



# Steps to Success for Mrs. Wong's Merit Badge Classes

## Wilderness Park, Arcadia

**See Mrs. McCune's IMPORTANT INFORMATION & WHAT TO BRING below as well. If a scout does not finish a badge, he will be encouraged to continue working with Mrs. Wong until it is done.**

1. Once you have chosen a Merit Badge, get a copy of the Merit Badge Book and **read it all the way through** prior to the first class meeting. *Scouts will not complete the badge if they do not read & bring their book to class.*
2. Acquire a Blue Card and have it signed by your Scout Master *prior* to the first class meeting. Some SMs won't accept a Blue Card if they didn't sign it first, so *don't skip this step!* **Read the book.**
3. Keep track of your Blue Card; *Mrs. Wong does not keep it for you.*
4. When reading the requirements, note the ones that require research and writing. The table below will give you some specifics, but it is best to **read the book.**
5. Understand each requirement and do it as listed. Counselors are not supposed to feed you the badge requirements; you are to read and learn about the activity. **Read the book.**
6. Try to use someone other than mom and dad. Libraries and the Internet are a few other good sources. **Read the book.**
7. Some badges are age specific, like Citizenship. **Read the book.**
8. After all requirements are completed, get the signed Blue Card (signed by both the counselor and the Scoutmaster on all parts of the Blue Card) to your Advancement Chair and keep your copy for a permanent record. Many Eagle candidates have been asked to show proof of a merit badge.
9. You may download the worksheets for the badge at [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com) and complete all written assignments prior to class.
10. Remember that you may not complete everything due to specific requirements for the badge. Make an appointment with your counselor as soon as you have completed it.

Badge	Pre-Requirement:	Requirement (To be completed before class starts)	Suggestion
<b>Personal Fitness</b>	None	1	Doctor's physical & Class 1 & 2 Medical. Physical must have been within 1 year max. Copies ok.
		6	Complete your body composition test with your parents prior to Fitness Test.
		7	When you have designed your program, have your parents sign with their approval.
<b>Citizenship in the Community</b>	None	2	Make sure your map is of <u>your</u> community. Mark and label the map.
		3	Find your local meetings and try to attend before class meets so you complete this requirement.
		4	Discuss whom you want to interview with your parents prior to class.
		5	Have a movie in mind and approved by your parents before you come to class.
		7	Charitable Organization is one that actually does charitable work for your community. Volunteering at your school for clean-up detail does not apply. Volunteering for your church may or may not qualify. Read, research and bring a few options to class <u>before</u> you do the hours.
<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b>	Community or 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	4	Choose early which one you wish to do. Please get clearance from Mrs. Wong before starting.
<b>Citizenship in the World</b>	Community, Nation or 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7	Choose early which one you wish to do. Please get clearance with Mrs. Wong before starting.
<b>Camping</b>	Star Scout	9	Make your list and have it signed by your scoutmaster.
<b>Hiking</b>	Star Scout	5-7	Make your list and have it signed by your scoutmaster.
<b>Archery</b>	None	1- 4	Download worksheets from <a href="http://www.meritbadge.com">www.meritbadge.com</a> and have questions answered as best as possible.
<b>First Aid</b>	None	2B	Prepare a first aid kit for the home as recommended by your Merit Badge Book.



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **Pre-enrollment is a must.** We do not accept phone registration, you must fill out a sign up sheet and mail / fax it in to Wilderness Park with your payment. Do not leave registration on phone recorder; you must confirm class availability with staff.
2. Payment is due at the time a reservation is made. You may pay with checks, cash, Visa or Master Card.
3. **Class will be cancelled if a minimum enrollment is not met by Wednesday prior to class.**
4. No walk-ins will be accepted if the class is filled to the maximum number determined by instructor.
5. Classes fulfill various scout badge requirements and are for those youths over the age of 11. In some cases there are requirements to be completed prior to class. (See bottom of page)
6. Check-in begins at 9:15 a.m. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at approximately 12 noon. Environmental Science ends at 2:30 p.m. and bring a lunch for this class. Please be prompt. **No admittance after 9:30 a.m.**

Badge	Pre-Requisite:	Requirement (To be completed before class starts)	Suggestion
<b>Environmental Science</b>	11 yrs or older	N/A	Acquire the Merit Badge Booklet and read it completely before coming to class.
<b>Mammal Study</b>	11 yrs or older	N/A	Acquire the Merit Badge Booklet and read it completely before coming to class.
<b>Reptile &amp; Amphibian Study</b>	11 yrs or older	#8	Tape record or write a daily log recording the food accepted, eating methods, changes in coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits for a month of a reptile or amphibian prior to class. Or, keep the eggs of a reptile from the time of laying until hatching' or keep the eggs of an amphibian from the time of laying until their transformation into tadpoles or larvae. I will not accept a paper on an overview of the observations not a daily log with ditto marks. You must note changes, growth rates and the environmental effect-taking place on the animal.
<b>Indian Lore</b>	11 yrs or older	N/A	Acquire the Merit Badge Booklet and read it completely before coming to class.
<b>Nature</b>	11 yrs or older	N/A	Acquire the Merit Badge Booklet and read it completely before coming to class.
<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>	11 yrs or older	N/A	Acquire the Merit Badge Booklet and read it completely before coming to class

## WHAT TO BRING

1. Scouts are to wear Class A or activity uniform with shirt buttoned and tucked into pants.
2. Pencil and blue Merit Badge card pre-signed by Scoutmaster.
3. Each Scout is to bring their own appropriate merit badge book, **thoroughly read and prepared for discussion in class.**

Due to work requirements and time constraints, two merit badges require that a certain amount of work be completed prior to class and this work brought to class or documented proof brought signed by an appropriate leader that the work was completed. However, the merit badge counselor has the right and authority to approve or disapprove prior work done if in her judgment is not up to standards or not properly documented. All BSA requirements will be strictly followed. **If a scout does not finish all requirements on class day, he will receive a "partial" for the merit badge and encouraged to continue working with the counselor to finish the requirements as soon as possible. Call Mary McCune at (626) 579-0461 to make arrangements to sign off blue cards if all requirements were not completed in class.**