

2019 Merit Badge College & University of Scouting

Cypress District



Southeast Louisiana Council

Saturday, January 19, 2018

Clearwood Junior High School, Slidell, Louisiana



Letter from the District Commissioner

Dear Scouters, Adult Leaders, Parents and Friends of Scouting,

The Cypress District of the Southeast Louisiana Council is excited to be hosting a Merit Badge College for the third consecutive year! Attendance increased last year and we look forward to another great day this year! Our college is open to all scouts regardless of their home district or council.

We are offering scouts 27 merit badge choices this year including four Eagle Scout required merit badges. Our intent is for the scouts to be able to leave the Merit Badge College with completed merit badges. In some cases, this requires advance work by the scout. The pre-requisites are listed in this Leader Guide on pages 6 and 7. Please be sure to follow the pre-requisite requirements. We found that very few scouts who left the 2017 and 2018 Merit Badge Colleges with only partially completed merit badges actually followed up with the college's merit badge counselor.

Thanks for your dedication to scouting and we look forward to seeing you at the 2019 Cypress District Merit Badge College and University of Scouting!

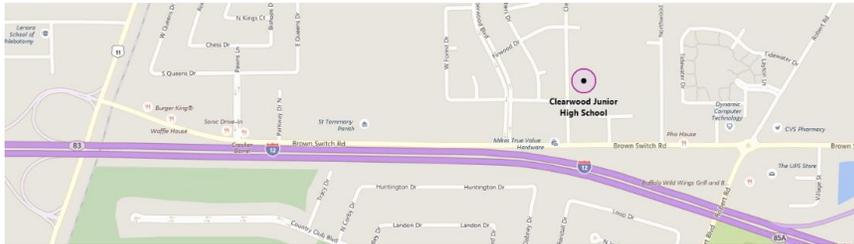
Yours in Scouting,
Ron Bald
(985) 774-5089



GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Clearwood Jr High School
130 Clearwood Drive
Slidell, LA 70458



The school is located off of Brownsitch Road which serves as a frontage road for I-12 West. If coming from the Interstate, take Exit 83. From I-12 East, exit and turn left at the traffic light on Highway 11, go under the Interstate and turn right at the traffic light and go over the railroad tracks. This is Brownsitch Road. From I-12 West, you will exit to the traffic light at Brownsitch Road. Go straight, cross the railroad tracks, and you are on Brownsitch Road.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING FEES

Scout Fees

Early Bird - \$10 per scout (Early Bird pricing is good through Friday, January 11, 2019)

Regular Registration - \$15 per scout (On or after Saturday, January 12, 2019)

Scouts are expected to obtain and read the Merit Badge pamphlet (the book) for each Merit Badge Course they are taking at the Merit Badge College.

Adult Fees

Adults who are not teaching a Merit Badge but wish to eat lunch are required to register. The cost is \$5 per adult.

Day of Event Registration is allowed. However, merit badge choices may be limited.

What's Included in the Fees:

Entrance to the event, all costs associated with the venue, and lunch. Lunch will include pizza, chips, a soft drink, and dessert.



Payment of Fees:

All fees must be paid online via Doubleknot through the Southeast Louisiana Council website. The direct link to the Merit Badge College registration page is www.bsa-selacouncil.org/cmbc.

Transfer of Paid Fees:

Fees paid through Doubleknot by one scout or adult may be transferred to another scout or adult. The transfer would include the Class Schedule. The Scoutmaster for each scout or adult involved in the transfer must agree in writing to the transfer. The writing is encouraged to be in e-mail to cypressdistrictcommissioner@gmail.com.

Changing Merit Badge College / University of Scouting Courses:

Scouts and Scouters may opt to change their course selections through Doubleknot provided there is availability. Changes for Session 1 must be completed prior to 8:00 am on the day of the event; changes for Session 2 must be completed prior to 1:00 pm on the day of the event.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING SCHEDULE:

Time	Activity	Special Information
7:30 - 8:00	Registration (In Cafeteria)	Health Form Part A and Part B are required to be on site for every participant and must be presented at registration
8:00-8:30	Opening ceremony/remarks (In Gym)	Troops are encouraged to bring their troop flag for the opening ceremony
8:30 - 12:00	Session 1	Merit Badge Counselors may take breaks as needed during the session
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (In Cafeteria)	Lunch will be served starting at 11:45 for classes that end early.
1:00 - 4:30	Session 2	Merit Badge Counselors may take breaks as needed during the session
4:30 - 5:00	Satisfaction survey and cleanup (In Gym)	



MERIT BADGE COLLEGE PROGRAM

Class sizes are limited to 10 scouts per class except as otherwise noted. Most classes will be conducted in a single 3 ½ hour session, however, there are three Eagle required merit badge courses which require the full 7 hours of instruction and will take up both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Pre-Requisites

Many of these merit badges have requirements that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. These requirements need to be completed prior to attending merit Badge College so that the scout can finish the merit badge at the College. Several of the Merit badges have requirements that need to be researched so that they can be discussed with the Merit Badge Counselor. Scoutmasters should encourage scouts to take advantage of the Winter break to complete all pre-requisites for their selected merit badges.

Merit Badge Results and Documentation

No later than January 31, 2019 merit badge results will be sent to the unit leaders. The documentation will show the requirements that the Scout completed. Courses will be shown as “COMPLETE” if the Scout completed all merit badge requirements to the satisfaction of the Merit Badge Counselor or “PARTIAL” if there are requirements that were not completed. “PARTIAL” reports will include the requirements that were completed during the Merit Badge College.

