GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MERIT BADGE MIDWAY AND PREREQUISITES (HOMEWORK) THAT SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE MIDWAY TO GET SIGNED OFF ON THE MERIT BADGE THAT DAY

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All Scouts attending Merit Badge Midway classes are expected to do the following:

1) You need to make sure you have read in full the entire *CURRENT* version of the Merit Badge Book for the class or classes you are taking. Make sure you are not using an out of date book. Go to this link that will take you to a website that lists all current badges and the current requirements:

http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mbindex.asp

For all badges being offered we are using the requirements as stated in the 2012 Boy Scout Requirements book.

2) YOU, *THE SCOUT* ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLETED ANY PREREQUISITES (HOMEWORK) AS OUTLINED FURTHER BELOW FOR THE SPECIFIC CLASSES YOU ARE SIGNED UP FOR. YOU NEED TO BRING PROOF OF COMPLETION AND/OR BRING TO CLASS THE COMPLETED WORK TO SHOW TO THE COUNSELOR.

IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PREREQUISITES (HOMEWORK) THEN YOU, *THE SCOUT* SHOULD SEND AN EMAIL OR MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE COUNSELOR. THEY PROVIDED EITHER AN EMAIL ADDRESS AND/OR A PHONE NUMBER IN THEIR LISTING OF THE PRE-REQUISITES (HOMEWORK) THAT THEY EXPECT TO BE DONE BEFORE YOU SHOW UP IN CLASS.

SCOUTS NEED TO LEARN HOW TO HANDLE THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, LIKE CONTACTING COUNSELORS. ANY INQUIRIES TO THE COUNSELORS ARE TO BE COMPOSED (EMAILS) OR MADE (PHONE CALLS) BY *THE SCOUT*, NOT HIS PARENTS OR GUARDIAN.

If you email a counselor with questions or asking for clarification on something, to be in accordance with BSA and Pacific Skyline Council policy you MUST Cc the Merit Badge Midway Chair at pacskymidwaychair@gmail.com so that another adult scouter is copied. If you want to email pacskymidwaychair@gmail.com with questions about the midway, be sure to Cc one of your parents.

Below the statement of general information are the statements of what the various counselors that are conducting the merit badge classes at the Midway expect you to have completed before you arrive at the Midway. If you have any questions and need to contact the counselor, contact them directly if their contact information has been provided, otherwise direct all questions to pacskymidwaychair@gmail.com and they will be forwarded to the counselors for them to reply to you.

3) *There are some badges where a requirement may state you need to contact the counselor before you start work on that requirement. If you fail to contact the counselor and get something pre-approved as required and do unapproved work the counselor will have full discretion as to whether or not they will sign off on that particular requirement.*

4) Bring the merit badge book with you to the class.

5) Bring your blue merit badge cards that have been signed *in ink* by your unit leader (your admission ticket, so to speak). These cards should be filled out *in ink* with your name filled in at all applicable spaces, your unit number in all applicable spaces, the type of unit (Troop, Crew, Ship, etc.) in all applicable spaces, your District's name (Redwood, Discovery, Stanford), the Council's name (Pacific Skyline), your home address, etc. Print all of this information legibly *in ink.* Please, no cursive or script!

6) Be on time (a Scout is Courteous) for your class and *be at the right place.*

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> **Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness are being held at the Foster City Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 1000 Shell Blvd, Foster City. You will be in Foster City all day if you take First Aid or Emergency Preparedness.**
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> **All other Midway classes are being held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 975 Sneath Lane, San Bruno.**

Important note: Transportation between locations is not provided by the Council. If you have classes in more than one location, you will need to find your own transportation.

7) Wear your formal Field Uniform. Some troops still refer to this as a Class A uniform; however that is not an official BSA term. Check your Boy Scout Handbook to find out what this means if needed. If in the statement of prerequisites for a badge class you are taking the counselor says to bring something you can get dirt or paint or whatever on, make sure you bring such additional clothing.

8) Bring pens to take notes and take any tests or do other in class work.

9) Bring writing/note paper to take notes and/or do work in class.

10) Have a good attitude (a Scout is Cheerful).

11) Lunch will NOT be served at this midway. Scouts should bring their lunch.

