13, 2010

Sycamore High School –January 30, February 6 & February 20, 2010

Williamsburg High School –January 23, February 6 & February 20, 2010

Merit Badge Challenge is available to all registered Boy Scouts. This popular event improves advancement for all attending troops and provides our youth the opportunity to explore vocations and new hobbies.

Each Scout has the opportunity to earn up to three merit badges. Emphasis is placed on those merit badges that lend themselves to an indoor or wintertime activity such as Chemistry, Law, Computers, Communication, and Citizenship badges. Merit badges usually offered at summer camp are excluded from this event.

A Scout may register to attend only one Merit Badge Challenge, at any of the four schools. The meeting dates at the four schools differ with each on location. Be sure to circle the correct school when registering.

Scouts may register online at www.danbeard.org, under Activities (credit card is required). This website also includes the necessary Prework for Merit Badges, responses to Frequently-Asked-Questions, and a copy of the registration form.

Attendance at each high school is limited based on the fire capacity codes for each school. Therefore the registration at one or more schools may close out before the published deadline. Attendance and availability of Merit Badges is limited. So early registration is strongly recommended.

**Registrations will be accepted beginning September 15, 2009.
Open Registrations close on November 13, 2009 or when site is full.**

Registration Fee is \$15.00 per scout if submitted by November 13, 2009. Checks for the registration fee should be made out to Merit Badge Challenge, BSA (site name). **Registration is non-transferable to any other Scout.**

Additional fees: Some merit badges require additional materials with fees. Some of the merit badges that have additional fees are First Aid, Pulp & Paper, Railroading, and Wood Carving. There may be others. Look for additional fee information in the Prework packet. **THESE FEES ARE TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE COUNSELOR OF THE CLASS on the first Saturday.** Cash is the preferred method. Do not include with Merit Badge Challenge registration fees.

For information contact the corresponding Registrar

Dixie Heights High School - Mary Beth Vogerl, mbyrne1@nuvox.net

Fairfield High School – Mary Beth Vogerl, mbyrne1@nuvox.net

Sycamore High School – Hal Wood, 513-677-2870 or halwoodmbc@yahoo.com

Williamsburg High School - Nancie Lizakowski, 513-752-5963 or rlizakowski@fuse.net

General Information for Registration:

1. Up to two Eagle* required Merit Badges may be taken by First Class Scouts and above, at the time of registration, the third must be a non-required Merit Badge. Scouts below the rank of First Class may take only one Eagle* required merit badge.
2. Some Merit Badges have guidelines, which will be strictly followed for this event. Guidelines may be restrictions in age or rank. Although these are not officially required for earning the badge, due to this venue, they are in place to increase success for the Scout. (Scouts who do not meet these guidelines at this venue and wish to earn badge are encouraged to meet with their Scoutmaster to discuss their ability to complete the badge and Scoutmaster will then refer them to a counselor for that badge.)
3. Emergency Preparedness and First Aid Merit Badges are 3-hour classes (no other badges can be earned). Astronomy, Aviation, Electronics, and Railroading Merit Badges are 2-hours each (one other badge can be earned).
4. Scouts taking First Aid Merit Badge must bring proof of completing all First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd, AND 1st class to the first Saturday of the Challenge.
5. Scouts taking Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge must bring proof of completion of First Aid Merit Badge (e.g., copy of First Aid blue card) to the first Saturday of the Challenge.
6. If a Scout is physically or mentally challenged, it is suggested the registration be a postal registration and include a signed statement describing any special needs. This confidential information will be provided to the event registrar. In advance of the event, the lead counselor for each of the youth's badges will all be given a copy of the document.

How to Register:

Merit Badge Challenge will be held at four different High Schools: **Dixie Heights, Fairfield, Sycamore, and Williamsburg.** Decide which site you want to attend. Badges are selected from the list below. Each location varies in the number and type of Merit Badges offered. Look for the school's name following the Merit Badge. Classes will be offered during three sessions on each Saturday, **(A, B, C)**. Classes are only offered during the sessions shown – please make sure that the class you select is offered during the time you are scheduling it!

