

2020 Merit Badge University Guide

## Three Rivers District



# Leader's Guide

September 12<sup>th</sup>

2020

BOTH Virtual

and

In-Person throughout The District

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**Date:**      September 12, 2020

**Hours:**      (A) 9am to 12noon & (B) 1pm to 4pm & (C) one PM class

**Locations:**      Various and Virtual  
COVID-19 allowed us the opportunity to take a different approach.

**Cost:**      \$7 per Scout

**Note:**      In order to complete the badges each Scout must complete the prerequisites for the badge before attending the session.

**Registration:** [Scoutingevents/596.com](https://scoutingevents/596.com) This event is limited to Scouts BSA and Venturing or Sea Scouts that require merit badges for advancement. This is not a Cub Scout event.

*There will be NO WALK-INS, Registration is required.*

**Refunds:**      There are no refunds. The cost to process exceeds the event cost.

**COVID-19:** For those with in-person sessions, please do not attend if you are or have been feeling sick, or if someone in your household is sick or is awaiting test results or is in quarantine. Each person **MUST** bring their own Face-Covering (mask). Face coverings must be worn when arriving, and when 6 feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained. Washing of hands is encouraged and when soap and water is not available, hand sanitizer should be used.

**Lunch:** Everyone is responsible for their own lunch. No refrigeration will be provided.

**Merit Badge Counselors:** We are still accepting MBC's to join us. Contact the event Chair with your details and we will increase the opportunities for our Scouts.

**Parents / Drivers:** Parents and drivers are welcome to stay and provide additional two deep leadership. Please be respectful of the MBC's lesson plan. Communicate with them during a break. If an issue arises, please contact the DE.

**MB Prerequisites:** The Merit Badge chart has a list of requirements that the Counselors are asking to have done prior to the start of the session. These are often a basis for what else will be covered. When requirements are not completed, the merit badge is incomplete.

### **In-Person Sessions**

We are offering live sessions at remote locations for different badges. It is the responsibility of the Scout to find transportation to and from the location. Due to the current health crisis there will be **NO WALK INS** for these badges. Scouts will be required to wear face coverings when physical distancing of 6 feet or more is not possible. The Scouts will need to bring their own

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water bottle and lunch and camp chair. Scouts need to arrive in Field Uniform, often referred to as Class A. If available, Scouts may sign up for multiple Merit badges at their locations.

### **Virtual Sessions**

We will be offering several virtual merit badge sessions using the platform set up by the Merit Badge Counselor. These links will be emailed via the Black Pug system, the night prior to the event. Check your Spam folder if you do not see it. Always try clicking the web link first, only key in the pass-code and session if the link fails. If you need assistance at the start of the event, call the DE.

Scouts may need to be prepared to do research on the internet during these sessions in order to complete the badges. It may be best to login using a laptop or desktop computer in order to best facilitate this.

**Virtual Note:** Scouts MUST use their real name on the screen, no nicknames. Scouts must have their camera turn ON so that the MBC can watch for participation. Scouts are expected to interact and answer the MBC. Failure to comply, the MBC may remove the Scout from the class and will not mark requirements that were not done by the Scout.

**Communication:** Scouts needing to communicate with their Merit Badge Counselors, need to have a second adult, which can be their parent, on the phone, text, or email. If the Scout forgets, the MBC must include a second adult on the reply.

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	<b>Method</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Size</b>
American Heritage	Virtual	Sessions A & B	Visit American Heritage Site, 3c	10
Astronomy	Nike Park, Smithfield	Evening	5a & b, 6a & b, 9	12
Auto Maintenance	Izzak Walton League	Sessions A & B	11, 12, print worksheets	6
Citizenship in the Nation	Virtual	Session A	2a-c, 3	15
Citizenship in the Nation	Izzak Walton League	All Day	2d, 3, 6 and Email MBC with Speech outline	15
Citizenship in the World	Great Bridge Lock Park	Session A & B		15
Citizenship in the World	4126 Sorrento Drive Chesapeake 23321	Session A	7	10
Communications	Virtual	All Day	1, 5, 8, 9	15
Cooking	70 Morris St Portsmouth 23702	All Day	4	12
First Aid	Bridge Church 1244 Executive Blvd Chesapeake 23320	All Day	5a	15
Metalworking / Blacksmithing	TBA	All Day		8
Personal Fitness	4126 Sorrento Drive Chesapeake 23321	Session B		10
Personal Management	Izzak Walton League	Session A	2, 8, 9	10
Photography	Great Bridge Lock Park	Session A & B	1b, 8 and Review 2a, 2g Session starts 8:30am	12
Radio	70 Morris St. Portsmouth 23702	All Day		12