COUNSELORS' STATEMENTS OF PREREQUISITES
(THIS IS YOUR HOMEWORK TO DO PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT MERIT BADGE MIDWAY)
NOTE: THESE PREREQUISITES ARE PRELIMINARY. THE FINAL PREREQUISITES WILL BE POSTED ON THE PACIFIC SKYLINE COUNCIL WEB PAGE BY DECEMBER 17, 2012

AMERICAN BUSINESS

1.) Read the American Business Merit Badge Pamphlet prior to the Midway and bring your copy to the class.
2.) Complete the following requirements and bring evidence to the class:
Requirement 2a
Requirement 3a
Requirement 3b
Requirement 5

A large portion of the Merit Badge class will be lecture, but there will be time set aside to review the completed "homework". All requirements for the American Business Merit Badge must be completed, and all work produced must be reviewed and accepted by the counselor in order to earn this merit badge.

AMERICAN CULTURES

In order to complete this merit badge on the day of the Midway, please come prepared.

Buy the Merit Badge Book "American Cultures", and read it prior to the Midway. It is ok to share with a buddy.

Prior to the Midway print out and complete the American Cultures worksheet from the meritbadge.org website at this link, http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/American-Cultures.pdf

Prior to the Midway choose THREE groups that have different racial, cultural, national, or ethnic backgrounds (ONE of these should be from your own background).

Prior to the Midway please work on Requirement One: choose 2 out of the 5 choices and complete these prior to the Midway (Read the full requirement; following is a phrase from each choice: a) attend a festival, b) go to a place of worship, c) talk with a person, d) learn a song, dance, poem, or e) go to a library or museum. Be ready to discuss your experiences and choices

Be prepared to discuss requirement 3 (the religious and social customs) of the 3 groups you have chosen.

AMERICAN HERITAGE

Read the American Heritage Merit Badge Pamphlet prior to the Midway and bring your copy or the online worksheet to the class. For requirement 1, write as required, at least 2 paragraphs, typed is preferred but hand-written is OK.

For requirements 2, 3, 4 and 5, select the required number of options (2 for #2, 2 for #3 and 1 for #5). Come prepared to discuss what you did with the class. That means have written notes and be ready to talk for 3 minutes for each option you do. Bring visual aids if you would like. Examples would be a family memento for 3c, a map for 4a, photos for 4b, books for 5b, or songs on an mp3 player for 5c. In the interests of time, rather than making an oral presentation, Scouts may type up two paragraphs on each option they complete to turn in at the beginning of class. Where the requirement states "With your counselor's approval," you may instead get your parent's approval.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointment are ONLY for when you believe you have fully completed ALL the requirements for a merit badge and just need to meet with a counselor to review them, talk about them, or be tested on them before getting the blue merit badge card signed off as a fully completed merit badge.

CHESS

This badge class is NOT for beginning chess players. You need to know all the basic moves in chess and be able to score a game of chess using algebraic scoring sheets.

Obtain and read the Chess merit badge book and bring it to the Midway with you.

Before the midway play you need to play at least 6 games of chess, be it in a youth tournament or against fellow scouts, and use algebraic scoring sheets and bring those with you to the midway.

CINEMATOGRAPHY

You have some work to do before the Midway!
Make sure that you read the Cinematography handbook and bring it to class.
Print-out and use the Cinematography worksheet at: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Cinematography.pdf

Complete these prerequisites prior to Midway:
Prerequisites:
-1. a. (Explain elements of a good motion picture)

-2. a. (Treatment) This can be brief - just present the idea for your film in words. Be specific – don't just say "This will be a film about a dog." Tell the story you hope to show.

-2. b. (Story Board) Use the worksheet or a separate sheet of paper. Sketches can be very rough. The idea is to show how you will use different camera angles and framing to tell the story. A good storyboard that shows a well thought-out movie will combine a range of shots: wide angle establishing shots, close-ups, cut-aways, etc.

-2. d. (Make a Film) This will require a lot of time and effort – be sure you start well in advance of the Midway. We will watch the films in class. Please try to keep your film to approximately 2 minutes! You don't need to include titles or special effects (unless you really want to!), but you do need to edit together different shots - just pointing a camera at something and letting it run is not sufficient. To do this, you'll probably need to figure out a computer-based video editing program. If this is your first time using such a program, spend some time experimenting before starting on your big project. Make sure you understand how the whole process works, from getting video in from the camera, to selecting, trimming, and assembling scenes, to burning the final video to DVD.

Regarding 3. a. or 3. b. If you wish to do 3(a), contact the counselor for pre-approval.

If doing 3. b. (the three main parts of a zoom lens and how they work), be sure to complete it in the worksheet.

