BSA-Astronomy Merit Badge Workshop

Saturday, November 17, 2018 or
Saturday, February 23, 2019
8:00am-12:30pm
312 Watch St. Elgin, IL
(847) 888-5324

School District U-46
Planetarium

Hosted by:

Peggy Hernandez, Elgin School District U-46 Planetarium teacher and registered merit badge counselor

Overview and information:

With the pre-requisites completed, a scout can complete all requirements in one workshop.

The required packet (available at www.U-46.org (departments to Observatory/Planetarium) is taken exactly from the Boy Scout requirements, but re-ordered for this particular workshop. Please print it out, answer the prerequisite questions listed below and bring it with you. **These MUST be done before arrival at 8am in order to complete the workshop. No exceptions. You will be asked for your packet at the door to confirm completion prior to the start of the workshop.**

#1a-c, #9, #5a (1st column only) #5b, and #6a, must be completed either at home or a troop meeting before the 8am workshop start time.

- Bring a blue card with you. The last half hour is for checking packets and card signing. **I do not supply blue cards or badges**.
- We will spend most of the session in the planetarium, but we will go upstairs (for about a half hour) to the observatory for specific questions. There is no heat or air conditioning in the observatory dome, so dress accordingly.
- A bottle of water and a snack will be offered to each participant during a break. You may also bring your own snack. Please no cans or open cups for liquids. There is no refrigerator available.
- The building is handicapped accessible and the program is accommodating. Please call for details or if you have any questions or concerns.
- The fee is $10.00 per scout. Please have a scout leader or attending parent collect for group and pay upon arrival at the door. The workshop is limited to 25 participants.
- You may register using this form or find it on the U-46 website. You will receive a confirmation email. If you register and do not receive one within 2 days, please email me at peggyhernandez@u-46.org or call (847) 888-5324. Due to the popularity of merit badge session, space is reserved for candidates earning their badge and parents/leaders as appropriate. One adult per 3-5 scouts is appropriate. No siblings.
- The U-46 planetarium offers scout sessions for younger scouts that are highly recommended before your merit badge session, as well as occasional family friendly public shows. Dates and info available on the U-46 website.
- **Free parking** is available at the corner of Raymond St. and National St, one block away. Drop-offs can be done in front of the building, but there is no parking on Watch St or private lots.