



WESTERN COLORADO COUNCIL PRESENTS: 2009 MERIT BADGE RALLY

(See below for High Adventure Course, new this year)



FOR BOY SCOUTS, VARSITY, VENTURE AND SEA SCOUTS

July 16th, 17th and 18th, 2009

on the flat tops north of New Castle, Colorado



Take the New Castle exit off I-70; go to the flashing red stoplight (follow signs). Turn left into town, go to 7th street (Buford Road, National Forest Access Road), turn right and go to the West Elk Creek turn off (Buford Road). Turn right and go approximately 22 miles to the Meadow Lake turn off. Turn right and follow signs to Merit Badge Rally camp. RALLY IS 32 MILES NORTH OF NEW CASTLE ON BUFORD ROAD.



MERIT BADGES OFFERED: (TENTATIVELY)



***CAMPING**
***CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION**
***COMMUNICATIONS**
***EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**
***ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**



***FAMILY LIFE**
***PERSONAL MGMT.**
FORESTRY
GEOLOGY



***FIRST AID**
ARCHAEOLOGY
ARCHITECTURE
ARCHERY
ASTRONOMY
CANOEING
COOKING
FISHING
FLY FISHING (if you have your own rods, reels, and/or line, tying equipment please bring it) {limited to 10 scouts}
FINGERPRINTING



HORSEMANSHIP
LEATHERWORK
METALWORK
ORIENTEERING
PIONEERING
RIFLE SHOOTING
SMALL BOAT SAILING
WEATHER
WILDERNESS SURVIVAL
SALESMANSHIP
SHOTGUN SHOOTING
BLACK POWDER RIFLE - (MUZZLELOADING)
ROWING



*EAGLE REQUIRED BADGES

HIGH ADVENTURE COURSE

Merit Badge Rally is coming up fast. A lot of you have boys who have been in the troop/crew for quite some time who may no longer be interested in attending. We are going to change things a little this year to accommodate those boys in particular. In conjunction with the Rally for the younger boys who still want to earn merit badges we are going to offer a High Adventure Course for the older boys.

Plans are in the works for a spelunking course on the first day of the Rally. (This is subject to the water table run-off, which so far doesn't look promising). The second day will be a bike course. The third day will be a several hours long orienteering and obstacle course where they will not only have to find their way, but get through several challenges or horseback riding. No determination has been made yet as to which ones will be offered.

We are going to have to limit this High Adventure course to around 30 scouts. The boys who will be allowed to participate *will have to be chosen by their Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor*. We recommend the ones you choose be boys who have earned multiple merit badges already or those who simply would not attend the regular rally.



AN ORDER OF THE ARROW CALL OUT WILL BE ON FRIDAY EVENING. IF YOU HAVE SCOUTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE AND WORTHY OF BEING IN THE ORDER OF THE ARROW PLEASE HOLD YOUR TROOP ELECTIONS AND TURN YOUR RESULTS INTO: WARREN HALL @ 970 433-7086 or wchall@bresnan.net .

A fee of **\$6.00** each, Scout and Adult will be required to pay for patches, leather, arrows, rope, bullets, etc.

No meals will be prepared by the staff! Each troop will be responsible for bringing and preparing their own meals.

I am in need of councilors for different merit badges, if you are proficient in a merit badge and would like to teach it at the Rally, please call me, DAVE SMITH @ 970 948-1850 or MARLENE at the Scout Service Center @ 970 243-0346.



If you are an Eagle Scout, an Adult Leader or Merit Badge Counselor and would like to help with a merit badge please call or e-mail Dave Smith @ 970 948-1850, bsasmith@gmail.com.

I am also in need of volunteers to help the Merit Badge Counselors.



Please ensure your scouts have a list of badges they want to take filled out and ready to turn in when they arrive. Scouts will need a notebook (paper), pencil, sunscreen, water container and any tools or supplies required for that badge.

If a scout can't make a class for any reason, it is his responsibility to make arrangements with the Merit Badge Counselor to make it up.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME, DAVE SMITH @ 970 948-1850 bsasmith@gmail.com THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR YOUTH.

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FINAL CLASS SCHEDULE WILL BE OUT ASAP AND WILL DEPEND ON VOLUNTEERS CONFIRMED TO TEACHING A BADGE(S)

2009 MERIT BADGE RALLY SIGN UP

YES! Troop _____ will be attending with _____ Scouts and _____ Adults at \$6.00 each

X _____ of attendees = \$ _____. Charge account _____ or pay onsite _____.

YES! We are interested in HIGH ADVENTURE _____ (number of scouts).

YES! We can help with the following merit badge(s); _____; _____; _____; _____; _____.

YES! We can help with the following equipment and/or supplies: _____

LEADER'S NAME _____ PHONE # _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM OR FAX TO:
Western Colorado Council,
839 Grand Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501-3424
Phone 970 243-0346
Fax 970 241-4415
DEADLINE TO REGISTER, FRIDAY JULY 10th.