To avoid getting a partial, be sure to bring:

1. Worksheet with prerequisites completed,
2. Your completed video projects (approx 2 minutes in length) on disc to show the class.

DVD format works best. Be sure to test it on a DVD player at home. We will have a computer in the classroom to view the films.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

Citizenship in the Community is being held at the Foster City Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 1000 Shell Blvd, Foster City.

Important note: Transportation between locations is not provided by the Council. If you have classes in more than one location, you will need to find your own transportation.

Some or all of Requirements #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 need to be completed before attending Midway if you plan on completing the badge that day. A link to a worksheet for completing this badge is attached. Please download it and print it out for your use at home. http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-Community.pdf

NOTE: If you fail to contact the counselor and get the pre-approvals as required prior to working on requirements 4b and 7 (also on #5 if you want to watch a different movie that is not on the pre-approved list shown below) the counselor will have full discretion as to whether or not they will sign off on those particular requirements. For requirement 5, the counselors have provided a pre-approved list. You only have to contact your counselor about #5 if you want to watch a different movie that is not on that list.

NOTE: Each scout (not a parent/guardian) must do his own contacting of the counselor about getting the pre-approvals on 4b and 7 (and also on #5 if you want to watch a different movie that is not on the pre-approved list). The counselors will not respond to emails making inquiries for more than one scout, i.e. each scout needs to send his own emails.

Requirement #2a: Bring a map of your community. Be prepared to point out the locations of the buildings listed in the merit badge requirements. (It would save time in class if you marked the map for these buildings and numbered each spot and then put a key on the map telling what each number represents):

- City Hall
- County Courthouse (if you live in the city that is the county seat)
- Public Works Department's facilities-These are often called corporation yards for where they keep heavy equipment. Would also include any water treatment facilities if located in the town where you live
- Fire station nearest your home
- Police station nearest your home
- Hospital nearest your home
- Any historical buildings in your town, or other points of interest.

Requirement #2b: Make and bring a "tree" type organization chart of the government of your city or for the state of California. The top level would be the public as the "electorate" and the next level down would be the city or town council or mayor (or governor if you chart the state organization). If you live in an incorporated city (examples being Foster City or San Mateo), or a township (examples being Atherton and Woodside) you should consider adding another layer that shows your city or town's major departments and the names of the department heads. For most cities or towns this would include departments for police, fire, library, public works, parks and recreation, city attorney, city clerk, finance, planning / inspection, etc.

You should definitely be aware prior to Midway of where you live, that is, is your home inside a city's or township's limits, or in an unincorporated area of your county? What is the name of your county of residence? This is because some cities, like Belmont and San Carlos, have a joint Fire District instead of their own separate Fire Departments (like Foster City or San Mateo). If you live outside an incorporated city or a township (that is, in what is called an unincorporated area of your county), you most of these type services through specially created districts that provide the various services. Examples would be Fire Protection Districts, Water Districts, Sanitation Districts (garbage hauling), Mosquito Abatement Districts, etc. Instead of a local police agency your Law Enforcement would be provided by the County Sheriff's Department. Even if you live in an incorporated city or a township, some of your services may not be provided by your city or town, but by a special purpose district. Be able to discuss which of the top positions of your local government and/or special districts are appointed and which are elected.

Requirement #3a: Attend a city or town council meeting or a school board meeting or municipal or county or state court session. Regarding court sessions, be advised that most criminal and family law court sessions do not allow minors present. It is recommended that you get to the meeting at least 15 minutes early. It is preferred that you wear your Class A uniform and recommended that you introduce yourself to dignitaries present (they will know you are at the meeting for this badge!). Take notes and bring a copy of the agenda and your notes from the meeting to Midway. Note: If the meeting is on a school night you may leave at 9 p.m. to go home and get some sleep. These meetings often go on until midnight!

Requirement #4b: Depending on the first letter of your last name, please contact the appropriate counselor to get pre-approval of who is an appropriate person to interview for this requirement. Please note you also need a parent or guardian to approve also. Interview this person. You should wear your Class A uniform during the interview. Take notes of meeting discussion. Bring these notes to the midway.

Requirement #5: For this requirement, the three counselors teaching this badge have preapproved the following movies as having themes relating to Citizenship in the Community:

Freedom Writers	Stand and Deliver	Hoot	Erin Brockovich
Pay It Forward	We are Marshall	Take the Lead	

<u>If you wish to watch a different movie that is not on the above pre-approved list, then you must contact the counselor to get pre-approval of the movie you want to watch.</u>

Requirement #6: Be prepared to discuss the public services provided in your community. Brainstorm. Include all services included in your government chart (item #2) plus many more (roads, sewer, fire, parks and recreation, law enforcement, etc.)

