

# 2022 Currahee District Advance-A-Rama Information Sheet

**Event Date: February 19, 2022**

## General Information

Check-in will be located in the Fellowship Hall of the Clarkesville First United Methodist Church from 8:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. Classes will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m., so please arrive on time.

Those taking Fishing, Fly Fishing, and Rifle Shooting merit badges are to meet at: 1700 Blacksnake Road, Mount Airy, GA 30563. Please do not sign in at the church.

Please be dressed in “Class A” uniform for an opening flag ceremony. After the flag ceremony, the uniform may be removed and a Scout appropriate t-shirt (a “Class B” shirt) may be worn for the remainder of the day.

Please be sure to review the applicable merit badge information below so you come prepared for your merit badge class.

Due to the nature of their requirements, not all merit badges will be completed the day of the event. For Rifle Shooting, Scouts must shoot a required score and grouping to complete the merit badge; while we plan for shooting time to help you qualify that day, depending on your initial skill level and aptitude, you may not be able to achieve the required score that day. For Space Exploration, Scouts must build and launch their rocket twice, which may not be possible in the case of poor weather conditions.

A summary of requirements completed will be available in Tentaroo after the event. Requirements not completed the day of the event will need to be finished individually, at a later date, with a counselor for that merit badge.

## For ALL Merit Badge Classes

Every Scout should bring a pen and paper to class. Although not required, it is ideal for the Scout to have the merit badge pamphlet for their class. Scouts will need to be able to take notes and the instructor may reference specific pages in the merit badge pamphlet.



### *Art Merit Badge*

Scouts should complete Requirement 7 prior to the event. Requirement 7 states: *Find out about three career opportunities in art. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.*

Scouts are welcome to bring art supplies with them, such as pens, colored pencils, crayons, and markers.

Class size is limited to 7 Scouts.



## **Citizenship in the Nation**

Not all requirements can be completed the day of the event unless certain requirements are completed in advance. Prerequisites for this merit badge include:

- Requirement 3: *Watch the national evening news five days in a row OR read the front page of a major daily newspaper five days in a row. Scouts should be prepared to discuss the national issues you learned about with your counselor. Choose one of the issues and explain how it affects you and your family.*
- Requirement 8: *Name your two senators and the member of Congress from your congressional district. Write a letter about a national issue and send it to one of these elected officials, sharing your view with him or her. Show your letter and any response you might receive to your counselor.*

Advanced research for Requirement 6 is requested, but not required. Requirement 6 states: *With your counselor's approval, choose a speech of national historical importance. Find out about the author, and tell your counselor about the person who gave the speech. Explain the importance of the speech at the time it was given, and tell how it applies to American citizens today. Choose a sentence or two from the speech that has significant meaning to you, and tell your counselor why.*

Class size is limited to 15 Scouts.



## **Citizenship in the World**

No prerequisites.

Class size is limited to 15 Scouts.



## **Fishing Merit Badge**

Scouts should bring their own fishing pole, tackle, and bait. Limited poles will be available for those that don't have fishing equipment. The class is outdoors, so please be dressed appropriately and bring water.

In order to complete this merit badge, Scouts must catch and identify at least one fish (Requirement 9), as well as clean and cook a fish (Requirement 10). Depending on weather and fishing conditions and your ability to catch a fish, you may not be able to complete the merit badge that day. Those that don't catch a fish will receive a partial.

Class size is limited to 15 Scouts.



### **Fly Fishing Merit Badge**

Scouts should bring their own fly fishing pole and tackle. Limited poles will be available for those that don't have fishing equipment. The class is outdoors, so please be dressed appropriately and bring water.

In order to complete this merit badge, Scouts must catch and identify at least one fish (Requirement 10), as well as clean and cook a fish (Requirement 11). Depending on weather and fishing conditions and your ability to catch a fish, you may not be able to complete the merit badge that day. Those that don't catch a fish will receive a partial.

Class size is limited to 15 Scouts.



### **Rifle Shooting Merit Badge**

Scouts may bring their own hearing and eye protection to the event. Personal hearing and eye protection will be approved by the Range Safety Officer before being allowed to use. The class is outdoors, so please be dressed appropriately and bring water.

In order to complete this merit badge, Scouts must shoot a minimum score and grouping. Every attempt will be given to help you qualify, but due to initial skill level and aptitude, as well as weather conditions the day of the event, you may not make the required score that day. Those that don't shoot a qualifying score and grouping will receive a partial.

Class size is limited to 10 Scouts.



### **Space Exploration Merit Badge**

Scouts are required to build and launch a rocket twice. Rocket kits and materials will be available during class. Unless weather conditions are poor, Scouts should be able to complete the merit badge that day. If weather conditions are poor and we are unable to launch rockets, partials will be given for the merit badge.

Class size is limited to 10 Scouts.



## **Welding Merit Badge**

Due to the nature of the badge and hazardous associated with it, which includes high voltage and heat, Scouts that possess a good level of maturity is expected. Bring a set of work clothes (pants and long sleeve shirt) that you don't mind getting dirty. Don't wear synthetic materials like polyester or polyester blends.

Class size is limited to 6 Scouts.