Many Waters District's Merit Badge Weekend CAM #249

April 13-15, 2012

At Fred C Andersen Scout Camp

Welcome! This is our 29th year of doing District-wide Merit Badge Events!! We will be doing both Eaglerequired and fun badges, and we have our usual Brownsea Skills Camp for your newest Scouts! We are offering some of the newest Merit Badges, including Inventing and Chess!! As well as several that we have never done before at a District event. So, let your Scouts know that they should look closely at the list! There may be a couple of badges that begin on Friday evening and go all day on Saturday, or that may begin this spring and finish up over the summer or at our Fall Merit Badge Day. As usual, we have several Badges going off-site or being done outdoors, so make sure those Scouts dress appropriately and bring their Off-site Permission slips. A separate flyer with the Merit Badge list and Unit badge registration will be posted on the Many Waters Website as soon as it is finalized sometime in February or early March.

Schedule

Friday PM Camping Registration and Saturday AM check-ins for badges* will be held at the Training Building on the lower level. *If there have been no changes since you completed registration, there is no need to check in unless your Unit is tenting. If there are changes to your roster due to work schedules or sick scouts, please let us know so we can open up those spaces to others on the waiting list. Due to pre-registration, Scouts should not move to another Merit Badge without letting the planners know.

Flags will be held at the main flag pole on the Lower Level at 8:45 on Saturday AM. Badges and Brownsea start at 9:00. Lunch is from 12:00 to 1:00. Most activities are done by 4:00 on Saturday. Some Eagle-required badges may begin on Friday evening, check the Merit Badge listing for exact info. Camping check-out is from 9:00 to 10:30 on Sunday AM; please have your campsite or building all clean before SPL comes to find a staff member to check your unit out!

Brownsea Skills Camp

Brownsea Skills Camp is for Scouts who have recently joined your Troop. Rather than taking Badges, they should be working on their Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, or 1st Class Rank skills, as well as how the Patrol Method works. This is an excellent opportunity for both boys and parents to get started in the Boy Scouting program. Unit Adults must accompany Scouts at a 6:1 ratio to help with skills and to sign Handbooks as Scouts complete their requirements. Brownsea Scouts should bring: Handbook, compass, pocket knife. (Please remind your Scouts that they may not use their pocket knife until they have earned their Totin' Chip!)

Adult Leaders

Units must provide 2-Deep Leadership. Reasons: 1) Adults must accompany Scouts to Brownsea at 6:1 ratio; 2) Adults are needed to drive Scouts to off-site badge locations, and 3) Merit Badge Counselors need 2-Deep support at their badge locations.

Meals

All attendees must provide their own meals except Brownsea Scouts, who are provided with ingredients to make their lunch on Saturday.

Cost

\$10 for Scouts, \$8 for Adults, \$0 for Merit Badge Counselors.

Scouts Bring

Camp gear (observe the 3W's: layer for Warmth, Wind, Water); camp chair, signed Merit Badge Cards, Merit Badge Booklet, notebook, pencil, completed requirements, show 'n tell items. If needed: Offsite Permission Slip, or Partial Merit Badge "Completed Reg's" Verification. Also, please practice Buddy System at all times.

Troop To Do

Bring First Aid Kit, Health Forms. Campers please send SPL to check-in upon arrival to get tenting location and to sign up for a check-out time on Sunday AM. Observe 2-Deep Leadership at all times. Please remind your Scouts: The cliffs and the river are off-limits to everyone.

Online registration exists for this event: Please go to the Many Waters Website, click on the Merit Badge Weekend link.

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