



Aviation and Oceanography Merit Badges

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum
USS Yorktown
40 Patriots Point Road, Mt Pleasant SC 29464

Website: www.PatriotsPoint.org

Location of event: USS Yorktown, 40 Patriots Point Road, Mt Pleasant SC 29464

Directions and map: <https://goo.gl/maps/4pjTLaudRcp>

Minimum class size: 10

Maximum class size: Aviation MB 20, Oceanography MB 30

Cost: In addition to group rate Day Trip ticket costs for youth and adults, the cost of each course is \$10 for each participant. There is no charge for adult leaders to attend course sessions.

Depending on the Overnight Camping program chosen, the \$10 program cost for each course may be part of the ticket cost. The Group Sales Coordinator will guide this planning with registration.

Method of registration: A Scout leader must contact:

Group Sales Coordinator at 843 971 5051

To participate in either course, Scouts must be part of an organized group of at least 10 or more participants visiting as a day trip or camping overnight. Camping overnight requires a deposit at the time of registration.

An online reservation form can be found at
<http://www.patriotspoint.org/camping/book-online/>

More information: <http://www.patriotspoint.org/camping/>

Parents are welcome to attend all sessions. Groups are expected to have at least one adult for every 10 youths present for all class sessions to provide two-deep leadership for BSA Youth Protection and for monitoring discipline and cell phone use.

Children age 10 or under are welcome to visit the USS Yorktown with a Day Trip ticket or Overnight Camping ticket when accompanied by at least 1 parent at all times during their visit for safety and discipline.

Each Merit Badge course lasts about 2 hours, including classroom and activities. If a unit is visiting as a day trip, it may be possible to schedule one merit badge class for the morning of arrival and the other merit badge class for the afternoon. If a unit is visiting for overnight camping on-board, classes may be scheduled both on the same day or on separate days.

Age requirement: Ages 11 through 17 for merit badge classes.

Rank requirement: There are no rank requirements.

Blue card requirement: Each Scout must present to the counselor a separate blue card signed by their Scoutmaster indicating permission to participate in the course(s). Scouts should fill out the requirement grid portion of the card and have the Merit Badge Counselor initial this section of the card for each completed requirement. When the Scout has completed all requirements, the Merit Badge Counselor must sign and date the card on 2 places. Each Scout is responsible to obtain these signatures and to turn the card in to his Scoutmaster so that merit badge can be registered and awarded.

Merit Badge Counselors:

Instructors at the Patriots Point and USS Yorktown are not registered with a BSA council and do not sign off on blue cards. Patrols or troops must provide their own merit badge counselors to sign off requirements and blue card completions.

After a program is completed, the instructor will provide a signed certificate of completion indicating which requirements were met.

For troops to register a merit badge counselor with their local council, the adult must

1. Be current on BSA Youth Protection within the last 2 years (see www.my.scouting.org, sign in or register, then click on upper right Youth Protection logo, complete course and print certificate)
2. Be registered as a BSA adult volunteer by completing form at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>
3. Be registered as a Merit Badge Counselor by completing form at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>

All 3 documents must be submitted to the local Council registrar. Merit badge counselors do not pay a registration fee. Merit badge counselors must be approved by the Council Advancement Committee for each merit badge for which they serve as Counselor.

Program of Instruction: Through classroom discussions and activities, instructors will cover

Aviation Merit Badge requirements 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 2c, 2d, 3b, 4c
and

Oceanography Merit Badge requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9

Each Scout should Be Prepared to work with their home troop Merit Badge Counselors on pre-course homework and on post-visit reflections and discussions to demonstrate to the Counselor that he understands the concepts and has completed all requirements.

Preparation for Aviation and/or Oceanography Merit Badges before class should be customized by the home troop Merit Badge Counselor:

1. Scouts must read the merit badge book(s) before class.
2. Scouts can print Merit Badge requirements from <https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/> or from http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges and bring these pages and blank paper and pen to the course for their notes and research. Scouts will find that workbooks from the http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badges site will be very helpful in organizing their work but a pre-printed workbook not mandated.
3. Scouts will need to complete Aviation Merit Badge requirement 5 about careers and review this information with the home troop Merit Badge Counselor to earn a completion of all requirements.
4. Scouts will need to complete Oceanography Merit Badge requirement 8 with the home troop Merit Badge Counselor to earn a completion of all requirements.

One option for completion of Oceanography Merit Badge requirement 8 b 2 is to visit the South Carolina Aquarium, 100 Aquarium Wharf, Charleston, SC 29401

843 577 FISH (3474)

Toll Free: 800 722 6455

information@scaquarium.org

<http://scaquarium.org/>

<http://scaquarium.org/directions-parking>

The South Carolina Aquarium is not affiliated with Patriots Point or USS Yorktown.

Another option for completion of Oceanography Merit Badge requirement 8 b 2 is to visit the aquarium at Discovery Place Charlotte.

<https://science.discoveryplace.org/explore/live-shows/aquarium-guided-tour>

Partial or Full Completion: Full completion of the merit badges is possible IF each Scout completes above preparations before class and if he has mastered the subject matter to the satisfaction of his Merit Badge Counselor. If a Scout does not complete all requirements, the Scout should ask the Counselor to initial completed requirements on their blue card and note partially fulfilled requirements for later completion with the

Counselor. Scouts should follow the buddy system with 2-deep adult leadership for all merit badge sessions with the Counselor.

Food: Individuals and groups must not bring their own food and drinks for snacks or meals on board the USS Yorktown. Snacks are available for purchase and meals are served in the cafeteria on board. Scouts may bring individual water bottles.

Clothing: Scouts are expected to wear their field uniform ("Class A" uniform) with Scouts pants and shirt to demonstrate participation as a Scout and to reinforce Scouting values and behavior during the course. Scouts must wear closed-toe shoes or boots (not sandals) with socks to class for safety. Wear layered clothing that is appropriate for outdoor weather. Be Prepared in case the facility or the weather is cold.

Neckerchiefs and merit badge sashes and medals are not expected or required.

Cell phones: Scouts may have cell phones with them during the course, but cell phones should be turned completely off during all class sessions. If a Scout chooses to send text messages or talk on his cell phone during class, he will be expected to loan his cell phone to the instructor or to his parent or to a Scout leader for safe keeping during the rest of the day, to be returned when the class ends.