Requirement #7: ***<u>You must contact the counselor and you must get their pre-approval of the charitable organization you have chosen and the volunteer project you will be working on.</u>***

If you fail to get the pre-approval and do volunteer work that the counselor deems as not counting as such, you won't get signed off on this requirement. ***The same goes for what organization you are doing the work for. You must get the counselor's pre-approval as to that being an acceptable charitable organization before you do the volunteer work.***

While volunteering for the 8 hours you should wear Class A uniform, unless directed otherwise by the organization you are doing the volunteer work for. You will need a letter or note (on their letterhead please) from the volunteer organization stating the project you worked on and the total hours you worked on it for item 7.

Requirement #8: Bring the presentation you have prepared to the midway. You should make the presentation to a group prior to the Midway to be sure you can complete the badge that day as we may not have enough time to go through all the presentations by the various scouts in the class that day. But do be prepared to present it in the class as well if time allows. Bring a letter or note (on their letterhead please if they have such) from the group, or a note from your Scoutmaster, certifying that you made the presentation. .

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION

Citizenship in the Nation is being held at the Foster City Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 1000 Shell Blvd, Foster City.

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Due to the nature of the material being discussed and the size of the class and the time constraints the counselors do not recommend this badge class for scouts that have not yet completed 8th grade.

Requirement #1: "Be Prepared" to stand in front of the Scouts and discuss this requirement.

Requirement #2: Be prepared to talk about what you visited. As these classes are somewhat large and time is limited, the counselors want you to prepare for the midway by sitting down and writing a short report (maybe 2-3 paragraphs) on the site or sites you visited or the monument you studied. Bring the written version to class.

Requirement #3: Be prepared to talk about what you did for this requirement also. Again, the counselors want you to sit down ahead of time and prepare a written report to yourself and bring it to the midway.

Requirement #4: Before you come to class you should read the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights (the first 10 Amendments) as you will need to Be Prepared to discuss these documents as well as the Constitution of the United States, the Amendments to the US Constitution and to tell your counselor how you feel life in the United States might be different without each document.

Requirement #5: Be prepared to stand in front of the Scouts and discuss this requirement.

Requirement #6: Be prepared to talk about what you did for this requirement also. Again, the counselors want you to sit down ahead of time and prepare a written report to yourself and bring it to the midway.

Requirement #7: Be prepared to discuss this requirement in class. Be prepared to be called on.

Requirement #8: Counselors at the start of class will collect your letters. Be prepared to read your letter to the Scouts. Remember that if you write to a senator it must be a United States Senator, not a California State Senator!! Follow the same writing rules as in Requirement #2 above. A letter may be either a copy of an actual letter you sent either via the US Postal service, or by fax to your Representative's or Senators' office in Washington, D.C., or an emailed letter sent to the email address of your Representative or Senator via their webpage. ***Whatever form taken, the counselors expect the letter, fax or email's content to appear as if you were writing a formal letter and sending it by mail. This means you need to properly date and address the letter with the addressee's formal title and full mailing address at their Washington, D.C. office.*** Check the Merit Badge book for the correct method of addressing your letter to these government officials.

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD

Citizenship in the World is being held at the Foster City Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 1000 Shell Blvd, Foster City.

Important note: Transportation between locations is not provided by the Council. If you have classes in more than one location, you will need to find your own transportation.

Due to the nature of the material being discussed and the size of the class and the time constraints the counselors do not recommend this badge class for scouts that have not yet completed 9th grade.

In addition to reading the entire merit badge book prior to Midway, and bringing it with you, here are the prerequisites the counselors want done before you arrive at Midway:

1. Merit Badge Requirement #3 - Do the following:

a. Pick a current world event. In relation to this current event, discuss with your counselor how a country's national interest and its relationship with other countries might affect areas such as its security, its economy, its values, and the health of its citizens.

b. Select a foreign country and discuss with your counselor how its geography, natural resources, and climate influence its economy and its global partnerships with other countries

2. Merit Badge Requirement #7 -Do TWO of the following (with your parent's permission) and share with your counselor what you have learned:

a. Visit the Web site of the U.S. State Department. Learn more about an issue you find interesting that is discussed on this Web site.

b. Visit the Web site of an international news organization or foreign government, OR examine a foreign newspaper available at your local library, bookstore, or newsstand. Find a news story about a human right realized in the United States that is not recognized in another country.

c. Visit with a student or Scout from another country and discuss the typical values, holidays, ethnic foods, and traditions practiced or enjoyed there.

d. Attend a world Scout jamboree.

e. Participate in or attend an international event in your area, such as an ethnic festival, concert, or play.

