



Battleship New Jersey Overnight Encampment Merit Badge Requirements (Rev Jan 19,2012)

Important! When contacting us by voicemail, or preferably by email, it is imperative that you reference:

- your Pack, Troop, Group or Family name
- the date of your event
- your contact person

Please do not assume that we remember the details of previous conversations. Reply to e-mails, rather than start anew, as we will be able to refer to past conversations. Restate pertinent facts. You are one of many groups we are attempting to accommodate on board the “Big J”, and we appreciate your help in giving us as much information as possible.

Boy and Cub Scout Badge Work Opportunities:

For Boy Scouts, we offer badge work opportunities in the areas of American Heritage, First Aid, and Radio (**one per scout**), all of which are led by our certified Merit Badge Counselors. Please note that all Merit Badge counselors are volunteers and there may be an occasion (I.E. work, weather, illness) where the counselor may not be available.

Registration must be A MINIMUM OF 60 days in advance thru the BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY Encampment Office ONLY. Cub Scouts can receive a demonstration in these areas (one per scout).

If your Boy Scouts will be participating in one of these sessions, it is necessary for them to have completed the following prerequisites of their chosen session **prior** to arriving for the overnight:

- **American Heritage** – If any scout(s) have already completed ALL requirements except for one of the choices under Requirement 4, he/they may complete Requirement 4d while aboard the battleship. Also, if there are only one or two scouts in the troop that need to complete Requirement 4c by interviewing two veterans, they may do so while onboard the battleship. No other requirements could possibly be completed for the American Heritage merit badge during the encampment. The counselor will sign the blue card for any scout that successfully completes the worksheets. When the American Heritage counselor receives contact information for the leader in charge, he will forward pertinent attachments on e-mails that should prove helpful.
- **First Aid** - the scouts should come with all of their prerequisites met and the necessary reading done. Completing the CPR portion is an advantage but not a requirement. The scout will take part in a 90 minute intense rapid fire hands on event. This program is run in a group participation fashion with Professional Instructors that have many years of EMS experience.
- **Radio** – **this is a partial merit badge course.** Scout must be able to demonstrate knowledge of requirements 1 thru 4 and 9(a) 1-6 to the councilors. We use the 2008 Merit Badge publication. Requirement # 7 "Visit a radio installation" will be conducted onboard in the Battleship New Jersey's Radio Room. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

