

Important
Class sizes are LIMITED
Register Online at:
www.yosemitescouting.org
Registration Closes Wednesday
Jan 30th at 5pm



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®
GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL

Rio del Oro District 2019 Merit Badge Extravaganza (MB-X 2019)

Date: Saturday, February 2nd, 2019

Time: Check-in starts at 8:00 AM, program runs from 8:30 AM to 4:15 PM

Place: The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints located at 4250 Geer Rd,
Turlock

Cost: Registration fee of \$15.00 per Scout. Fee includes snacks and lunch. \$5 for adult lunch option (registration separate on council website). Some merit badges have additional fees that will be paid directly to the counselor - please review below.

Etc: Please wear your scout field uniform and bring items outlined in PREREQUISITES section

IMPORTANT! Class sizes are limited so **pre-registration is required**. Registration is available online ONLY at www.yosemitescouting.org. Please contact Chuck Denny (209) 604-4016 or e-mail ChuckDenny@live.com with any questions! Registration closes on Wednesday, January 30th at 5:00 PM. **NO WALK-INS!**

Payment for the Extravaganza must happen at the time of online registration.

If you are unable to make an electronic payment then you must walk in your registration and payment to the Modesto Scout office during regular business hours and handle the transaction there prior to the January 30 deadline.

Training Opportunity for Venturers & Adults:

Leaders! On the same day, Boy Scout, and Venture leader-specific training as well as Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews will be offered at the other building across the parking lot. CPR Red Cross Certification Training is also being offered this year. This opportunity has been coordinated so that you can drop your Scouts off at the Midway and make it over to the training for a day of great instruction! Please see the Greater Yosemite calendar for further information.

MERIT BADGE CLASSES, SCHEDULE & INSTRUCTORS (* = Eagle required)

Classes are subject to change or be canceled if there is not enough interest. Counselors may change!

Merit Badge Classes

Merit Badge	Session 1 9:00 - 11:00	Session 2 11:45 - 1:45	Session 3 2:00 - 4:00
Archery +	Donna Russell	-requires 3 sessions	-requires 3 sessions
Automotive Maintenance	Robert Gunn	-requires 2 sessions	
Aviation	Mel Howell	-requires 2 sessions	
Chess	Matt Ward	Matt Ward	Matt Ward
Cinematography		Gunn Family	-requires 2 sessions
Citizenship in the Nation*	Ron Stone		
Citizenship in the World*		Ron Stone	
Crime Prevention	Dwayne McCoy	-requires 2 sessions	
Communication*	Rich Kleitman	-requires 2 sessions	
Environmental Science*	Matt Falke	-requires 3 sessions	-requires 3 sessions
Family Life*	Astrid Workinger	Astrid Workinger	Astrid Workinger
First Aid*	Tim Long	-requires 2 sessions	
First Aid*		Trevor Long	-requires 2 sessions
Fly Fishing	Kevin Ferreria	-requires 2 sessions	
Personal Fitness*	Ben Reeves	Ben Reeves	Ben Reeves
Personal Management*	Robert Alvarado	Robert Alvarado	Robert Alvarado
Photography	Gary Waymire	-requires 2 sessions	
Programming	Brian Osterhout	-requires 3 sessions	-requires 3 sessions
Snow Sports +++			Ron Stone
Stamp Collecting +		Jenni Long	-requires 2 sessions
Textile	Kelly Osterhout	Kelly Osterhout	Kelly Osterhout

* - Eagle-required merit badge

+ - Additional fee to cover materials cost

Also for Adults or Youth - 13yrs or older

Adult and Infant First Aid, CPR and AED - American Red Cross Certified Training is being offered. It takes Sessions 1 and 2 to complete

There is a certification fee of \$50.00 payable to the instructor at the time of the class which includes the 2 year certification along with the handouts and materials. Registration for this event separately on the council website.

Prerequisites

(1) For ALL Merit Badges... Except Photography (MB Book Needed for Photography !)

- Print out the appropriate worksheet from <http://www.usscouts.org/mb/wkbks/list.html> or www.meritbadge.org. Use the worksheet to complete prerequisites and bring it with you to class.
 - **Except Photography (MB Book Needed for Photography !)**
- Bring a clipboard, pens, pencils, and any other stationery items that you may need.
- Before the class, read the current Merit Badge Pamphlet and bring it with you.
- If possible, complete the prerequisites for the Merit Badge BEFORE the class and bring any write-ups, letters, collections, pictures, diagrams, etc. with you to share with the counselor.
- Bring one "Blue Card" signed by your Scoutmaster for EACH Merit Badge subject you will attend. Complete your personal and Troop information on each card PRIOR to class.
- Bring a water bottle for use during the day. Come prepared for weather.

