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For 2020

With safety concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Railroading Merit Badge Workshop will be offered in two formats: in-person and virtual. The programs will be the same. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Railroading merit badge by fully participating in either format.

Additionally, capacity will be limited compared to previous years. By limiting the number of Scouts involved, we will create a safer in-person environment. The limit will also help create a better program experience for those participating virtually.

Program Specifics

- Capacity **In-person:** 25 Scouts, 15 adults
Virtual: 30 Scouts
- Chaperons..... **In-person:** all Scouts must have a chaperon. One adult may chaperon up to five (5) Scouts.
Virtual: Patents must be aware that their Scout is participating.
- Registration **ALL registration will be completed electronically through the National Railroad Museum website: www.nationalrrmuseum.org.**
- General Registration General Registration will open on Monday, July 15, 2020 and will remain open until workshop capacity is reached.
- Scout Uniforms **Both in-person and virtual: Scouts will wear class A uniform so that Scouting is properly represented to the public. The Museum will be open to the public during the workshop.**
- Blue Cards..... **Blue Merit Badge Cards will be provided by the Museum.**
- Patches..... The Museum provides no patches (participation or merit badge).
- COVID Safety 1.) In-person participants must wear a facemask covering nose and mouth at all times while on the National Railroad Museum grounds.
2.) Social distancing will be practiced at all times.
3.) No food or beverage (except water bottles) will be allowed.
Those who do not comply with these rules will be asked to leave the grounds. No refunds will be given.
- Fees \$10 per Scout both in-person or virtual; \$10 per adult, in-person (Adults will participate in the program)

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Safety and Behavior Scouts exhibiting behavior that is not consistent with the ideals of Scouting as outlined in the Scout Oath and Law will be asked to leave the Workshop. This applies for both in-person and virtual participants. In such cases, no refunds will be given.

In-person: please be respectful of the objects and equipment exhibited. Do not climb on equipment; walk on train tracks or run at any time while at the Museum.

Virtual: please conduct yourself respectfully during the workshop sessions. Do not be visually distracting or conduct yourself in a manner that will be disruptive to other participants.

Event Timetable..... Following is the entire Railroad Merit Badge Workshop schedule:

Time	Event
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	In-person check-in in the Museum Lobby – once registered Scouts are free to explore the Museum until 8:30 a.m.
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Virtually Lobby opens, virtual participant check-in
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremony/Job Safety Briefing
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Session #1 – Model Railroading
9:15 – 9:25 a.m.	Break
9:25 – 9:55 a.m.	Session #2 – Plan an Amtrak Trip
9:55 – 10:05 a.m.	Break
10:05 – 10:35 a.m.	Session #3 – Railroad Signaling
10:35 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Session #4 – Train Safety
11:15 – 11:25 a.m.	Break
11:25 – 11:55 a.m.	Session #5 – Locomotive Power
11:55 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.	Break
12:05 – 12:35 p.m.	Session #6 – What to Freight Trains Carry?
Self-Paced	Mapping a Railroad & Railroad Careers are self-paced activities that can be completed before or after the formal workshop sessions.

Virtual participants will receive a ZOOM meeting link and downloadable workbook approx. one week before the workshop program.

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How to earn the merit badge

Scouts will participate in a series of six (6) sessions. The sessions will be presented simultaneously: in-person at the Museum and virtually via ZOOM. Scouts are encouraged to ask questions! Each session will address a different railroad topic and requirement for the merit badge.

To verify participation, each Scout will receive a workbook with questions to be answered for each session/requirement. The information to answer the questions will be presented as part of the workshop sessions. There are two self-paced activities (Mapping a Class 1 Railroad and Railroad Careers) that Scouts will need to complete on their own.

Two (2) incorrect answers are allowed per session/activity. For any session/activity with three (3) or more incorrect answers, the Scout will need to complete a make-up activity. Each Scout will receive either a full or partial completion of the merit badge. Should Scouts wish to complete the merit badge, they simply need to submit satisfactory make-up activities.

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