Please review the following list and select Merit Badges you would like to take, based on the school and time offered. Each Scout MUST have his Registration form/badges approved by his Scoutmaster.

Complete the following registration form or register online at www.danbeard.org, under Activities. Credit card is required for online registration. Preferred method of registration is group registration by a unit leader, similar to registering to summer camp. PLEASE INCLUDE THREE ALTERNATE CHOICES – classes are limited in size. You will be assigned to your selections, if available, and guidelines are met.

Fill out the registration form completely. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** Registration fees must accompany the registration form. Bring or mail the completed Registration form along with the fee to the Scout Achievement Center.

Eagle Required Merit Badges are marked with an (*) before the badge name.

American Cultures

Sycamore/Session: C

Williamsburg/Session: A

See Prework

American Heritage

Sycamore/Session: A

See Prework

Architecture

Dixie Hgts/Session: B-C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A

Dixie Heights only - Counts as 2 sessions. See Prework

Art

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A

See Prework

Astronomy

Sycamore/Session: A-B

See Prework

Aviation

Dixie Hgts/Session: A-B

Fairfield/Session: B-C

Sycamore/Session: A-B

See Prework. Additional fee.

Chemistry

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, C

Sycamore/Session: B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A, B, C

Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older. See Prework – Additional fee (Dixie Hgts & Williamsburg)

Cinematography

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: B

See Prework

*Citizenship in the Nation

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A, B, C

See Prework

*Citizenship in the World

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A, B, C

See Prework

Coin Collecting

Fairfield/Session: B, C

Sycamore/Session: A

Williamsburg/Session: A

See Prework

Collections

Dixie Hgts/Session: C

Fairfield/Session: A

Sycamore/Session: B

Williamsburg/Session: C

Stamp and coin collecting are excluded from eligibility for this merit badge.

See Prework

*Communications

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A, B, C

Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older.

See Prework–

Computers

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: B

Guideline: First Class Scouts or above.

See Prework

Crime Prevention

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: C

See Prework

Dentistry

Fairfield/Session: B, C

Sycamore/Session: C

See Prework

Disability Awareness

Dixie Hgts/Session: B

Fairfield/Session: B

Sycamore/Session: C

See Prework

Dog Care

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: B

See Prework – Start 60 days

prior to event.

Drafting

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B

Fairfield/Session: A, B

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: C

See Prework

Electricity

Dixie Hgts/Session: A-B

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, C

Williamsburg/Session: A

Dixie Heights only - Counts as 2 sessions. See Prework

Electronics

Dixie Hgts/Session: B-C

Williamsburg/Session: A-B

Counts as 2 sessions- Guideline: Scouts 13 or older. See Prework – Additional fee

***Emergency Preparedness**

Dixie Hgts/Session: A-C

Fairfield/Session: A-C

Sycamore/Session: A-C

Williamsburg/Session: A-C

Counts as 3 sessions- Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older. See Prework

Energy

Dixie Hgts/Session: A

Sycamore/Session: B

Williamsburg/Session: C

See Prework

Engineering

Fairfield/Session: B, C

Sycamore/Session: B, C

Williamsburg/Session: C

Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older.

See Prework

Entrepreneurship

Dixie Hgts/Session: C

No Prework

***Family Life**

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A, C

Dixie Heights only - Guideline: Scouts age 14 or older. See Prework–Start 90 days prior to event.

Fingerprinting

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: B

No Prework

Fire Safety

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, C

Williamsburg/Session: A

See Prework

***First Aid**

Dixie Hgts/Session: A-C

Fairfield/Session: A-C

Sycamore/Session: A-C

Williamsburg/Session: A-C

Counts as 3 sessions– Guideline: Must have completed all First Aid requirements for Tenderfoot, 2nd, and 1st class ranks.