(2) Specific Prerequisites by Merit Badge. Complete prerequisites PRIOR to class.

- **Archery** - \$ Bring \$10 to be paid to the counselor
- **Automotive Maintenance** - *None*
- **Aviation** - 4A, 4B, or 4C
- **Chess** - *None*
- **Cinematography** - *None*
- **Citizenship in the Nation** - Please review all requirements in advance, and be prepared to discuss answers in class. If possible, please bring a laptop, iPad, Chrome Book, or other device that you can use to access the internet. We will have a few available to use, but it will be easier if you have your own.
- **Citizenship in the World** - Please review all requirements in advance, and be prepared to discuss answers in class. If possible, please bring a laptop, iPad, Chrome Book, or other device that you can use to access the internet. We will have a few available to use, but it will be easier if you have your own.
- **Crime Prevention** - # 1 Have a definition of "crime" and "crime prevention". Be prepared to discuss role and value of laws with regard to crime and crime prevention. # 2 Prepare a journal from various sources that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community. # 4 Do each (a & b) and discuss with the counselor and group what you learned. # 6 Do one and bring the poster or PSA to the counselor. # 7 Do one and prepare to discuss your experience. # 9d Choose a career in crime prevention and prepare to discuss its needed level of education and responsibilities. Be ready to tell why the positions
- **Communication** - 2A, 4, 5, 7(choose one), 8. Have speech for 3 prepared
- **Environmental Science** - 3f 1 or 2
- **Family Life 1** - 3-6. #6a is a family meeting. For 6A, please contact the counselor before holding the meeting. Email: astridwork@yahoo.com; phone: **209-834-1453**. ****YOU MUST BRING WORKSHEETS****
- **First Aid** - Must have scout handbook showing First Aid req signed off through 1st Class, Req 5 - bring your first aid kit for review
- **Fly Fishing** - Req 10 or do later and complete
- **Personal Fitness** - 1a, 1b, 7, 8
- **Personal Management** - 1a,b,c, 2, 8c,d
- **Photography** - 4, 5, 6, 7 - Must have **camera** (not phone), Have actual MB Pamphlet "Not off internet" Contact Counselor in advance if any questions. Contact the counselor after registering at **559-362-5792**
- **Programming** - Must have earned your Cyber Chip for your current age
- **Snow Sports** - This MB may have added cost of equipment rental and lift ticket. If you have video showing your experience and that demonstrates the required skills, bring it with you and be prepared to show it to the Counselor; or, there will be a field trip scheduled at a later date to complete the skiing or snowboarding requirements. This MB class is not for beginners—it is intended for those who already know how to ski or ride a snowboard. You must be able to ski or ride at an intermediate level to complete this merit badge.
- **Stamp Collecting** - #7 - choose 2 of the 6 options to complete BEFORE coming to the midway, Once registered contact : jennilong@sbcglobal.net, and bring \$5 cover materials costs (there will be items "raffled" off during the class)
- **Textile** - *None*

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does my Scout need to bring with him to the Extravaganza?

A: Please see the first page of the flyer. Things to bring are the MB worksheets, pens/pencils, water bottle, **SIGNED** blue cards, receipt with QR barcode to scan at entrance and any materials required for the classes your Scout will be taking.

Q: I didn't get a receipt when I registered online, so what should be brought?

A: You need to contact the Scout office to get a copy of your receipt. If you do not bring proof of payment and we cannot verify payment was made, your Scout will NOT be allowed to attend classes.

Q: Where do I get the blue cards from?

A: They can be purchased from the Scout Shops. Typically Scoutmasters have supplies of these as well. The event organizers will NOT have extra blue cards on the day of the event.

Q: What needs to be filled out on the blue cards?

A: Please see your Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair for help with this.

Q: Do we really have to do the pre-reqs?

A: Only if you want to get as much done as possible by the day of the event. Some classes also REQUIRE that the pre-reqs be done in order to take the class. Failure to do the pre-reqs will most likely result in a partial.

Q: My Scout didn't do the pre-reqs. Can he still finish the badge that day?

A: Most likely he will not be able to finish, but this will need to be worked out with the counselor the day of the Extravaganza.

