



Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop

Saturday, July 30, 2022

9 am - 4 pm

Registration fee \$15

For information & questions, please contact:

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*Be Prepared for an exciting & informative day
where you can earn one of the
rarest merit badges.*

...it's not your grand-daddy's hobby anymore!

*Held on same day as
Charlotte Philatelic Society
Annual Stamp Show
in the*

*Worrell Building,
CPCC Central Campus, Charlotte, NC*

Earn

Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

(or just have fun learning about stamps)

Worrell Bldg, CPCC Central Campus

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The Charlotte Philatelic Society (CPS)

once again invites all

Piedmont and Mecklenburg County Council Scouts BSA members to 'CHARPEX', the Annual Stamp Show, located in the Worrell Building on the Central Campus of CPCC in Downtown Charlotte.

Scout leader Glenn Silverman of Piedmont Council will lead a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop.

Rarities and philatelic 'phinds' will be on exhibition. Scouts who are accompanied by an adult who signs up for the CPS mailing list receive a \$3.00 coupon to spend at the show.

All program materials are donated.

Space is limited and on-line pre-registration is required.

Learn what Stamp Collecting is all about, start a new collection, and earn a rare merit badge!

Information and questions about the Stamp Show:

Scouts@Charpex.info



Stamp Collecting Merit Badge
Saturday, July 30, 2022, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
to coincide with
Charlotte Philatelic Society's Annual Stamp Show

Scouts will be able to earn **Stamp Collecting Merit Badge** by completing all requirements at the event.

Location: CPCC Central Campus, Worrell Building, formerly Taylor Hall.
 1228 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204

See: <http://www.charpex.info/>

Map: <https://www.cpcc.edu/sites/default/files/2019-05/central-campus-map.pdf>

Registration fee: \$15.00 plus \$1.00 transaction fee

Registration opens: When this announcement is posted.

Registration closes: When the class is full.

On-line registration and payment: <https://www.mccscouting.org/meritbadgescouts>

Please enter the following information:

Scout name:

Scout email (or parent email):

Troop #:

Council name:

Parent email:

Parent phone #:

Class Size: The maximum number of Scouts for this course is 12.

Ages: 11 through 17 There are no rank requirements to participate.

Registration opens: When this Guide is published.

Registration opens: When the course is full or on Wednesday, July 27.

What to bring:

1. Please bring your merit badge book. Scouts may purchase new merit badge books at the Scout Shop on 7th Street. See <http://www.mccscouting.org/ScoutShop.aspx> for location and hours. Alternatively, Scouts may borrow merit badge books from their own troop libraries or from other Scouts.
2. Scouts may print and bring merit badge workbooks from <http://usscouts.org/mb/mb108.asp>. Printing and using these workbooks for your class is not required but can be a convenient way to organize your learning. Any pre-course homework can be recorded into this workbook. Whether you use the workbook or create your own, you are required to bring your homework to class.
3. Please bring a daypack with pen and paper, a water bottle, snacks, bag lunch, clothing layers. You will not be able to eat or drink while working with the stamps but you will have time and space to eat and drink away from the stamps.
4. Each Scout must bring a blue card for **Stamp Collecting Merit Badge** signed in advance by their Scoutmaster indicating permission to participate in this class.
5. Because of generous support from the Charlotte Philatelic Society (CPS), Scouts are not required to bring or purchase stamps or stamp collecting supplies. Stamps from bulk lots will be provided so that Scouts can assemble the stamp collections specified in the merit badge requirements by swapping and trading among themselves.
6. Rarities and philatelic 'phinds' will be on exhibition. Scouts who are accompanied by an adult who sign up for the CPS mailing list receive a \$3.00 coupon to spend at the show.
7. Each Scout **must bring and wear an effective face mask** covering their nose and mouth throughout the course and while visiting exhibits. Neck gaiters do not effectively block respiratory droplets. If a Scout wishes to wear a neck gaiter, the Scout must also wear a second, conventional face mask that covers mouth and nose.
8. All Scouts must practice social distancing throughout the event.

Blue card requirement: Each Scout must present to the counselor a separate, new blue card signed by their Scoutmaster indicating permission to participate in the course. Scouts should fill out the requirement grid portion of the card and have the Merit Badge Counselor initial this section of the card for each completed requirement. When the Scout has completed all requirements, the Merit Badge Counselor must sign and date the card in 2 places. Each Scout is responsible to obtain these signatures and to turn the card in to their Scoutmaster so that the merit badge can be registered and awarded.

Partial or full completion: All Scouts can earn a full completion of this merit badge during this course if they complete all requirements. Each Scout is responsible for having the counselor sign their blue card and complete the requirement grid section on the blue card.

How to dress: You must wear closed-toe shoes. You will be spending all of the time inside, but sandals are not acceptable. Scouts should wear their Scout uniforms,

including Scout pants and a field uniform ("Class A") shirt. Neckerchiefs and slides and medals and merit badge sashes are not expected or required.

