

Online Merit Badges

Presented by Staff of Lost Pines Scout Reservation

FALL – 2020

Leader Guide

Session 1: August 8-9, 2020

Session 2: September 19-20, 2020

Session 3: October 24-25, 2020



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Welcome to Lost Pines Scout Reservation.

As an adult registering your Scouts for Lost Pines Staff merit badge instruction, you will be providing your Scouts with an experience that they will remember for the rest of their lives. They will advance in Scouting along the Trail to Eagle by completing merit badges – many that will provide insight to a career or hobby interest. Most of all, they'll have a great time and a real feeling of accomplishment.

Lost Pines Staff is routinely inspected and meets the standards established by the B.S.A. National Office for an Accredited Boy Scout Resident Camp. All our key staff members are trained through the B.S.A. National Camp School system.

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Important Dates

Merit Badge Fee:	Date DUE	
Reservation	Now till Monday before	
Scout Final Payment	Monday before	\$20 per class

Monday before the classes:
August 3, 2020 for August 8-9 classes
September 14, 2020 for September 19-20 classes
October 19, 2020 for October 24-25 classes

Preparing for Merit Badges

Register Your Troop

ALL Troops must register <https://www.bsacac.org/activities/coronavirus/ideas-for-home/> then see **Online Weekend Merit Badges** to click on **Doubleknot link** or go directly to the link:

<https://bsacac.doubleknot.com/event/space-available/lost-pines-on-line-week-end-mb-2020/66624>

Once your Troop has registered, your Troop designee must enter the names of the Scouts and merit badges (1 to 3 max) and then pay online for the classes. **It is important to list an email for each of the Scouts** where you enter their names (this is the **email the Zoom links** will be sent to the Scout on Tuesday before the classes). These emails are typically found in the spam/junk/or other secondary folders as most providers do this to group emails especially since to follow privacy concern all emails are sent as bcc, so others are not shown these email addresses.

Submit Final Payment (\$20 per class) by Monday before the classes:

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Changes after Monday before the classes

Be sure to register for merit badges early as some classes fill up quickly! You can select courses in DoubleKnot until the Monday before the classes start. After that, all requests must be emailed to the Registrar at testarr@suddenlink.net.

Provisional Scouts

While it is preferred that Scouts register with their Troop, we recognize that there are Scouts who would like to take merit badges when their Troop doesn't register. Registration still requires a Troop number as part of the group identification.

Refund Policy

For the Council full Refund Policy please go to http://www.bsacac.org/about/refund_policy.

Any other Refund Requests must be submitted within ten (10) days following the end of the applicable activity and may be subject to a twenty-five percent (25%) program recovery fee according to the policies.

Appropriate Clothing

The Scout uniform should be worn by the Scouts but at all time appropriate clothing must be worn. Shirts are required without any words or pictures not representing the best spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. Also, **a shirt with sleeves must always be worn.** Any scout conducting themselves in a non-scout manner will be dropped from the zoom meeting.

Schedule Overview

Program Areas

Merit Badge are designed to fit into a three-one-hour schedule. Classes are held in three sessions on Saturday morning the same merit badges have their second hour Saturday afternoon and then their third one-hour Sunday afternoon. We recommend that Scouts obtain the merit badge pamphlets (available at the Scout Shop) prior to the weekend so that they can do advance study to be well prepared for class. Any work not completed by the end of Sunday afternoon class will be recorded as a partial.

MB Courses have minimum and maximum participant limits built into the event registration system. If demand is low for a course, it may be cancelled. Every possible effort to alert the troop contact person of changes will be made. If the MB does not appear in Doubleknot, it is probably full. If you need that particular merit badge, email testarr@suddenlink.net and if there is enough demand we may be able to add a class. MB selections are taken on a first come first serve basis.