COIN COLLECTING

Prerequisites (summarized below--see merit badge book for exact requirements):

#6. Bring your 5 different State Quarters.
#7. Bring your set of coins from circulation (or bank)--cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half dollar, dollar.
#9. Bring your collection as required by a (50 foreign coins), b (20 foreign notes), c (15 tokens or medals) **or** d a single type of coin from each year since the date of your birth).
#10.Complete a (tour a money-related facility), b (have attended a coin club meeting, a coin show or visit web site of a coin dealer, c (give a talk on coin collecting) **or** d (drawings of 5 Colonial-era US coins).

If possible, Scouts should bring a stapler and a magnifying glass to class. Scouts are also encouraged to bring any interesting numismatic items to class for us to identify and discuss.

CRIME PREVENTION

Here are the pre-reqs for crime prevention. They are listed by number for the requirements listed in the pamphlet.

2. Prepare a notebook of newspaper and other clippings that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community (bring to class).

4. After doing EACH of the following, discuss with your counselor what you have learned.
a. Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Learn how to do a crime prevention survey.
b. Using the checklist in the pamphlet, conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family.

6. Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing ONE of the following:
a. Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board.
b. With permission from school officials, create a page long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's web site.
c. Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue (bring signed note to class if you do this one).

7. Do ONE of the following:
a. Assist in the planning and organization of a crime prevention program in your community such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Watch or Crime Stoppers. Explain how this program can benefit your neighborhood

b. With your parent's and counselor's approval, visit a jail or detention facility or a criminal court hearing. Discuss your experience with your counselor.

9. Discuss the following with your counselor:
d. Choose a career in the crime prevention or security industry that interests you. Describe the level of education required and responsibilities of a person in that position. Tell why this position interests you (I can cover this with scouts who attend detention facility tour, or at the midway).

DENTISTRY

Read a current version of the merit badge book and bring it to Merit Badge Midway. Do Requirements 3 and 4c prior to Midway. Bring a note from the dentist you visited for #3 as evidence of completion. Bring the records you keep for #4c to Midway for review by the counselor.

ELECTRICITY

Read the entire Electricity merit badge book prior to Midway. Bring the book to class.
Do requirement #2 prior to Midway-Scouts should complete an home safety inspection found in the current merit badge pamphlet #8 On a floor plan of one room in the Scout's home, make a wiring diagram of the lights, switches, and outlets.

Also do #9a prior to Midway.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness is being held at the Foster City Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 1000 Shell Blvd, Foster City. Do not report to Ralston Middle School first. You will be in Foster City all day if you are in this class.

1. You must have already earned the First Aid Merit Badge before taking this class. Scouts need to bring their part of the blue card they have retained for their records, or the card the embroidered First Aid merit badge card was affixed to when the scout received the actual cloth First Aid merit badge patch as evidence of completing this requirement.

2.b Make a chart that demonstrates...
This chart is probably the most critical pre-req since if you don't bring it you won't have anything to start discussion with. A scout will be hard pressed to complete this merit badge at Midway if he has not completed this requirement and brought his work to the class.

2.c Meet with and teach your family...
Scouts will be on their honor to have conducted the meeting. The counselor will lead a small group exercise to simulate the meeting in class as validation.

6.a The scout should be prepared to discuss this
.b The scout should research and identify the government or community agencies applicable for this requirement.
.c The scout should research and find out prior to the class who is their community's resource to meet this requirement prior to the class.

7. Take part in an emergency service project with a scout unit or a community agency.
Bring written notes if done beforehand; submit written notes to counselor after midway if necessary.

8.a Prepare a written plan for troop mobilization...
Bring a copy to midway to complete MB.

8.b Take part in at least one mobilization...
The before section can be handled in class. If already taken part, be prepared to discuss "after-action".

8.c Prepare personal emergency service pack and family emergency kit...
Since these are important to the external purpose of the MB and the scouting motto "Be Prepared"; These need to be prepared before class for discussion. The family kit can be brought to Midway, or the scout may take photos of the kit during its assembly. Please bring color prints of any photos, as camera phones are inconvenient during class. Each Scout's emergency service pack MUST be brought to class for review by counselor and assistants, and for discussion and use in class.