Bad weather: Class will be held rain or shine.

2022 COVID Health Guidelines

Before registering for this merit badge, all Scouts and parents should read the

2022 COVID Health Guidelines posted at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MeBONTpr1SVdrH1DbQ0YSON6aNAAb5j/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109493158571682052737&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Health Forms

All participants must complete and bring the 2022 Health Screening Form posted at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lCH5il9vvFBkqGh4GGr4_canRvxNbhcq/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109493158571682052737&rtpof=true&sd=true

Please print and complete and sign and bring these forms to the event. Mr. Silverman will collect these forms and send them in to the Council office after the event. Mecklenburg County Council will keep these forms on file.

COVID-19:

- 1. As of February 7, 2022, the Stamp Show and the Stamping Collecting Merit Badge show are still planned. However, the event could be postponed or canceled, if public health guidelines change or if group or crowd sizes are limited by public health authorities or by CPCC. If postponement or cancellation occurs, registration fees will be refunded to the credit card paying for the registration.**
- 2. Public health guidelines may change, prompting changes in the Health Guidelines applicable for this event.**

Counselor(s): Counselor for this course is Mr. Glenn Silverman. He is a registered Scouter and Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Counselor with current BSA Youth Protection certification from Piedmont Council in Gastonia. He is an avid stamp collector and experienced Stamp Collecting Merit Badge counselor and course instructor. The course will follow BSA Youth Protection guidelines, including Two Deep Leadership.

Parents: Parents are encouraged to attend all sessions to provide Two Deep Leadership.

Cell phones: Scouts may have cell phones with them during the course, but cell phones should be turned completely off during all class sessions. If a Scout chooses to send text messages or check social media or talk on their cell phone during class, the Scout will be expected to loan their cell phone to the instructor or to a parent or to a Scout leader for safe keeping during the rest of the day, to be returned when the class ends.



Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

Requirements

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/Stamp_Collecting.pdf
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1. Do the following:
 - a. Discuss how you can better understand people, places, institutions, history, and geography as a result of collecting stamps.
 - b. Briefly describe some aspects of the history, growth, and development of the United States postal system. Tell how it is different from postal systems in other countries.
2. Define topical stamp collecting. Name and describe three other types of stamp collections.
3. Show at least ONE example of each of the following:
 - a. Perforated and imperforate stamps
 - b. Mint and used stamps
 - c. Sheet, booklet, and coil stamps
 - d. Numbers on plate block, booklet, or coil, or marginal markings
 - e. Overprint and surcharge
 - f. Metered mail
 - g. Definitive, commemorative, semipostal, and airmail stamps
 - h. Cancellation and postmark
 - i. First day cover
 - j. Postal stationery (aerogramme, stamped envelope, and postal card)
4. Do the following:
 - a. Demonstrate the use of ONE standard catalog for several different stamp issues. Explain why catalog value can vary from the corresponding purchase price.
 - b. Explain the meaning of the term condition as used to describe a stamp. Show examples that illustrate the different factors that affect a stamp's value.
5. Demonstrate the use of at least THREE of the following stamp collector's tools:
 - a. Stamp tongs

- b. Water and tray
- c. Magnifiers
- d. Hinges and stamp mounts
- e. Perforation gauge
- f. Glassine envelopes and cover sleeves
- g. Watermark fluid

6. Do the following:

- a. Show a stamp album and how to mount stamps with or without hinges. Show at least ONE page that displays several stamps.
- b. Discuss at least THREE ways you can help to preserve stamps, covers, and albums in first-class condition.

7. Do at least TWO of the following:

- a. Design a stamp, cancellation, or cachet.
- b. Visit a post office, stamp club, or stamp show with an experienced collector. Explain what you saw and learned.
- c. Write a review of an interesting article from a stamp newspaper, magazine, book, or website (with your parent's permission).
- d. Research and report on a famous stamp-related personality or the history behind a particular stamp.
- e. Describe the steps taken to produce a stamp. Include the methods of printing, types of paper, perforation styles, and how they are gummed.
- f. Prepare a two- to three-page display involving stamps. Using ingenuity, as well as clippings, drawings, etc., tell a story about the stamps and how they relate to history, geography, or a favorite topic of yours.

8. Mount and show, in a purchased or homemade album, ONE of the following:

- a. A collection of 250 or more different stamps from at least 15 countries.
- b. A collection of a stamp from each of 50 different countries, mounted on maps to show the location of each.
- c. A collection of 100 or more different stamps from either one country or a group of closely related countries.
- d. A collection of 75 or more different stamps on a single topic. (Some interesting topics are Scouting, birds, insects, the Olympics, sports, flowers, animals, ships, holidays, trains, famous people, space, and medicine.) Stamps may be from different countries.
- e. A collection of postal items discovered in your mail by monitoring it over a period of 30 days. Include at least five different types listed in requirement 3.

