

Merit Badge Clinic

Frequently Asked Question and answers - FAQ

- **What is the cost of the clinic** - There is no cost to Scouts for the Merit Badge clinic. The Barrington United Methodist Church provides the facilities and the counselors volunteer their time.
- **How is this clinic different from a Merit Badge Workshop where the counselor works with the Scout through each requirement** – Scouts need to prepare in advance to demonstrate they have accomplished the requirements
- **What advance work needs to be done** - Scouts should know the merit badge requirements and be prepared to demonstrate to the counselor they have satisfied the requirements. The worksheets provide a useful way for Scouts to prepare to meet a counselor but not required.
- **How to I know what are the merit badge requirements** - The requirements are listed in the Merit Badge pamphlet and available online at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>
- **Can I come if I don't have a blue card from my Scoutmaster** – Scouts are to discuss the merit badge with their Scoutmaster and give a blue card to the Scout. You are welcome to come to the clinic if you are prepared to meet with a counselor even if you don't have a blue card
- **Can I earn more than one merit badge at the clinic** – Scouts will be able to register for another merit badge once they complete a meeting with a Counselor.
- **How many merit badges can a Scout earn at the clinic.** -The number is based on the level of preparation for demonstrating the requirements have been satisfied, the nature of the merit badge requirements and the time available at the clinic. It is reasonable to complete two but more would be possible.
- **How do I register for a merit badge** - The selection of a merit badge is accomplished by selecting the merit badge when registering. The merit badges may be listed as classes. If the online registration did not complete through check out, return to the registration, make the selection and then check out.
- **What will happen if I register more than once, e.g. for more than one merit badge?** - Duplicate registrations will be dropped and one merit badge clinic registration slot reserved for the Scout.
- **Can I register for a merit badge not listed?** - Advance register for an alternate merit badge and send an email to the clinic organizer requesting the desired merit badge. They will make best efforts to arrange for a counselor to be available and send you an email notification if the needed counselor will be present.
- **Can I change the merit badge I work on with a counselor after I register** – When checking in at the clinic you can request the change in merit badge, or you can send an email in advance to the clinic organizer requesting the change.
- **How do I cancel my clinic registration** – send an email to the clinic organizer with the Scout's name