See Prework – Additional fee

Genealogy

Dixie Hgts/Session: B

Fairfield/Session: A, B

Sycamore/Session: C

Williamsburg/Session: C

See Prework

Geology

Dixie Hgts/Session: C

Fairfield/Session: A

Sycamore/Session: A

See Prework

Indian Lore

Fairfield/Session: B, C

Williamsburg/Session: B

See Prework

Journalism

Dixie Hgts/Session: B

Fairfield/Session: C

No Prework

Law

Dixie Hgts/Session: C

Fairfield/Session: C

Sycamore/Session: A

Williamsburg/Session: B

Guideline: Scouts age 14 or older.

See Prework

Medicine

Dixie Hgts/Session: A

Fairfield/Session: C

See Prework

Model Design and Building

Dixie Hgts/Session: B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

See Prework

Music

Dixie Hgts/Session: B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

See Prework – The playing and site-reading skills needed for this performance suggest at least 2 years of experience.

Nuclear Science

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

See Prework

Painting

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

No Prework – Additional fee

***Personal Management**

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: A, B, C

Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older. See Prework – Start 90 days prior to event.

Pets

Dixie Hgts/Session: C

Fairfield/Session: B, C

Williamsburg/Session: C

See Prework – Start 4 months prior to event.

Photography

Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C

Fairfield/Session: A, B, C

Sycamore/Session: A, B, C

Williamsburg/Session: B, C

Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older.

See Prework

Plumbing

Fairfield/Session: A, B

See Prework

Public Health

Fairfield/Session: A

Requires two field trips.

See Prework

Public Speaking
Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C
Fairfield/Session: A, B
Sycamore/Session: B, C
 See Prework

Pulp and Paper
Fairfield/Session: A
Sycamore/Session: A, B, C
 See Prework - Additional fees

Radio
Fairfield/Session: A, B, C
Sycamore/Session: B, C
Williamsburg/Session: B
 See Prework

Railroading
Fairfield/Session: B-C
Sycamore/Session: A-B
Williamsburg/Session: B-C
 Counts as 2 sessions. See Prework - Additional fees

Reading
Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B
Fairfield/Session: A, B
Sycamore/Session: A, B, C
 See Prework

Merit Badge Class Confirmation

A packet will be sent to your Unit Contact on December 1, 2009. It will confirm schedules for all applicable registered Scouts in the Troop, and include a list of additional fees due by Scouts.

Once confirmed for the merit badges:

1. Each Scout must complete the Prerequisites (Prework) before attending the Challenge. The Prework items are enclosed in the mailing and are also available on the Council website, www.danbeard.org, under Activities.
2. At the first session at each school the Scout must bring the following:
 - A properly filled out Blue Card including the Scoutmaster's signature of approval and dated for each Merit Badge.
 - A self-addressed, stamped envelope with sufficient postage for each Merit Badge on your schedule.
 - A current Merit Badge Pamphlet for each Merit Badge. Pamphlets are available at the Scout Shop or by calling 1-800-323-0732 or online at www.scoutstuff.org.
 - Any fees due for specific badges.

Late Registration - November 14 through December 18, 2009

- Registration cost will be \$25.00.
- Merit Badge Challenge cannot guarantee the Scout a patch as they may have already been ordered.
- Merit Badge Challenge cannot guarantee the Scout his selections in merit badges but the school's Registrar will work with the Scout to find appropriate badges. Badge confirmations will be emailed to the Scout and Unit Contact along with any appropriate badge specific fees

No late registrations will be accepted after December 18, 2009. No Exceptions.

No Walk-Ins will be permitted.