9. Do one of the following:
a-- Home hazard inspection. This needs to be brought to Midway.
b -- Review or develop an escape plan for a home fire. This should be brought to midway.
c -- Develop an accident prevention plan... This should be brought to midway.

FIRE SAFETY

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Do Requirement # 6 prior to Merit Badge Midway

A) Draw exit drill map of home and bring it with them. Practice the drill at home with family. Bring this map to class, signed by one of your parents.

B) Test your smoke detectors at home and add new batteries to existing ones if needed. Bring a note signed by a parent that you have completed this. The counselor would also like you to assist your parents in installing smoke detectors in any rooms that do not have one.

Requirement #7-Bring a note signed by one of your parents or your Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster as evidence that you have completed the three prerequisites listed below:

A) Demonstrate how to safely light a match
B) Demonstrate how to safely extinguish a charcoal fire
C) Demonstrate the safe way to melt wax

Requirement #9-Bring a note signed by one of your parents or your Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster as evidence that you have completed the following prerequisite listed below:
A) Demonstrate the safe way to fuel a lawn mower.

FIRST AID

First Aid is being held at the Foster City Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) located at 1000 Shell Blvd, Foster City. You will be in Foster City all day if you are in this class.

The First Aid merit badge is an Eagle required merit badge. At the Midway we provide you with an intense, full day course that enables you to meet the requirements, if you are properly prepared. To take this merit badge you must be First Class rank or above. We only have space for 36 students so sign up now!

Before the Midway we expect you to do the following:

- **You must be at least First Class rank by the date of the Midway (February 2, 2013)!**
- **This is an all day session**. Show up on time and stay the whole time, you will not be able to take other classes.
- **Be prepared** to explain and demonstrate any of the Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class first aid requirements. You will be tested on these requirements!
- **Read and study** the First Aid Merit Badge book
- **Know the merit badge requirements** - http://scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-FIRS.aspx
- **Prepare a first-aid kit *for your home***. This must be a kit you prepared yourself, not something you bought already assembled. Do *not* bring a personal first aid kit like you made Second Class! Read the merit badge book to see what this should contain. **If you do not bring a first-aid kit *for your home* you cannot complete the merit badge at the Midway** and will receive a partial. Be ready to explain what is in your first-aid kit and why you put it there.

Home or Patrol / Troop First-Aid Kit

- ☐ Roller bandage, 2-inch (1)
- ☐ Roller bandage, 1-inch (2)
- ☐ Adhesive tape, 1-inch (1 roll)
- ☐ Alcohol swabs (24)
- ☐ Assorted adhesive bandages (1 box)
- ☐ Elastic bandages, 3-inch wide (2)
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads, 3-by-3-inch (12)
- ☐ Moleskin, 3-by-6-inch (4)
- ☐ Gel pads for blisters and burns (2 packets)
- ☐ Triple antibiotic ointment (1 tube)
- ☐ Triangular bandages (4)
- ☐ Soap (1 small bar) or alcohol-based hand sanitizing gel (1 travel size bottle)
- ☐ Scissors (1 pair)
- ☐ Tweezers (1 pair)
- ☐ Safety pins (12)
- ☐ Non-latex disposable gloves (6 pairs)
- ☐ Protective goggles / safety glasses (1 pair)
- ☐ CPR breathing barrier (1)
- ☐ Pencil and paper

Source: BSA First Aid Merit Badge Pamphlet, ISBN 978-0-8395-3301-6 ©2007, 2009 Printing

After you register you will receive more instructions on the first aid merit badge class via E-mail.

GENEALOGY

Obtain and read a current version of the merit badge book. The following requirements need to be completed prior to Merit Badge Midway and you need to bring the completed work to show the counselor:

2 a
2b
3
4 b
6
7

INDIAN LORE

In order to complete this merit badge on the day of the Midway, please *come prepared*.

1. Buy or obtain a CURRENT copy of the Merit Badge Book "Indian Lore", and read it prior to the Midway. It is ok to share with a buddy.

   Be prepared to present requirement 1 to the counselor and your fellow Scouts.

   2) Complete either 2b, 2c, or 2d. If requirement 2b is chosen, you must contact the counselor before starting on it.

   NOTE: If you fail to contact the counselor and get the pre-approval as required prior to working on requirement 2b (if you choose that option) the counselor will have full discretion as to whether or not they will sign off on that particular requirement.

   3) Complete any ONE of the choices for requirement 4. If requirements 4c or 4d are chosen, please bring a copy of the book or recording you learned it from so the counselor can understand you.

