Virtual Merit Badge FAQs

- **How will the class be conducted virtually?**
  - The class will be held live by an instructor through Zoom. See below for how to join the class. These will be live classes and so your Scout must be present at the scheduled time to participate.

- **How do I join and use Zoom? Do I need to pay to join Zoom?**
  - Zoom is free for those attending our virtual classes. When you register, a meeting code will be sent to you that will allow you to join the virtual lesson on the stated date and time.
  - Learn how to create an account on Zoom here: [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697)
  - Also learn how to join a Zoom meeting here: [https://zoom.us/j/349301253](https://zoom.us/j/349301253)

- **How will my Scout get help if they need it during the class?**
  - There will be an instructor specifically monitoring the chat for the class to answer any questions that your Scout may have.
  - Our staff is also available outside of the class time if necessary. As the parent, please contact us to help observe YPT.

- **(For Citizenship Merit Badges) I’ve already completed one of the three offered. Can I only attend part of the class?**
  - Unfortunately, we cannot break the class up as we specifically teach how they relate to each other. The good news is that we do our best to make the class interesting to make the review interesting. However, the Scout is under no obligation to fill out the packet for a badge they already completed.

- **Are there any requirements to do outside of class?**
  - Different Merit Badges require different prework, homework and post work. The listing on the CAP website for the specific Merit Badges will indicate the necessary out of class work to be done. The additional work will need to be sent to the instructor to complete the Badge.

- **Where do we need to send the work done outside of the class?**
  - Copies of all work should be sent to CAPHomework@gmail.com.

- **Will the class take the entire time listed?**
  - It is possible a particularly hard-working class could finish early.
  - We will be taking lunch breaks and other pauses to allow scouts to finish tasks individually.
  - It is best to plan for your Scout to be present for the entirety of the class.

- **Is this a guaranteed Merit Badge?**
We will cover all the listed requirements, but it is the Scout’s responsibility to complete the class. This means they must do all necessary prework and homework. This work will then be checked before the blue card is sent.

- **When will we receive our blue card?**
  - Depending on the class size we may take a few days to check all the homework/packets.
  - Your card will be delivered via email.

- **Is there an in-person option or does everything have to be done digitally?**
  - The transition from an in-person class to a digital class will no doubt have some issues to work out. However, keeping the class 100% digital is the best way we can keep classes available to Scouts while still assisting with efforts against COVID-19.
  - Some components of some Merit Badges may require being outside of your home. For these requirements, please follow current CDC protocols.
  - The national office has issued the following information about this developing situation: [https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swemployee3252020&utm_medium=email&utm_content=](https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swemployee3252020&utm_medium=email&utm_content=)

- **Who can I contact if I have questions about this program?**
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