

WHERE TO GO ADVANCING

This is a listing of resources to help Scouts' advancement in both rank and merit badges. Scouts are reminded that they are responsible for talking with unit leaders for advice and guidance before making contact with any outside group.

Boy Scout Merit Badge Courses at the Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department Nature Centers

Reedy Creek 704 432 6460 , McDowell 704 588 5224 , and Latta Plantation 704 875 1391

Each of these Nature Centers offers “public” and “private” merit badge programs for individual Boy Scouts and for Troops. All instructors are registered, BSA Youth Protection qualified, and trained as merit badge counselors. Please check with the Nature Centers to find out which merit badge courses will be offered during the year.

Camping with Cub Scout and Webelos Advancement Programs at Latta Plantation Nature Preserve 6211 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC 28078 Please call 704 875 1391 for details and scheduling.

The Fork is a farm and equestrian center near Norwood, NC, about 57 miles from Charlotte. With advance notice and scheduling, Boy Scout troops have access to primitive camping areas, potable water (in the developed parts of the property), hiking trails, and natural areas, including adjacent Rocky River to the west and Pee Dee River to the east. Reservations, Tour Plan, and signed waivers are required for all participants. To schedule a troop event at The Fork Farm, please contact Ms. Kristin Crume, Event and Marketing Coordinator, Phone 704.474.4052 ext. 227 or Fax 704.474.0160, kcrume@theforkfarm.com

Cyber Chip course for Scouts and Parents

Website: <http://www.discoveryplace.org/>

Discovery Place, 301 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202, 704 372 6261

Merit Badge	Organization to Contact	Reference Data
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Archery

Barefoot Archery

barefootarchery.com

Ten Ring Archery

tenringarchery.com



Astronomy

Char. Amateur Astronomers Club

charlotteastronomers.org



Automotive Maintenance

David Goforth

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Aviation

Carolinas Aviation Museum

carolinasaviation.org



Bird Study

Latta Plantation

704 875 1391



Climbing

US National Whitewater Center

USNW.org

Rock Dimensions

Rockdimensions.com/boy-scouts



Electricity

Jackson Park Ministries

Jim Emery 704.588.9202

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Electronics

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Charlotte Nature Museum

www.charlottenaturemuseum.org



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