LAW

The prerequisites for the class are to: read the merit badge book and complete requirements 1 through 5 and 7 through 10 prior to the class. The Scouts may use the merit badge worksheet, found at the following website and page: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Law.pdf
but completing the worksheet is not a prerequisite for the merit badge. In class we will conduct a mock trial of the liability issue of negligence in the Titanic case. The Scout may attend a session of court and complete requirement 6a instead of participating in the mock trial in class.

The Titanic case can be found on the Internet at http://www.andersonkill.com/titanic/home.htm
The Scouts should download and study the materials about the case prior to the class.

In class the Scouts will act as lawyers, jurors, witnesses, court clerk or bailiff. The counselor will be the judge.

Read the book before class. Read and review the Titanic case materials online. Copies of the case materials will be supplied in class. The facts are limited to the website at http://www.andersonkill.com/titanic/home.htm
No outside facts or materials not on that website. Bring paper and a pencil or pen. Be prepared to try the case.

MEDICINE

Read a current version of the merit badge pamphlet.

Prior to Midway you need to do Requirement #7a and 10 if possible and bring evidence of completion to Midway for the counselor to review. OR you can do 7a and 10 after the Midway but you won't complete the badge on February 2nd and you will have to contact the counselor later to get final signoff.

MUSIC

Read the entire Music merit badge book prior to arriving at Midway. Note that the requirements for the Music Merit Badge were updated in January 2012.

Bring the book with you.

Provide the counselor, Mr. Jan Prins with the following information:

1. What instrument you intend to perform on
2. What grade level are you in school
3. What is your skill level (what book are you working from)
4. Your email address.

If you choose to do Requirement 3c. provide a letter on letterhead from your band teacher or choir master.

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

Due to the nature of the material being discussed and the size of the class and the time constraints the counselors do not recommend this badge class for scouts that have not yet completed 9th grade

THIS MERIT BADGE HAS A ***LOT*** OF WORK YOU NEED TO DO PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT MIDWAY. GO TO THIS LINK AND DOWNLOAD AND PRINTOUT THE WORKSHEET:
http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp

ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT MIDWAY WITH EXCEPTION OF THE 13 WEEKS OF TRACKING YOUR INCOME/ EXPENSE (UNLESS YOU STARTED THAT EARLY ENOUGH).

IF YOU WANT TO GET SIGNED OFF FOR COMPLETING THE PARTIALS FOR ALL, OR MOST OF, THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BADGE AT MIDWAY YOU WILL NEED TO BRING EVIDENCE OF COMPLETING ITEMS 1, 2, 5,6, 8, 9, 10 TO MIDWAY.

YOU WILL NEED TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS 3, 4, 6 & 7 AS WELL AS SHOW ANY WORK RELATED TO THOSE REQUIREMENTS.
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I WILL ACCEPT EMAILED EXCEL OR WORD FILES.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Bring a digital Camera with CHARGED batteries and an EMPTY photo card (one without photos on it). The more functions on the camera the better. Borrow a quality camera if possible (don't bring a disposable digital cameras). An older DSLR or point and shoot are better than a new camera without many functions. THIS IS A HANDS ON CLASS and will spend most of the time USING THE CAMERA. (Marco, Panoramic, telephoto, wide angle, depth of focus, group shots) Emphasis in class will be on understanding how to use the camera's controls, lighting, and photo techniques. You will be taking photos most of the class. A professional Photo Studio will also be setup to use.

Do requirements 1-5 by completing the Photography WORKSHEET. It can be downloaded from http://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/b/bf/Photography.pdf. Download the .DOC version as you may READ THE PHOTOGRAPHY MERIT BADGE BOOK. (requirements were last revised 2006, book revised 2008) worksheet is up to date. want to complete it on a computer or print it; WORD or other word processor. If you complete the worksheet you may email it to me at: Johngeer1@gmail.com. You can also print it out and bring it COMPLETED to the class. I will confirm all emails sent so if you don't get a returned email, I did not receive it
Requirement 4: You may email me the photos ith the worksheet or bring them PRINTED or show them on a computer presentation at the class. A PC will be available.

NEED to BRING: Digital Camera, fresh batteries, empty card, Completed Worksheet with photos. Signed blue card.

