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Fernbank Museum of Natural History Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge Program

Who: This program is designed specifically for Boy Scouts intent on acquiring their Archaeology Merit Badge.

What: The Archaeology Merit Badge (as outlined by the BSA Archaeology Merit Badge Worksheet) contains two requirements that require the guidance of a professional (or a trained avocational) archaeologist. This program addresses requirements 8c and the first half of 9b. Scouts will be individually responsible for completing the required brief report associated with 9b. Additionally, requirements 1, 2, and 3 are addressed.

When: July 24 (FULL); September 18; October 23; November 6
Times: 9 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. for all dates.

Where: We will meet at the front entrance to the Museum between 8:30 am and 8:45am, before proceeding into the building. When the program is over, we will conclude in the same location.

Cost: The program costs \$25 per Scout. We do require that if the Scout is coming individually, a parent/guardian remain on the property during the program.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Will I finish my entire Archaeology Merit Badge with this program?

No, this program only covers 5 of the requirements outlined in the Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge worksheet. We will cover requirements 1, 2, and 3 as an introduction to archaeology. Then we will cover requirements 8c (a mock excavation with 2 time periods), and the first half of 9b (experimental archaeology). You will still be responsible for the 9b report.

2. Is the instructor a registered Merit Badge Counselor?

In addition to being a professional archaeologist, the instructor has registered with the Atlanta Area Council as a merit badge counselor.

3. Will you sign my blue card?

Yes—if you forget to bring a blue card or don't have one, we will give you a letter stating your name, the date, and your accomplishments. You may also send in your blue card for a signature.



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4. What should I bring?

There are several things that we suggest bringing along that might make your experience more comfortable. Because we'll be working outside, we suggest the following:

Water bottle

Bug spray

Protection from the elements (hat, sunscreen, rain gear, etc.)

5. What should I wear?

We suggest that you dress appropriately for the predicted weather and temperature. You should also wear clothes and shoes (ex. tennis shoes, gym shoes, etc. but preferably not boots) that you can get dirty.

6. Does my parent/guardian need to stay while I'm at the program, or can they just drop me off?

Yes, your parent/guardian needs to stay. If you are coming as an individual scout (and not with others from your troop), you must have a parent or guardian with you.

If you are coming with other scouts, you must have 1 adult present for up to 5 scouts.

7. Can my parent/guardian look around the museum while I'm in the program?

Parents/guardians are welcome to purchase Museum tickets when our ticketing window opens at 10 am. Until then, parents/guardians may either stay with the program or in a designated waiting area. Museum admission is not included in program fee.

8. Where do we meet in the morning?

We will meet on the steps outside of the Museum. Please arrive between 8:30 AM and 8:45 AM. Doors to the Museum will relock until normal Museum operation hours once we have gone inside.

9. Do I have to come with my troop?

No, you do not have to come as part of your troop, but Scouts are welcome to sign up with others from their troop. If you are coming by yourself, you must have a parent/guardian present for the duration of the program. If you come with others from your troop, you need to have one adult for up to five scouts.



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Got a group of 15 or larger interested in the Boy Scout Archaeology Merit Badge Program?

Contact us at 404.929.6379 or programs@fernbankmuseum.org to arrange a private program for your group.

10. What about lunch?

We will take a 30 minute lunch break, from 12pm to 12:30 pm. You may either bring your own lunch or bring money to purchase food from our Café. A sample menu is available here

http://www.fernbankmuseum.org/visit_us/fernbank_cafe.aspx

11. What if it's raining?

In the event of severe weather, please call 404-929-6414 for a program status update. Light rain should not affect the program, but we will have to reschedule if lightning occurs.

12. Is there anything I need to prepare before the program?

You do not need to prepare anything before coming to the program. However, reading about archaeology prior to your program through the Archaeology Merit Badge pamphlet or browsing through archaeology websites (such as www.thesga.org, www.sha.org, or www.saa.org), can allow you to gain a deeper understanding of archaeology.