

2020 Gamehaven Council Merit Badge Fair

The 2020 Gamehaven Council Merit Badge Fair will happen on postponed to **Saturday, April 18, 2020** at Willow Creek Middle School in Rochester, MN.
The theme for this year's event is:

A Perfect Vision for the Future

Please note the location for this year.

Willow Creek Middle School, located at 2425 11th Avenue SE,
Rochester, MN.

Check the Council Website for any updates!!



Registration is currently open until March 30th.

All questions regarding classes or logistics should be emailed to jamesallenwhite@gmail.com. Any questions on registration please direct to Barbara at Gamehaven Council - barbara.swan@scouting.org

We look forward to a fun and inspiring event.

The 2020 Gamehaven Merit Badge Fair Committee

Getting Ready for the Merit Badge Fair~

- 1) **Review the Merit Badge Fair class list and sessions that are being offered with your interested Scouts.** Talk with your scouts about the different merit badges and the pre-requisites that are required. Note that we have morning, afternoon and a few all-day classes. Go to website to see updated list <https://www.gamehavenbsa.org/merit-badge-fair>
- 2) **Review the registration instructions for how to register for the event.** Instructions are now posted on the Merit Badge Fair page on our website. We will be using the Tentaroo site, which is the same site we have used for both fairs we run each year. While you wait to register, please make sure you have your Troop's Tentaroo user name and password. If not, call Barbara and she can give it to you. **DO NOT MAKE A NEW PASSWORD UP FOR YOUR UNIT.** If you make a new password you will lose your roster (Scout and leader) information.
- 3) **Lunch –Any scouts with special dietary needs should plan on bringing their own lunch.** You will be able to register those who want lunch or those who will brown bag lunch at the time you register for the classes. **NOTE:** *register for classes first and process the classes out of your cart. Do not leave classes in cart or your Scouts will not be registered for that class. When done registering for the classes, you can then go and add your lunches.* Lunch cost will be \$5. You have a choice of three different lunches. (1) 2 hot dogs, chips, cookie and drink (2) brat, chips, drink, and cookie or (3) pulled pork sandwich, chips, cookie and drink. We ask that you register if a Scout or adult is bringing their own lunch as well, so the Committee is assured that everyone has a lunch to eat.

- 4) **Before registration day**, please go to your Troop account on Tentaroo and update the roster of Scouts and Adults. Please make sure ranks and ages are correct for the Scouts. Also, we need to show gender for both youth and adults. If a Scout is not on your list, you can easily add the information. A form on the Merit Badge Fair page on our website will give you the details on how to do this. The Tentaroo site to log on and update is <https://gamehaven.tentaroo.com/>
- 5) **Note: Register only the scouts you know are taking classes.**
If you are having difficulty registering for either the youth merit badge classes, please email barbara.swan@scouting.org. She will be coming to the office early on Wednesday, February 26th to offer help if someone encounters a snag.
- 6) **Online registration payment can be made after you have registered for the classes and for lunches.** Reminder do not leave classes showing in your cart. You can process them without payment in advance, but you do need to move items out your cart or that Scout will not have the class. We are asking all units to have registration payments made by March 30, 2020.
- 7) **Be sure your scouts are aware of the pre-requisites for the merit badge they are taking.** A scout is Prepared!! For each merit badge, the scout should review the merit badge pamphlet and come with the printed merit badge worksheets. Some merit badges have additional needs and those are detailed in the pre-requisite documentation. Be sure to review these pre-requisites and complete prior to attending class. ***Also, Scouts should bring pen/pencil, blue cards and paper to take notes.***
- 8) **Plan your day!** We invite your troop to participate in the opening & closing ceremonies. We need one representative, your troop flag and stand.

On the day of the Merit Badge Fair:

The schedule for Saturday, April 18th:

7:00-7:45am	Morning Registration++
7:45-8:20am	Opening Ceremony**
8:30-11:45	AM Sessions
12:00-12:50pm	Lunch
1:00-4:30pm	PM Sessions
4:30 pm	Closing Ceremony

++ Morning Registration

To avoid congestion at the registration desk, the troop point of contact or the one that registered the troop online should be checking the troop in. Scouts should not be checking in the troop. The SPL leadership responsibility is keeping the troop together while the troop point of contact checks in at registration desk. All other troop members should head to the gymnasium.

**Bring your Troop Flag, the stand, and have a representative participate in the opening and closing ceremonies!



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