

Central NC Council NESA Merit Badge Mania



2023 Leader's Guide

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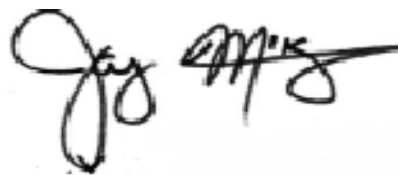
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Dear Leaders and Participants-

Thank you for granting us the opportunity to host your Scouts for a fun-filled day at Camp John J. Barnhardt! This year's NESAs Merit Badge Mania will provide 11 different, Eagle Scout required merit badge options for Scouts to take with the hopes of either completing or getting significant work done toward their completion! Most of the merit badge offerings will have requirement/s that cannot be completed in one day, and this guide will provide those requirement/s so that Scouts can bring proof of their completion prior to if they so choose. All of the instructors are registered Scouters that have taken Merit Badge Counselor training online and have experience offering the badges that your Scouts will be taking. This will be time well spent!

We truly appreciate your willingness to attend and value any feedback you would like to provide at the conclusion of the event. Please feel free to send any thoughts, considerations, ideas, impressions, etc. to jmckinne12@gmail.com.

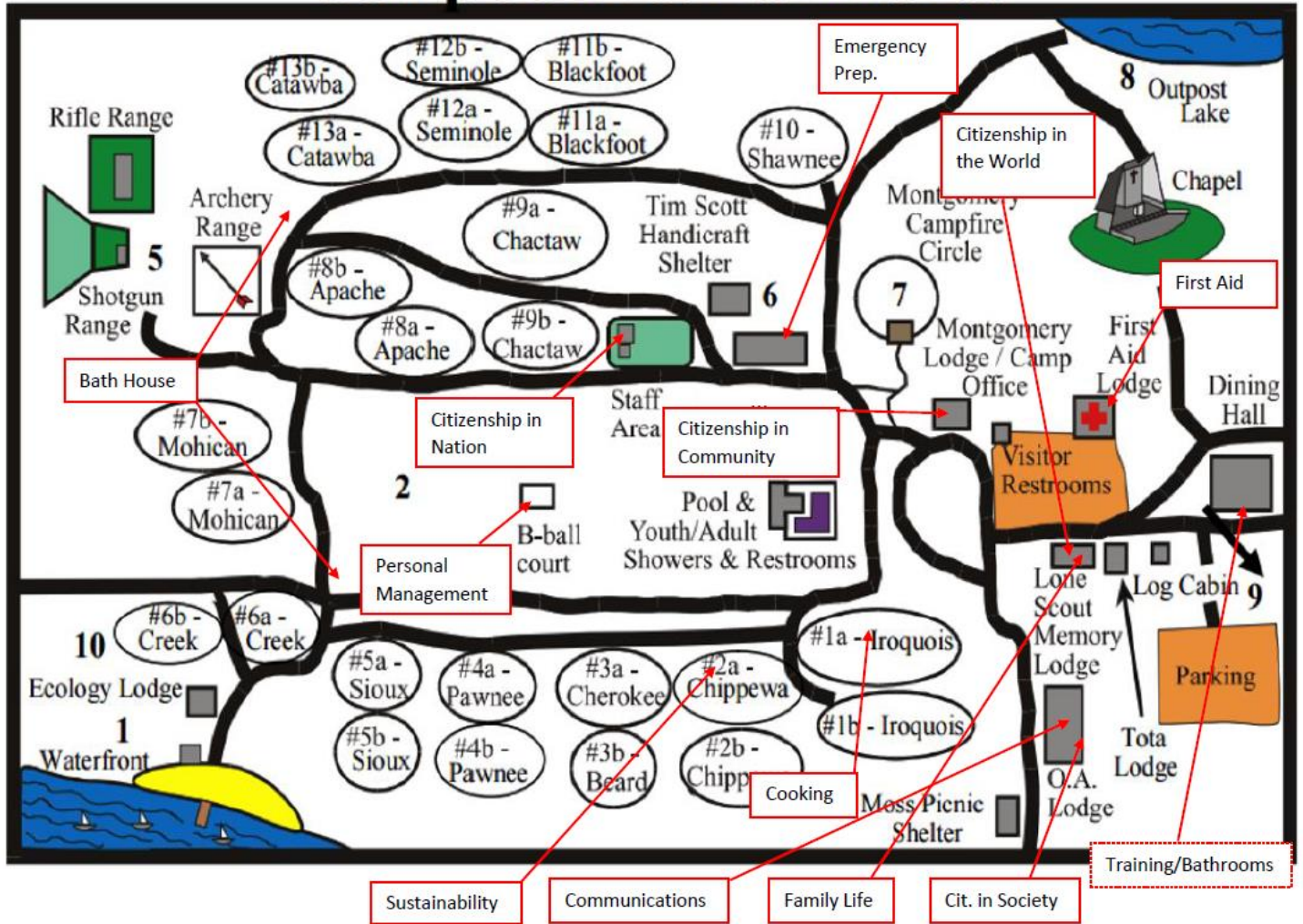
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Yours in Scouting,
Jay McKinney
NESAs Chairman
Central NC Council, BSA

Camp Map

Site Could Change

Camp John J. Barnhardt



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Schedule:

| Time | Event | Location |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| 7:45-9:15 | Check-in | Dining Hall |
| 9:00-12:00 | MB Instruction | Various sites throughout camp |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch | Dining Hall |
| 1:00-Finished | MB Instruction | Various sites throughout camp |

Safety Considerations

Youth Protection Training: All Registered Leaders who will be in attendance are expected to be current with Youth Protection training. Keeping Scouts safe is of utmost importance to the volunteers and Professional Staff of the Central NC Council as well as to the Boy Scouts of America. All unit leaders of participating units will ensure that this requirement is met prior to attending the event.