In many cases, the merit badges cannot be completed during the weekend (ex. Pets requires the Scout to care for a pet for four months). Scouts will receive "partial" credit for any merit badge showing the requirements they completed. Troops should plan their program to help their Scouts complete the merit badges after the weekend classes or encourage them to work on the longer requirements prior to Saturday. Some merit badges will have requirements which can be done Saturday evening before the last class on Sunday afternoon to ensure a completion is entered. The example of Pets MB requirement for taking care of a pet can be met by a parent in the first hour stating the scout has met the requirement.

All merit badges require participation by the scout. Merely logging into the zoom link will not complete any requirement. Scouts which lose their video connection must ensure they are answering verbally, thumbs up, or through chat when available.

At the End of Weekend

Merit Badge Completion Reports

The person that registered the scout(s) in Doubleknot can run a completion report at any time. Instructors will have all requirements completed Saturday and Sunday entered by Monday night. We recommend the report be run on Tuesday and any discrepancies be directed to the Registrar at testarr@suddenlink.net. Leaders are responsible for checking their materials and making certain that they have completion information for each Scout for each course they were enrolled in. This information will show the requirements that the Scout completed during the weekend. Courses will be shown "**COMPLETE**" if the Scout completed all merit badge requirements or "**PARTIAL**" if there are requirements that were not completed. For partials, the requirements listed are what was completed during the class.

Any requirements not completed during the class become the responsibility of the Troop and its leaders and merit badge counselors to verify. An example of this would be the requirement for several merit badge that require the Scout to do a presentation to a group. These requirements are typically done in the Flip grid program which allows viewing by others to meet the requirement. If this Flip grid presentation is not done before class on Sunday afternoon, then a partial will be recorded by your troop leadership may still use this method as a viable presentation method during these limited group event times.

Merit Badges

All classes require participation, and some have homework requirements.

Merit Badge	Min - Max	Requirements NOT completed during weekend, if none listed then this MB may be completed
Archaeology	10-20	
Aviation	10-20	3b requires a 9" foam plate
Coin Collecting/Collections/Stamp Collecting	10-20	Collections typically must be assembled prior to class
Crime Prevention	10-20	
Disability Awareness	10-20	
Electricity	10-20	Requires some basic material to complete 3 & 11
Fingerprinting	10-20	
Geology	10-20	
Graphic Arts	10-20	
Moviemaking	10-20	
Painting	10-20	
Pets	10-20	1, 4a or b or c
Railroading	10-20	
Traffic Safety	10-20	
Truck Transportation	10-20	

Class Schedule Subject to Change

Remember there are 3 hours to each class, 1 Saturday morning and afternoon and 1 Sunday

Saturday 1 st Period Morning	Saturday 2 nd Period Morning	Saturday 3 rd Period Morning	Saturday 1 st Period Afternoon	Saturday 2 nd Period Afternoon	Saturday 3 rd Period Afternoon	Sunday 1 st Period Afternoon	Sunday 2 nd Period Afternoon	Sunday 3 rd Period Afternoon
8:20-9:20 am	9:40-10:40 am	11:00-12:00 am	1:00-2:00 pm	2:20-3:20 pm	3:40-4:40 pm	1:00-2:00 pm	2:20-3:20 pm	3:40-4:40 pm
Electricity MB	Aviation MB	Coin/Stamp Collecting MB	Electricity MB	Aviation MB	Coin/Stamp Collecting MB	Electricity MB	Aviation MB	Coin/Stamp Collecting MB
Geology MB	Truck Transp. MB	Archaeology MB	Geology MB	Truck Transp. MB	Archaeology	Geology MB	Truck Transp. MB	Archaeology
Fingerprinting MB	Pets MB	Crime Prevention MB	Fingerprinting MB	Pets MB	Crime Prevention MB	Fingerprinting MB	Pets MB	Crime Prevention MB
Graphic Arts MB	Painting MB	Movie-making MB	Graphic Arts MB	Painting MB	Movie Making MB	Graphic Arts MB	Painting MB	Movie Making MB
Rail-roading MB	Traffic Safety MB	Disability Aware. MB	Rail-Roading MB	Traffic Safety MB	Disability Aware. MB	Rail-roading MB	Traffic Safety MB	Disability Aware. MB