Unit leaders are responsible for checking the documentation and ensuring course completion information has been provided for each Scout and Scouter. Please notify the Cypress District staff of any errors on the unit report by e-mail to cypressdistrictcommissioner@yahoo.com.

It is the unit’s responsibility to have an authorized leader sign for a Scout’s completion of any requirements completed prior to or after the Merit Badge College. For example, Citizenship in the World requirement 7.d, “Attend a world Scout jamboree,” cannot be done during the Merit Badge College. Should the Scout elect to complete this requirement, the unit would need to have an authorized leader mark the completion status for the troop’s records.



CLASS SCHEDULE

** REQUIRED FOR EAGLE SCOUT*

(Please check the Doubleknot registration page for the most current version)

		Session 1 (Morning) 8:30 - 12:00		Session 2 (Afternoon) 1:00 - 4:30
Merit Badge College Courses		* Citizenship in the World (Requires both sessions) <i>Mr. Ben Clifton</i>		* Citizenship in the World (Carry over from Session 1) <i>Mr. Ben Clifton</i>
		* Emergency Preparation (Requires both sessions) <i>Ms. Brenda Berres</i>		* Emergency Preparation (Carry over from Session 1) <i>Ms. Brenda Berres</i>
		* Sustainability (Requires both sessions) <i>Mr. Jim Stevenson</i>		* Sustainability (Carry over from Session 1) <i>Mr. Jim Stevenson</i>
		Automotive Maintenance <i>Mr. Dale Burks</i>		* Citizenship in the Nation <i>Ms. Hope Bald</i>
		Aviation <i>Mr. Scott Lindsley</i>		Crime Prevention and Fingerprinting (2 merit badges) <i>Mr. Ron Bald</i>
		Dentistry <i>Dr. David Hildebrandt</i>		Fish & Wildlife Management <i>Mr. Dale Burks</i>
		Disabilities Awareness <i>Ms. Suzette Roberts</i>		Geology <i>Ms. Rebecca Webb</i>
		Engineering and Composite Materials (2 merit badges) <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>	Lunch	Medicine <i>Ms. Suzette Roberts</i>
		Genealogy <i>Ms. Gina Nash</i>		Plumbing (6 scouts max) <i>Mr. Michael Campbell</i>
		Geology <i>Ms. Rebecca Webb</i>		Programming <i>Dr. Scott Smith</i>
		Law <i>Mr. Ron Bald</i>		Public Speaking <i>Mr. Ken Tillman</i>
		Oceanography <i>Dr. Scott Smith</i>		Pulp and Paper and Soil & Water Conservation (2 merit badges) <i>Ms. Gina Nash</i>
		Plumbing (6 scouts max) <i>Mr. Michael Campbell</i>		Space Exploration <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>
		Public Speaking <i>Mr. Ken Tillman</i>		Safety <i>Mr. Tony Evett</i>
		Safety <i>Mr. Tony Evett</i>		Traffic Safety <i>Mr. Dave Wilkinson</i>
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Merit Badge Information and Pre-Requisites

Merit Badge	Target Audience (All Scouts Unless Stated Otherwise)	Pre-Requisites
Automotive Maintenance		None
Aviation		None, but MB will not be completed at Merit Badge College
* Citizenship in the Nation	Limited to 2 nd Class and above who are at least 13 years old	Research Requirement 6 prior to Merit Badge College Requirements 3 and 8 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
* Citizenship in the World	Limited to 1 st Class and above who are at least 14 years old	Research Requirements 4a and 4c prior to Merit Badge College Requirement 7 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Composite Materials		Using the Internet, print out one (1) MSDS for any composite material and bring it to class
Crime Prevention		Requirements 2, 4, 5, and 7 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Dentistry		Requirements 3, 4c, and 6c should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Disabilities Awareness		Requirements 3, 4, and 5 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College.
* Emergency Preparedness	Limited to 1 st Class and above Recommend Scout already have First Aid Merit Badge	Requirements 2c, 6c, 7a, and 8b should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Engineering		Requirement 6 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Fingerprinting		None
Fish & Wildlife Management		None
Genealogy		None
Geology		None
Law		None



Merit Badge	Target Audience (All Scouts Unless Stated Otherwise)	Pre-Requisites
Medicine		Research Requirements 1 and 4 prior to Merit Badge College Requirement 10 should be completed outside of Merit Badge College
Oceanography		None
Plumbing		Research Requirements 1a, 1b, and 1c prior to Merit Badge College
Programming		None
Public Speaking		Research parliamentary procedure and rules of order prior to Merit Badge College Requirements 2 and 4 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Pulp and Paper		Requirements 6 and 7e should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Safety		None
Soil and Water Conservation		Requirement 8e should be completed prior to Merit Badge College (list 5 places)
Space Exploration		Requirement 7 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Sustainability		Requirement 1 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Traffic Safety		None
Veterinary Medicine		None



SCOUTMASTER MINUTE

- **Show Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law ... everyday!**

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy,
Loyal,
Helpful,
Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind,
Obedient,
Cheerful,
Thrifty,
Brave,
Clean,
and Reverent.

- Proper Scout behavior is expected. Each Scout represents the Boy Scouts of America, the Southeast Louisiana Council, and their Troop to the host school.
- We thank all of our Merit Badge Counselors, support staff, Adult Leaders, and Parents for everything they do to support Scouting and our Merit Badge College!
- Thank you, Scouts, for being engaged and pursuing your Scouting goals! We wish you great success in your scouting journey!