Inclement Weather: As mentioned before, Merit Badges will be offered outside under shelters so there really shouldn't be too much of an issue should it rain. As it will still be wintertime, Scouts should wear clothing that would enable them to sustain training in an outdoor environment for 6-7 hours.

Wildlife: There are various wildlife throughout the area to include squirrels, foxes, snakes, bears, spiders, rabbits, skunks, possum, fire ants, etc. The Golden Rule applies here, if you don't want to be touched by them, don't touch them!

Driving Through Camp: This is a one-day event with Scouts and Scouters participating all throughout camp. The only vehicles that should be driving through camp are the Camp Ranger and Merit Badge Counselors getting to their training site (as needed). Registrants will need to park in the parking lot near the dining hall and arrive with enough time to get to their MB class location. Exceptions may be made for Scout drop off if there are disabilities that need to be accommodated. Kyle Camp will be available at the registration booth in the Dining Hall to help support these requests.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

TARGET AUDIENCE: NESAs Merit Badge Mania is designed to offer the opportunity for Scouts BSA Scouts to work on merit badges specifically required to earn the Eagle Scout rank. It has the secondary benefit of being located at Camp Barnhardt and can accommodate units looking to camp for the weekend (further helping with Requirement/s for Camping Merit Badge!).

Cost: \$25 per Scout.

Check-in Procedures: Check-in on Saturday morning will go from 7:45-9:15 am at the Dining Hall (see map).

Meal Considerations: Participants need to pack their own lunch/snacks and bring a water source. There are meal options in the Richfield community nearby that include Bojangles, Wendy's and McDonald's amongst other things.

Weather: Weather in Stanly County, NC historically ranges from the low 40's at night into the mid 60's during the day with slight participation considerations. Pack accordingly and specifically for specific MBs such as Personal Fitness and hiking which will include physical activity.

Camp Chairs/Admin needs: Participants are strongly encouraged to bring camp chairs, writing pens, notebooks etc.

On-Site Camping: Units wishing to camp for the weekend need to coordinate with Jesse Crump ahead of time.

Time Expectations: All merit badge offerings with the exception of Personal Fitness and Hiking will be offered in ½ day increments so most participating Scouts should expect to get started on 2 distinct merit badges. Those who may be coming for the day only and are taking one of the few, day long merit badges so plan to have rides mid afternoon and communicate with assigned MB counselors listed above ahead of time so that transportation considerations can be properly accounted for.

Program Notes

Merit Badge Applications (Blue Cards): Unit Leaders need to ensure that the Scouts bring their own blue cards to their merit badge class.

Merit Badge Offerings/Perquisite Lists: The following list are MB's that will be offered with some suggested prerequisites that Scouts can bring proof of completion for. If a Scout chooses to bring in a prerequisite, ensure that it is as indisputable as possible; photos of trips, letters from leaders/teachers attesting to completion, or the actual thing the requirement is looking for i.e. journals of thoughts, talks from history to discuss, etc. More than just telling a story on the spot. The contact list for each Merit Badge Counselor has been provided so please feel free to engage them if you have any questions or needs ahead of time. The below merit badges are all hyperlinked so you can click on the merit badge name to access it's requirements.

- [Citizenship In the Community](#)
 - Location: Montgomery Lodge
 - Requirement/s: 3, 7
- [Citizenship in the Nation](#)
 - Location: Upstairs in the Staff Lodge
 - Requirement/s: 2,3,6, 8
- [Citizenship in Society](#): Max of 5 Scouts for this offering as it is designed for small group work.
 - Location: Porch of the OA Lodge
 - Requirement/s: 6a, 6b, 7a
- [Citizenship in the World](#)
 - Location: Big Room in the Lone Scout Lodge
 - Requirement/s: 7

- [Communications](#)
 - Location: OA Lodge
 - Requirement/s: 4, 5, 7, 8
- [Cooking](#)
 - Location: Shelter, Campsite 1
 - Requirement/s: 4
- [Emergency Preparedness](#)
 - Location: Pavilion
 - Requirement/s: 2c, 7
- [Family Life](#)
 - Location: Lone Scout Museum (small room in Lone Scout)
 - Requirement/s: 3,4,5
- [First Aid](#)
 - Location: First Aid Lodge
 - Requirement/s: N/A
- [Personal Management](#)
 - Shelter by the Basketball Court
 - Requirement: 2
- [Sustainability](#)
 - Location: Shelter, Campsite 2
 - Requirement 2: Water: 2a, Food: 2a, Community: 2a/c, Energy B, Stuff, A or B

Without bringing in pre-requisite work, these merit badges will be started but not completed. Scouts are encouraged to continue to work with the merit badge counselor that facilitated their course via phone calls, zooms and other communication methods until completion.