

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Objectives

- Welcome the scouts, leaders and parents.
- Provide an oversight of how the event is organized.

Reference Materials

- Handouts: The Plan for Today
 Merit Badge Requirement Checklist

Suggested Activities

- Welcome scouts and introduce Ham volunteers and merit badge counselor.
- Mention scouts must have their copy of the Radio Merit Badge Pamphlet and a blue card signed by their scout leader (some scouts may be sharing a pamphlet).
- Review The Plan for Today handout:
 - Eleven mini classes (this is the first).
 - Some classes must be taken in sequence.
 - Some classes can be taken in any order.
 - Classes (except for this introduction and the radio contact) will be in groups of 4-5 scouts.
 - Passing off badge requirements will be on a one-on-one basis.
 - Encouraged to move to other classes rather than wait to pass off requirements.
 - Merit badge counselor and volunteers other than the class instructor can work with you to pass off requirements.
- Review Merit Badge Requirement Checklist
 - Same requirements as in merit badge pamphlet, but divided into smaller pieces.
 - Put your name on checklist and keep it with you so it can be signed by the volunteers as you complete each requirement.
 - Merit badge counselor will review the checklist with you and complete and sign your blue card.
- You will receive a bunch of handouts during the classes to help you understand the material.
- Ask lots of questions and request one-on-one instruction if you do not understand.
- Go over other arrangements
 - Rest room location, lunch arrangements, waste baskets, off limits areas, etc.
 - We are guests of the City of Belen and the Metropolitan Court Judge. Please keep everything clean and neat.
- We hope you have a good time. We expect every scout will earn their radio merit badge today.
- Assign groups to the first classes.