Q: My Scout did the pre-reqs and attended the class, but still got a partial.

A: Not all merit badges can be completed with pre-reqs and class attendance. It could also be that the instructor felt your Scout did not meet the requirements. Your Scout should contact the instructor after the event to clarify any missing requirements.

Q: My Scout lost his blue card. What can be done?

A: Please contact the event organizers to get the contact information for the instructor, then have your Scout work with the instructor to get a replacement card completed.

Q: Why are classes full? Can't you offer more classes?

A: The classes we offer are made possible through the kind effort of our excellent instructors. We are limited by space in the building and willing instructors. If you would like to help, the organizers are always looking to offer different badges!

Q: Why don't you get a bigger facility if you need more room?

A: The LDS churches kindly allow our events to be held at no cost. In order to keep prices as low as possible, we utilize these facilities. The Summer Midway is offered in Manteca, so we are offering the Winter Extravaganza in Turlock to keep it closer to the District members farther south. If you know of an alternative location, please contact the event organizers!

Q: I would like to help out with the event. What can I do?

A: We are always looking for help! Please contact the event organizers to see where you can help.

Q: Why are there so many pre-reqs?

A: Many of the requirements simply cannot be completed in a classroom environment or within the time frame for the class. It may take other visits to a counselor to complete the badge after the event.

Q: We need to finish some requirements, but the counselor lives too far away.

A: Check with the counselor as some would be willing to complete the requirements over the phone, via Skype or email. Otherwise, check with your Scoutmaster to see if there is a local counselor for the badge that can finish up the requirements.

Q: Why are some classes longer than others, i.e. take up multiple sessions?

A: Some classes have materials and activities that take longer than 2 hours. The counselor must also sit down with each Scout to review the requirements, so this can take time.

Q: I had problems with the registration online. Who do I contact?

A: Please contact the Scout office for assistance.

Q: What does the event fee cover?

A: The fee covers the cost of food and some basic supplies needed to run the event.

Q: Why do some classes have an additional fee?

A: Some classes require materials that must be purchased and are not covered by the low event fee that is charged.

Q: Why don't you offer the (insert merit badge here) badge?

A: The classes offered are determined by the space of the event facilities and having willing instructors. Some badges also do not lend themselves to a single day event.

Q: I don't understand the pre-req for one or more of the merit badges.

A: Take a look at the requirements for the badge at www.meritbadge.org. If you still have questions, consider purchasing the merit badge book. If all else fails, contact the instructor or the event organizers. We want the youth to be as successful as possible and it is necessary for them to "Be Prepared" and not just presenting themselves.

Q: Why aren't there waitlists for classes?

A: Waitlists usually cause more frustrations than solutions.

Q: I registered for classes but need to make changes.

A: You should be able to log back in and make changes. If you have problems, please contact the Scout office for assistance.

Q: The class I want is not showing as available, but the schedule shows it is offered.

A: The online registration software removes classes from the schedule when they are filled to capacity.

Q: Can my son take just one or two classes?

A: Yes; please be aware that we are not able to watch Scouts who are not in classes. An adult must be present to either pick up the Scout or be responsible for them during any class period in which they are not participating. If a Scout is signed up for a class and chooses not to attend, an adult will need to come to either pick up the Scout or be with him until the end of the event or his next class begins. Scouts who refuse to attend their assigned class will have a leader or parent called to pick them up. The cost will remain the same, regardless of the number of classes taken or if the meal is eaten.

Q: Do I need to pack a lunch for my Scout?

A: Lunch is provided but if your Scout has any special dietary needs you should send him with his own food. Because of limited resources and staffing, we're not able to offer any special dietary alternate meals.

American Red Cross Certification
Adult and Pediatric
First Aid, CPR, AED



**American
Red Cross**

What?: Red Cross Certification Class for Adult and Pediatric First Aid, CPR, and AED

Where?: The February 2nd Meritbadge Midway in Turlock

Who?: Adults and Youth 13 years of age or older. Limited to 20 students.

When?: Session 1 and 2 at the February Meritbadge Midway.

Cost?: **\$50** includes 2 year certification, handout, and materials.

Payment (cash, check, or PayPal) can be collected at the class. For other arrangements, please contact Paul Acosta. Please make checks out to either Paul Acosta or Troop 423.

If you have any questions you can contact Paul Acosta@
pacosta22@outlook.com

A detailed building map will be available the morning of the Extravaganza upon check-in.

