



# LEWIS AND CLARK DISTRICT



**April 13-15, 2018**

# LEADER'S GUIDE

TUNNEL MILL SCOUT RESERVATION  
3913 TUNNEL MILL ROAD  
CHARLESTOWN, INDIANA 47111



The Lewis and Clark Merit Badge Weekend offers Scouts the opportunity to earn merit badges that are not ordinarily offered during other merit badge fairs. Set in beautiful Tunnel Mill Scout Reservation, this weekend is a fantastic chance for your newly crossed Scouts to experience the patrol method of camping, as well as earn their first merit badges. More experienced Scouts get a chance to teach AND learn. Hopefully your troop enjoys the experience and makes this annual event a part of the Troop calendar.

#### **WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:**

- Merit badge classes are going to fill up fast and are on a first come, first served registration basis. Register your unit early!
- All Scouts **MUST** camp with a Troop. Any lone Scout or extremely small groups may be joined with other Troops for the weekend.
- Troops are responsible for feeding and sheltering the Scouts that camp with them.
- Each Scout **MUST** have a properly filled out “Blue Card” and signed by their Scoutmaster **BEFORE** coming to camp! Blue cards will be available for purchase at \$1.00 per card.
- Each Scout should bring his merit badge worksheet to class.
- Each merit badge will have a set of “pre-reqs” that must be accomplished before the Merit Badge can be marked as “Earned”. This information will be provided well in advance of the weekend.
- Scouts may be responsible for materials required for the merit badge. It is advised that Scouts bring a notebook and pen/pencil for notetaking. Further information will be provided well in advance of the weekend.
- Camp does not open until 6:00 PM on Friday, so **no one should arrive at camp before 6:00PM on Friday**. All units must **INDIVIDUALLY** check out and be gone before 11:00AM on Sunday.
- Every unit **MUST** have the campsite inspected by camp staff **BEFORE** leaving camp.
- All registration forms need to be sent to the Sam Swope Scout Center **AND** to Lewis and Clark Merit Badge Weekend Director Rick Theobald.
- The price will be \$10.00 per person before March 30, 2018 and will be \$15.00 per person after that date. **Registration fees should be sent to the Sam Swope Scout Center.**
- Registration and fees are due **NO LATER THAN April 6, 2018**.

#### **Send all reservations to:**

Sam Swope Scout Center

Attn: Lauren Kern

12001 Sycamore Station Place

Louisville, KY 40299

Rick Theobald

rsber@ix.netcom.com

**AND TO**

#### **Questions or concerns may be directed to:**

Rick Theobald

Lewis and Clark Merit Badge Weekend Director

[rsber@ixnetcom.com](mailto:rsber@ixnetcom.com)

# CHIEF OLD OX MERIT BADGE WEEKEND

April 13-15, 2018

## REGISTRATION FORM

This form must be filled out completely and turned in to the Sam Swope Scout Center AND Rick Theobald no later than April 6, 2018.

UNIT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUT MASTER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(COUNSELORS WILL BE EMAILING PREREQUISITIES, RESTRICTIONS, AND MATERIALS LIST)

EVENT LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>ND</sup> LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. YOUTH: \_\_\_\_\_ NO. ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount paid:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs requirements:

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On the next page, fill out the form completely. Each Scout should list three choices, the first being the most desired, and the third the least. We will try to give everyone what they want, but the Scout may not get his first choice. Please note that some merit badges are half day classes.

## The Merit Badges we will be offering are as follows:

- (A) FORESTRY
- (B) PIONEERING
- (C) SEARCH AND RESCUE
- (D) SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND CODES
- (E) AMERICAN HERITAGE
- (F) LEATHERWORK (HALF DAY)
- (G) EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
- (H) SCOUTING HERITAGE
- (I) DISABILITIES AWARENESS (HALF DAY- AM ONLY)
- (J) CAMPING
- (K) COOKING



## **MERIT BADGE DESCRIPTIONS**

**CAMPING** - Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too. This is a partial merit badge. Pre/post-reqs: 4b, 5e, 8c, 8d, 9a, 9b, 9c.

**COOKING** - The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available. This will be a partial merit badge. Prerequisites: 2a, 7.

**FORESTRY** - In working through the Forestry merit badge requirements, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover some of the resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests. At this time this merit badge will be taught in full.

**SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)** – Although the average Boy Scout isn't qualified to lead a full-fledged search-and-rescue mission, they can Be Prepared to help out when needed. The SAR merit badge will cover skills like working around specialized teams such as aircraft, canine, and aquatic rescue teams, and identifying differences between search and rescue environments, such as coastal, wilderness, rural, and urban landscapes. At this time this merit badge will be taught in full.

**NUCLEAR SCIENCE**-Nuclear science gives us a simple explanation of the natural world. The ultimate goal of nuclear science is to find out if there is one fundamental rule that explains how matter and forces interact. Earning the Nuclear Science merit badge is a chance for Scouts to learn about this exciting field at the cutting edge of science today. This is a full merit badge. **Scouts must be 13 and First Class.** (This class is limited to 10 Scouts)

**PIONEERING**-Pioneering—the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars—is among the oldest of Scouting's skills. Practicing rope use and completing projects with lashings also allow Scouts to connect with past generations, ancestors who used many of these skills as they sailed the open seas and lived in America's forests and prairies. Prerequisites: 1.

**SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND CODES**-American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used language in the United States. The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications. Did you know that some of these have even saved people's lives?

**AMERICAN HERITAGE**- Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has led to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American. Prerequisites: 3C.

**SCOUTING HERITAGE**- Scouts will learn about Scouting History from its beginning in England to local Scouting. Prerequisites: Bring your patch collection, 5- interview 2 people from your troop (one past and one present).

**LEATHERWORK**-Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding, and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond. This merit badge will be taught in full.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**- Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency. Scouts should have earned the First Aid merit badge before attempting Emergency Preparedness. Prerequisites: 1, 2C, 7A, and 8B.

**DISABILITIES AWARENESS**- Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs. Prerequisites: 2.