

A presentation by CREW 345, Signal Hill District of the
Northwest Suburban Council, Boy Scouts of America

Radio Merit Badge Class

Sunday, June 17, 2012

*Are you interested in helping people during disasters?
Want to learn about satellites and high tech electronics?
Want your computer to connect around the world via wireless?
Think it would be cool to talk to Astronauts in space?*

Explore the world of wireless communications through the BSA Radio Merit Badge! To help you complete the badge in one day, a Radio Merit Badge Class will be held **Sunday, June 17, 2012** from **1:30pm until 4:30pm** at the Palatine Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 200 East Wood Street, Palatine, Illinois. The class is limited to the **first thirty (30)** who register. Everyone is welcome - Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, all boys and girls. Adults interested in learning about radio are encouraged to participate, too!!

Here's what you need to do:

1. Complete the registration form below, and mail it with your \$7 fee to:
Debbie Heine, c/o VFA, Inc., 321 W. Northwest Hwy., Barrington, IL 60010
(cash, or check payable to Crew 345)
2. Read the 2008 or newer Radio Merit Badge pamphlet from pages 1 to 67. You do not have to build the crystal radio, but it is fun!
3. Once we receive your registration, we will email a workbook to you, with further instructions.
4. Bring the following to the class:
 - a. A **fully completed** Merit Badge Application (Blue Card) for the Radio Merit Badge signed by one of your unit leaders.
 - b. Your workbook, completed as best you can.
 - c. The Radio Merit Badge Worksheet with evidence of any requirements you may have completed in advance.
 - d. A pen and pencil, and a notebook or clipboard to write on.
 - e. Proper uniform (if a Scout), good behavior and interest!
 - f. A snack/sandwich if you want one.
5. Report to the Palatine EOC by 1:15pm on Sunday afternoon. If your parents are not staying, make sure that you are picked up by 4:30pm.
6. **If you have any questions about the class:**
 - a. Charles Terry Aldridge (KM9N) at 847-309-3371 or tsaldridge@sbcglobal.net
7. Directions - The Palatine EOC entrance is on the south side of the building, toward the west end of the Palatine Village Hall, 200 E. Wood Street, Palatine. Signs will be posted on the doors.

RADIO MERIT BADGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

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(Scout Name) _____ of Troop _____ has my permission to participate in the Radio Merit Badge class on **Sunday, June 17**. In the event of an emergency, I can be reached at (____) _____ - _____, and I authorize necessary medical treatment. E-Mail address for workbook & updates pertaining to the class: **(print legibly)** _____

Home address: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Merit Badge Counselor/Crew Advisor Charles Terry Aldridge, KM9N, tsaldridge@sbcglobal.net
or Crew Committee Chair Debbie Heine, KC9QVW, kc9qvw@arrl.net