Safety
Dixie Hgts/Session: B, C
Sycamore/Session: A
 See Prework

Scholarship
Dixie Hgts/Session: B, C
Fairfield/Session: A, B, C
Sycamore/Session: C
 See Prework

Space Exploration
Dixie Hgts/Session: B, C
Fairfield/Session: A, B, C
Sycamore/Session: B, C
 See Prework

Stamp Collecting
Williamsburg/Session: C
 See Prework

Surveying
Fairfield/Session: C
Sycamore/Session: A, B, C
 Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older.
 No Prework

Textiles
Fairfield/Session: A
Williamsburg/Session: B
 See Prework

Traffic Safety
Dixie Hgts/Session: B
 Guideline: Scouts age 14 or older.
 See Prework

Veterinary Medicine
Dixie Hgts/Session: B, C
Fairfield/Session: A, B, C
Williamsburg/Session: A
 No Prework

Weather
Sycamore/Session: B, C
Williamsburg/Session: C
 See Prework

Wood Carving
Dixie Hgts/Session: A, B, C
Fairfield/Session: A, B, C
Sycamore/Session: A, B, C
Williamsburg/Session: A, B
 Scouts must have BSA Totin' Chip with them. No Prework- Additional fee

Woodwork
Fairfield/Session: A, B, C
 Guideline: Scouts age 13 or older.
 See Prework

Important Dates

Location – High School	Registration Deadline	First Saturday starts at 8:15am	Second Saturday starts at 8:30 am	Third Saturday ends at 1:00pm	Snow Date
Dixie Heights	November 13, 2009	February 20, 2010	March 6, 2010	March 20, 2010	March 27, 2010
Fairfield	November 13, 2009	January 16, 2010	January 30, 2010	February 13, 2010	March 20, 2010
Sycamore	November 13, 2009	January 30, 2010	February 6, 2010	February 20, 2010	February 27, 2010
Williamsburg	November 13, 2009	January 23, 2010	February 6, 2010	February 20, 2010	March 6, 2010

Things to remember when scheduling badges:

Scout must select a primary badge for each time session. They must also select three additional badges as alternatives, in case one of the original selections is not available. Each Scout MUST have his Registration form/badges approved by his Scoutmaster.

Scouts ranked under First Class can take up to one Eagle Required Badge. Scouts ranked First Class or above may take up to two Eagle required badges. See Below.

Some Merit Badges have guidelines, which will be strictly followed for this event. See Below.

*Eagle Required- 13 yr old Guideline	Non Eagle Required- 13 yr old Guideline	*Eagle Required- No Age Guideline	Other Guidelines
*Communications	Chemistry	*Citz. In the Nation	Computers – 1 st class or above
*Emergency Prep	Electronics	*Citz. In the World	*Family Life – Dixie only - age 14
*Personal Management	Engineering	*Family Life- except Dixie Heights	*First Aid – all 1 st Aid requirements thru 1 st class. See Prework
	Journalism		
	Photography		Law – Age 14 or older
	Surveying		Music – See Prework
	Woodworking		Traffic Safety- Age 14 or older

**If a Scout is physically or mentally challenged, it is suggested the registration be a postal registration and include a signed statement describing any special needs. This confidential information will be provided to the event registrar. In advance of the event, the lead counselor for each of the youth's badges will all be given a copy of the document. An adult can accompany the Scout to each session.

Remember, Each Scout must fill out a Blue Card for each badge. It needs to be legible (print, please) and include the

- Scout's name,
- Troop number,
- District,
- Name of Badge, and
- Be signed by the unit leader.

Each Scout must provide the Counselor with the complete Blue Card and a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) at the first Saturday. Those Scouts with additional fees due must pay on the first Saturday of the Challenge as instructed in the confirmation package.

Each unit should appoint one person as the Unit Contact. This person must have an email address. The Registration material and each Scout's schedule will be sent to the Unit Contact. This mailing will be on December 1, 2009. If no Unit Contact is named, the mailings may be delayed.

If there is an issue with a registration, the Unit Contact and the Scout will be notified by the school's registrar.

**For Scheduling Questions,
Contact the corresponding School's Registrar, after the December mailing.**

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General Information –

Any parent or leader can observe any merit badge session. They do not need to have a scout in that badge at the time however if you do; you must only observe.

No Scout can be at the school and not be in a classroom during session times. This is the agreement we have with each school. If the Scout is not taking a badge, he must leave the school property.