



DES PLAINES VALLEY COUNCIL  
MERIT BADGE ACADEMY

*March 13, 2010*

**Elmwood Park High School**  
**8201 West Fullerton Avenue**  
**Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707**  
**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

## Registration

Payment is due at time of registration. Only Scouts from Des Plaines Valley Council may register this year due to space limitations. Registration can be completed either in person at the Council office during normal business hours, fax or mailed to: **Des Plaines Valley Council - 811 W Hillgrove, La Grange IL 60525**. Please make checks payable to **Des Plaines Valley Council** with your Scout's name and "MBA" in the memo. If mailing your payment, do not send cash. When paying with credit card, completed registrations may be sent via FAX to 708-354-3615, attn. Linda Glover. Make sure to have your Scoutmaster sign your printed registration form and blue card. **Scouts will not be able to attend classes without their blue cards signed prior by scout's Scoutmaster.**

## Fees

Academy fee is \$20 per scout; registration will close on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Door registration fee is \$35 (pending class space). The fee includes a hot lunch and a Merit Badge Academy patch. We regret that we are unable to accommodate special dietary needs. If you have such needs, please bring your own lunch.

## Duties of Each Scout

Most of the classes offered have pre-requisites; some of the classes will not be able to be completed if not started already. For example, if the badge has a 90-day requirement and the scout has not started the badge they will not complete it at MBA. It will be the scout's responsibility to follow-up with a counselor to complete the badge. Pre-requisites can be found at the council office and/or website. [www.bsa-dpvc.org](http://www.bsa-dpvc.org) Scouts must come in Class A Uniform (no troop t-shirts) and bring pencil and paper, merit badge booklets and any items needed for your badges.

## Schedule

The day is 4 periods in length. There are two periods in the morning and two periods in the afternoon. Classes range from 1 to 2 periods (space exploration is 4 periods long). The 'one Eagle badge rule' means that only one of the classes can be an Eagle required badge but the others are fine. For example, if the scout picks Personal Fitness this badge is one period long so they will be able to take 3 more periods worth of classes just as long as they do not pick another Eagle required badge.

## New This Year!

We are planning to run the **largest Des Plaines Valley Council food drive at MBA**. Please gather non-perishable food and bring it with you to the Academy. We will have an area for drop off during registration. Scouts, Parents and Scouters please help to make this the largest ever! Also we will be offering two of the 2010 Historical Merit Badges! Questions, please contact Karen Gleason at [merit\\_badge\\_academy@yahoo.com](mailto:merit_badge_academy@yahoo.com) or 630-222-6405, please e-mail first if possible.



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### Badges Offered

Reminder of the Schedule: The day is 4 periods in length. There are two periods in the morning and two periods in the afternoon. Classes range from 1 to 2 periods, or all 4. For example, a scout could take four - 1 period classes or two - 2 period classes (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) or a combination there of. \*\*The one Eagle badge rule means that only one of the classes can be an Eagle required badge but the others are fine.

**Please note: \*\*Only One EAGLE REQUIRED Merit Badge Class Per Scout.**

<i>Badge</i>	<i>Sessions</i>	<i>Badge</i>	<i>Sessions</i>
<b>** Citizenship in the World</b>	2 periods	<b>Fingerprinting</b>	2 periods
<b>** Citizenship in the Nation</b>	2 periods	<b>Photography</b>	1 period
<b>** Citizenship in the Community</b>	2 periods	<b>Railroad</b>	1 period
<b>** Emergency Preparedness</b>	2 periods	<b>Scholarship</b>	1 period
<b>** Communications</b>	2 periods	<b>*2010 Patch only* Tracking</b>	1 period
<b>** Personal Fitness</b>	1 period	<b>Space Exploration</b>	4 periods
<b>American Labor</b>	2 periods	<b>Stamp Collecting</b>	1 period
<b>Art</b>	1 period	<b>Law</b>	1 period
<b>Collections</b>	1 period	<b>Theater</b>	1 period
<b>Computers</b>	1 period	<b>Archaeology</b>	2 periods
<b>*2010 Patch only* Pathfinding</b>	1 period	<b>Den Chief Training (non-badge training)</b>	2 periods

**P.S. Don't forget about the food drive!**