

Abnaki District Fall 2016 Merit Badge College

Abnaki's Fall merit badge college will be held on 4 Thursday evenings in October and November and will offer 10 different badges, including both Eagle required and elective merit badges. We'll also be offering adult sessions each week.

October 20, 27, November 3, 10

6:00-8:00 PM

LDS Church

545 Maple Hill Road, Auburn, ME 04210

*Please note there is **no smoking**, as well as **no coffee or tea** allowed on premises.*

How do I register for Merit Badge College?

The responsibility for signing up for merit badge college falls on the Scout himself. He is tasked with reviewing the courses offered and getting approval for the courses (blue card) from his Scoutmaster. Then the Scout contacts the course instructors to register for the course. Space is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Class sizes are limited by counselor.

As a Scout, what is expected of me?

When contacting the counselor, ask what (if any) materials are needed for the class, if there are any prerequisites, or outside of class work necessary to complete the merit badge. Bring to class a notebook, writing utensil, Scoutmaster signed blue card, and any materials required by your counselor.

Please be on time for classes as there is a lot of information to cover. Classes start at 6:00pm sharp, doors open at 5:30 pm. Attend all 4 weeks of classes unless you have communicated a scheduling conflict with your counselor. You can review the requirements of the merit badges and print workbooks at meritbadge.org.

Will I complete all the requirements for the merit badges offered?

You may or may not complete all the necessary work for each badge; however, you will get strong partial completions and can work with your counselor outside of the college to finish the work.

6pm Course List	7pm Course List
*Citizenship in the Community- Keith Brann 207-373-0459	Chess - Keith Brann 207-373-0459
Genealogy- Cori Miller 207-522-5570	*Citizenship in the Nation - Cori Miller 207-522-5570
Public Speaking - Georgia Temple 207-666-5782 (evenings)	*Emergency Preparedness - Russ Pack 207-212-8342
Bird Study - Roland Jordan 207-784-3338 or 207-754-7071	Coin Collecting- Roland Jordan 207-784-3338 or 207-754-7071
**Radio - Adrian Marden 207-754-7071	**Electricity- Adrian Marden 207-754-7071
Auto Repair - Rob Quick 207-330-9657	*Citizenship in the World - Jim Hatch 207-515-1197

*Eagle required merit badge. **Class size limited.

Visit with District Advancement Chair Jeremy Bussiere to ask questions regarding the ins and outs of the **Eagle Scout process**; ie. the service project, the workbook, the application, expectations, merit badges, etc. Life Scouts, parents and leaders welcome. Jeremy also available to answer questions from adults interested in becoming **Merit Badge Counselors** and working to update the District's current counselor list. Please take a moment to reach out to him if you have not already answered his call to update the badges you're available to teach. To contact Jeremy, jeremy.m.bussiere.civ@mail.mil or 207-577-4051.

Adult Sessions

Looking for something to do while your Scouts are in the merit badge sessions? How about attending the Adult sessions?

October 20 - November 10. **Youth Protection Training / Boy Scout Leader Training**

On October 20- Youth Protection Training for all registered leaders and parents is available for the first half hour, immediately followed by Leader Specific Training for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Attendance at all sessions is required to complete the Leader Specific Training. There is no fee for this training, but we recommend bringing your copy of the Scoutmaster's Handbook. Please register by emailing Lara Cogar at laracogar@gmail.com.

Online Rechartering - Help is available during all sessions. Please bring your laptop and any questions you have. There will be a couple of computers available.

November 10. **Autism in Scouting**

Working with Scouts that have Autism can be a challenge, but it is also very rewarding. We will have an open discussion about the strategies to use when we work with Scouts with Autism Spectrum Disorder.