PULP AND PAPER

COMPLETELY read and BRING the current (revised 2006) "Pulp & Paper" merit badge (MB) pamphlet, be familiar with all MB requirements, and fully complete Reqs. 4, 6, 7, & 8 below. Only those who are fully prepared and participate in class will earn this merit badge. All others will receive a "partial" for requirements completed. You may choose to use and complete the meritbadge.org "Workbook" as an aid and it is available at this link, http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Pulp-and-Paper.pdf .

Req. 4--Make a sheet of paper at home by hand and bring the finished product along with the other information mentioned to class. A kitchen blender will be helpful to make pulp.

Req. 6--Make a list of 15 pulp or paper products found in your home.

Req. 7--Do ONE of the following items after getting your parent's and my ***prior*** approval.

Item 1. Visit a pulp mill. Describe how the mill converts wood to cellulose fibers. OR

Item 2. Visit a paper mill and get a sample of the paper made there. Describe the processes used for making this paper. Tell how it will be used. OR

Item 3. Visit a container plant or box plant. Describe how the plant's products are made. OR

Item 4. Visit a recycled paper collection or sorting facility. Describe the operations there. OR

Item 5. Using books, magazines, your local library, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and any other suitable research tool, find out how paper products are developed. Find out what role research and development play in the papermaking industry. Share what you learn with your counselor (please put in a 3-5 pages long, written paper/photo/sketch display project done on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper).

Req. 8--Find out about three career opportunities in the papermaking industry that interest you. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you (put in a written paper, minimum 1/2 page on each job researched).

RAILROADING

Read the merit badge book in full.

A number of the scouts taking Railroading in the past have been writing out their responses on a requirements printout. This is fine, but they need to understand that they will also be verbally "spot checked" on the non-prerequisites on the day of the session.

3-If you choose option (d), need to complete prior to class.

If you choose Model Railroading 8(a) as your Special Interest Area for Requirement #8, if you then choose items 1 or 4 under that, do before class and bring your work.

If you choose Rail Fan 8 (b) as your Special Interest Area for Requirement #8, whichever two items you choose need to be completed prior to class.

SCOUTING HERITAGE

This badge is all preparation. Obtain and read the Scouting Heritage merit badge book. Note that the requirements for the Scouting Heritage merit badge were updated in January 2012.

Be prepared to accomplish all the requirements for requirements 1-6 in class including being prepared to participate in discussion.

Requirements 7 & 8 need to be done prior to the midway if you want to finish the badge that day.
Bring a letter on your troop's letter head paper with a signed statement from your Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster that you have completed 7 & 8.

STAMP COLLECTING

<u>Prerequisites for the Stamp Collecting merit badge class:</u>
Obtain and read the stamp collecting merit badge book

Complete a stamp design for requirement #7a. Contact the counselor to get a PDF file or link to a site that can help you with this. See further down for her contact information. Or do a different option for requirement #7. Bring your stamp design or other option to the class.

Regarding requirement #1b, contact the counselor to get a PDF file about US postal history.
We'll review this at the at the class

Bring with you:

- Merit Badge Blue Card signed by your Scoutmaster
- Your stamp design or other project for requirement #7
- If you have already started stamp collecting, bring your collection
- Stamp tongs or tweezers if you have them
- Stamps will be available for collections

NOTE: For the second requirement in #7 you will need to attend the WESTPEX Stamp Show on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 10AM to tour the displays, visit vendor booths and complete your collections. This will be interesting and fun.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Read a current version of the merit badge pamphlet and prior to Midway you need to do Requirement #5 and bring evidence of completion to Midway for the counselors to review.

5. Do ONE of the following:

   a. Interview a traffic law enforcement officer in your community to identify what three traffic safety problems the officer is most concerned about. Discuss with your merit badge counselor possible ways to solve one of those problems.

   b. Using the Internet (with your parent's permission), visit five Web sites that cover safe driving for teenagers. As a group, discuss what you learn with your counselor and at least three other teenagers.

   c. Initiate and organize an activity or event to demonstrate the importance of traffic safety.

   d. Accompanied by an adult and a buddy, pick a safe place to observe traffic at a controlled intersection (traffic signal or stop sign) on three separate days and at three different times of the day, for 30 minutes on each visit. At this intersection, survey (1) such violations as running a red light or stop sign; or (2) seat belt usage. Count the number of violations or number of drivers not wearing a seat belt. Record in general terms if the driver was young or old , male or female . Keep track of the total number of vehicles observed so that you can determine the percentage of compliance vs. violations. Discuss the findings with your merit badge counselor.

Scouts taking this badge to be on site at 7:45 AM as they will be perform traffic control at the site.