

## Merit Badge College Reminders that Will Help You Succeed

*(or how to avoid getting partials)*

All scouts **must** wear full field (Class A) uniforms.

You **must** bring Blue Cards that have been filled out and signed by one of your unit leaders to the first day, one for each class. Your scoutmaster's signature lets us know he believes the courses you selected are appropriate for you. Blue Cards get turned in at registration on your first day. You **must** print your name and address clearly, if you can't, get help. If you do not receive a signed Blue Card, it could be we were unable to read your name and address. Blue Cards will be mailed to the address indicated on the online registration (typically, the individual who registered the Scout(s)).

**Four** is the maximum number of permitted of badges a scout may attempt. Only three Eagle badges will fit in a schedule, with a short lunch. Do not schedule the same badge more than one time.

There are ten forty minutes blocks in the schedule at Valley Forge Military Academy, most classes are two blocks long, Eagle Required badges are three blocks. **You may not overlap classes**. There are only three class periods at Williamson as they are all Eagle required badges there.

The cost of Lunch is included in the registration fee. For VFMA lunch starts in the Mess Hall at 10:50 AM, but you must finish lunch by 1:30 PM. For Williamson, lunch is 12:30 to 1:15 in Rowan Hall.

We are using classrooms in two different buildings at VFMA, and five buildings at Williamson. Building names and class rooms are listed in the columns of your schedule and there are campus maps in the registration material. There will be signage and guides to help you.

Check-in will start at 8 AM in Mellon Hall at VFMA and in the lobby of Rowan Hall at 7:30 AM at Williamson.

The 8:30 AM Opening Ceremony is in the chapel at VFMA, the auditorium at 8:05 AM at Williamson. If you are not taking a first period class, you may skip the ceremony and report to registration fifteen minutes before your first class – please start at the check in location. There will be no opening ceremony the second Saturday, but we will have check in on the second day so you can receive your name badge.

**Review pre reqs carefully**. For example, you **must** have **already** completed the First Aid Merit Badge in order to take Emergency Preparedness. The Pre Requirement List in the registration information and on the Council website. Pre Requirements **must** be completed before the first Saturday March 25, 2017.

You **must** read the Merit Badge Pamphlet in advance of the classes and bring it to the two sessions.

You **must** print a copy of the Merit Badge Workbook (free on line) and use this for any Pre Requirements. You **must** bring the Workbook on both Saturdays.

Parents, this is a drop and go event, as space is limited. The class rooms hold 15 scouts; there is no room for observers. Pickup and drop off are in the same lot, come back when your scout's last class is over. The location of the pickup and drop off lot is on the map with registration material.

We are guests at these wonderful facilities; please treat school property with the utmost respect.