

# Cypress District



# Saturday, January 18, 2020



## **Clearwood Junior High School, Slidell, Louisiana**

### **Letter from the District Training Chair:**

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 fourth consecutive year! Attendance increased last year and we look forward to another great day this year.

We are offering scouts 26 merit badge choices this year including 6 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 7 and 8. Please be sure to follow the pre-requisite requirements. We found that very few scouts who left the 2019 Merit Badge College with only partially completed merit badges actually followed up with the college's merit badge counselor.

We are again offering adult leader training in conjunction with the Merit Badge College. This is a great way for leaders and parents to ensure their training is complete prior to rechartering. Any adult can attend the training – you don't have to be a registered leader to participate. Adult attendees will not be limited by position they hold within their unit – you can learn new things.

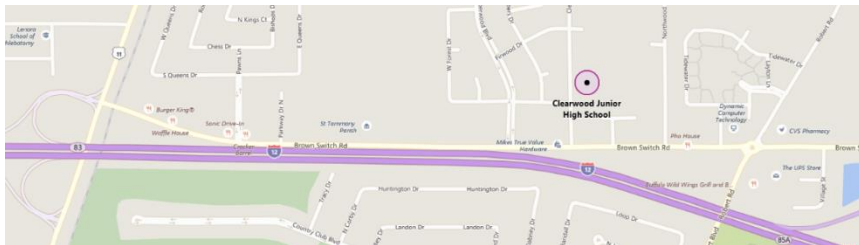
Thanks for your dedication to scouting and we look forward to seeing you at the 2020 Cypress District Merit Badge College and Adult Training!

Yours in Scouting,  
Harry Deimel  
(9504) 722-5234

## **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 - \$15 per scout (Early Bird DEADLINE is Friday, January 11, 2020)

Regular Registration - \$20 per scout (On or after Saturday, January 12, 2020)

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

### **Adult Fees**

Early Bird - \$5 per adult (Early Bird DEADLINE is Friday, January 11, 2020)

Regular Registration - \$10 per adult (On or after Saturday, January 12, 2020)

Day of Event Registration is allowed. However, merit badge and adult leader training choices may be limited.

### **What's Included in the Fees:**

Entrance to the event, all costs associated with the venue, a Merit Badge College patch, 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 [ADD THE LINK](#).

### 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](mailto:cypressdistrictcommissioner@gmail.com).

### Changing Merit Badge College / Adult Training 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
7:00 - 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 two 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, 2020 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 [deimelh@bellsouth.net](mailto:deimelh@bellsouth.net).

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.

If Scouts complete the Soil and Water Conservation merit badge they are on their way to earning the National Outdoor Badge for Conservation. It also counts towards the following Nova Awards: Let it grow, Splash, Harris Bronze Supernova, Edison Silver Supernova STEM.



## **UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING PROGRAM**

In addition to the youth program, there will be several opportunities for adults to obtain training. Any adult can sign up for these classes even if none of the scouts from their unit are attending the College. It is important that adults sign up for these classes through Doubleknot so that the instructor can prepare any supplies needed for the class. These classes will only be conducted during the afternoon session.

The Cypress District Advancement Chair will be providing training on the Path to Eagle Scout. This course is open to Star and Life Scouts and all adults. It will cover the Eagle Scout Application and the Eagle Scout project rules and requirements. Cypress District Star and Life Scouts will also have the opportunity to meet with the District Advancement Chair to discuss their project and application.





## CLASS SCHEDULE

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

Merit Badge College Courses	Session 1 (Morning) 8:30 - 12:00	Lunch	Session 2 (Afternoon) 1:00 - 4:30
	* 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>
	* Sustainability (Requires both sessions) <i>Mr. Jim Stevenson</i>		* Sustainability (Carry over from Session 1) <i>Mr. Jim Stevenson</i>
	* First Aid (Requires both sessions) <i>Mr. Barry Donewar</i>		* First Aid (Carry over from Session 1) <i>Mr. Barry Donewar</i>
	* Camping <i>Mr. William Baker</i>		* Citizenship in the Nation <i>Mr. Sandie Campbell</i>
	Automotive Maintenance <i>Mr. Dale Burks</i>		* Communication <i>Mr. Ken Tillman</i>
	Aviation <i>Mr. Scott Lindsly</i>		Fishing & Wildlife Management <i>Mr. Dale Burks</i>
	Dentistry <i>Dr. David Hildebrandt</i>		Crime Prevention and Fingerprinting (2 merit badges) <i>Mr. Tommy Gai</i>
	Disabilities Awareness <i>Ms. Suzette Roberts</i>		Geology <i>Ms. Gina Nash</i>
	Engineering and Composite Materials (2 merit badges) <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>		Medicine <i>Ms. Suzette Roberts</i>
	Fire Safety <i>Capt. Ronnie Brennan</i>		Veterinary Medicine <i>Dr. Blaine Firmin</i>
	Oceanography <i>Dr. Scott Smith</i>		Aviation <i>Dr. Scott Smith</i>
	Plumbing (6 scouts max) <i>Mr. Michael Campbell</i>		Plumbing (6 scouts max) <i>Mr. Michael Campbell</i>
	Pulp and Paper (2 merit badges) Soil and Water Conservation <i>Ms. Gina Nash</i>		Safety <i>Mr. Tony Evett</i>
	Safety <i>Mr. Tony Evett</i>		Space Exploration <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>
	Law <i>Mr. Tommy Gai</i>		Life to Eagle Scout (Non-Merit Badge Course) <i>Ms. Hope Bald</i>
	<b>* Required for Eagle Scout</b>		<b>* Required for Eagle Scout</b>



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Session 1 (Morning) 8:30 - 12:00			Session 2 (Afternoon) 1:00 - 4:30
University of Scouting Courses		Lunch	Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster <i>TBD</i>
			Cubmaster / Assistant Cubmaster <i>TBD</i>
			Troop / Pack Committee <i>TBD</i>
			Chartered Organization Representative <i>TBD</i>
			Understanding Venturing <i>TBD</i>
			The Path to Eagle Scout (Star & Life Scouts and Adults) <i>Ms. Hope Bald</i>

### Merit Badge Information and Pre-Requisites

Merit Badge	Target Audience (All Scouts Unless Stated Otherwise)	Pre-Requisites
* Citizenship in the Nation	Recommended for 1 <sup>st</sup> Class and above	Research Requirement 6 prior to Merit Badge College  Requirements 3 and 8 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
* Citizenship in the World	Recommended for 1 <sup>st</sup> Class and above	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.
Communication	Recommended for 1 <sup>st</sup> Class and above	Requirements 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Engineering		Requirement 6 should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
Medicine		Research Requirements 1 and 4 prior to Merit Badge College  Requirement 10 should be completed outside of Merit Badge College
Plumbing		Research Requirements 1a, 1b, and 1c prior to Merit Badge College
Pulp and Paper		Requirements 6 and 7e should be completed prior to Merit Badge College
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
Life to Eagle Scout	Star Scouts & Life Scouts only	
<b>If Merit Badge is not listed, there are no prerequisites</b>		



## **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 journey!