Homework for All Merit Badges to complete before class:

- 1. Scouts must read the BSA merit badge book or pamphlet **before** class. A Scout might borrow a copy from their troop library or from another Scout. The latest print editions are stocked and are for sale at the Mecklenburg County Council Scout Shop at

1410 East 7th Street Charlotte, NC 28204, 704 333 5471

www.mccscouting.org

Scouts may order printed copies from www.scoutshop.org.

Scouts may purchase current digital versions for Kindle devices on Amazon.

2. Scouts can print current merit badge requirements from

<http://www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx>

Unofficial merit badge workbooks with all requirements and spaces to write in answers are posted at <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

Printing a workbook is optional and not mandatory, but Scouts will find that a workbook from the <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

will be very helpful in organizing their work and in sending in merit badge homework assignments to their merit badge counselors.

Workbooks printed from <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

may contain extra resources Scouts may use to complete merit badge requirements.

Scouts should bring these pages and blank paper and pen to the course to present their notes and research and to facilitate discussions with the counselor and other Scouts during class. Paper and pens will not be supplied by the course instructors.

Homework for Stamp Collecting Merit Badge to complete before class:

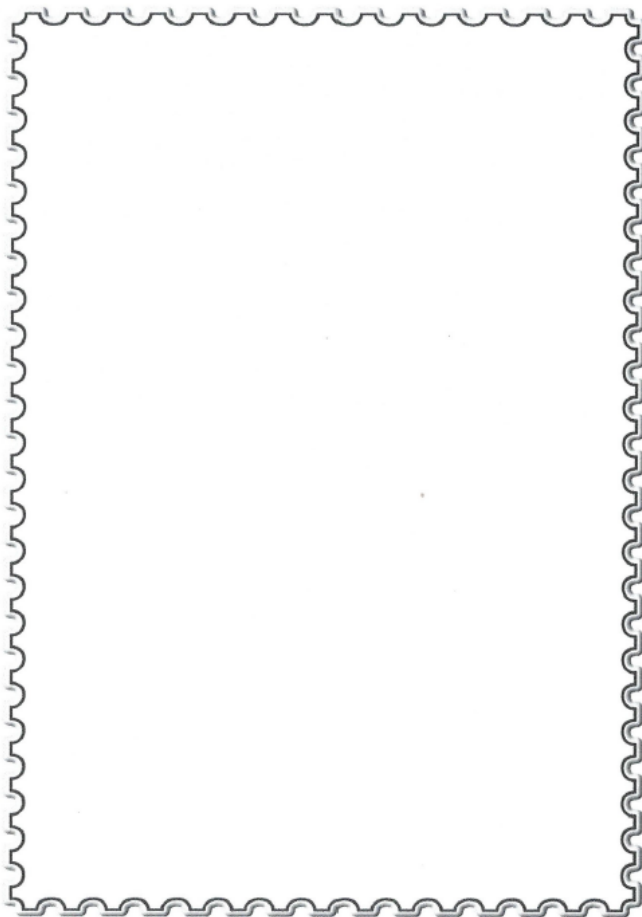
1. Scouts should write out answers to requirement questions. Scouts should actively participate in the assignments during the course to demonstrate learning and mastery of the subject matter to the merit badge counselor.

2. Requirement # 7: Please see additional information and template for your stamp design on the next page:

Course homework to complete **BEFORE** the class:

Each Scout must complete Requirement 7 a: Design a stamp, cancellation, or cachet.

Each Scout must bring their design to the course.



Postage stamps are receipts--proof of pre-paying a fee for delivery of letters and packages. Stamps usually honor important people, places, events, and animals, but with today's picture postage stamps, you can create your own stamp design about your favorite topic.

Your design should include:

- a. the name of the country issuing the stamp
- b. a monetary number (denomination) indicating what it costs to send a letter or package
- c. topic--person, place, event, issue, or object that's important to you.

You may orient your stamp design in portrait or landscape mode.

Definition of "cachet" (noun)

1a: a seal used especially as a mark of official approval

b: an indication of approval carrying great prestige

Example: "The president placed his cachet on the project."

2a: a characteristic feature or quality conferring prestige

Example: "regarded the possession of real estate as a cachet of respectability

b: prestige

Example: "being rich ... doesn't have the cachet it used to" — Truman Capote

3: a medicinal preparation for swallowing consisting of a case usually of rice-flour paste enclosing a medicine

4a: a design or inscription on an envelope to commemorate a postal or philatelic event

b: an advertisement forming part of a postage meter impression

c: a motto or slogan included in a postal cancellation

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/cachet>

Stamp subject selection criteria: <https://about.usps.com/who/csac/#criteria>

Artwork for stamp designs: <https://about.usps.com/who/csac/#artwork>

Please note: “Do not submit artwork or photographs for a stamp subject for consideration. Unsolicited stamp designs will not be reviewed or considered.”