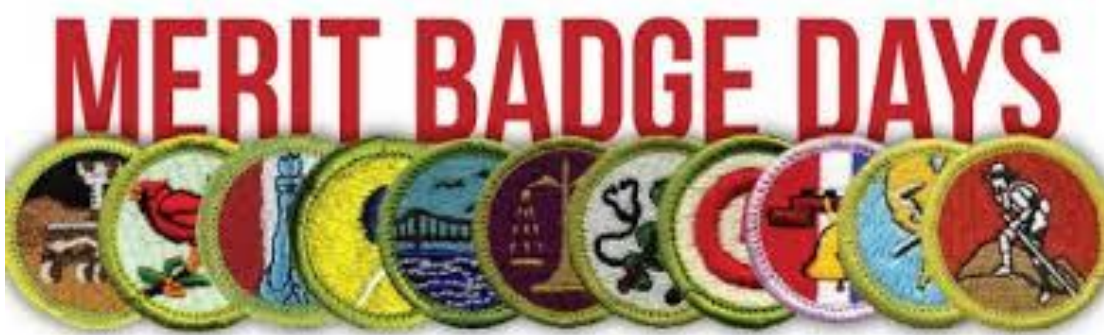




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Dear scouters, adult leaders, parents and friends of scouting,

I am excited to announce that the Scouting BSA Southeast Louisiana Council - Cypress District is hosting a Merit Badge College for the fifth consecutive year! Attendance increased last year and we look forward to another great day this year.

This particular Merit Badge College will be offering (18) different merit badge courses. The intent for this Merit Badge College is for our scouts to be able to leave with completed merit badges. In some cases, it will be necessary for requirements to be completed in advance. The pre-requisite requirements are listed in this leader guide on pages 8, 9, and 10. Please be sure to follow the pre-requisite requirements. We found that very few scouts, who left the 2020 Merit Badge College with only partially completed merit badges, actually followed up with the college's merit badge counselor.

In addition to the opportunity for our scouts to earn merit badges, we hope that they will enjoy the day. Personally, I am happy to just be scouting again in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. With that being said, there are several procedures, which will be undertaken to protect our scouts and adult leaders. This event shall be carried out in accordance with the policy and procedures outlined by Scouting BSA and the Southeast Council of Louisiana. Specific details regarding COVID-19 restrictions will be outlined later in this program guide. We are encouraging each troop to bring and display your troop flag during the event. Furthermore, if any troop would like to present the colors and participate in the opening ceremony, please email me at [Deputy661@Bellsouth.Net](mailto:Deputy661@Bellsouth.Net).

Thanks for your dedication to scouting and we look forward to seeing you at the 2021 SELA Merit Badge College.

Yours in Scouting,

Thomas Gai  
Committee Chair  
Troop 11, Chalmette, LA  
Eagle Scout 2002



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## ❖ General Information:

### ~ Information - Docville Farm ~

The location of the event will be held at the Docville Farm, located at [5124 East St. Bernard Highway, Violet, Louisiana 70092](#). The site of Docville Farm is located in St. Bernard, Louisiana, and has been approved for use by the Southeast Louisiana Scout Council. Violet, Louisiana is located on the east bank of the Mississippi River, and is approximately 7.5 miles southeast of New Orleans. St. Bernard Highway, or LA Highway 46, intersects with Paris Road (LA highway 47), which can be accessed by Interstate 510. Interstate 10 intersects with Interstate 510 and is the last Chalmette exit (Exit 246A).

Named after Dr. Louis “Doc” Meraux, Docville is a historic property that stretches from the Mississippi River to Lake Borgne. Today, the Meraux Foundation has designated over 130 acres of Docville as an educational learning center that hosts art series, workshops, and a number of community events.

The Docville Farm campus features the Main House, a turn-of-the-century structure the Foundation resurrected after the hurricanes of 2005; the Dave Thompson Event Barn; the Arlene Meraux River Observation Center (AMROC); working stables with livestock; and educational installations, including sugar cane and citrus crops, a live crawfish pond, and an augmented reality sandbox.





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- **Merit Badge College Fees, Requirements, and Class Information:**
  - **Regular Registration** is \$20.00 per scout. All fees must be paid online via Doubleknot through the Southeast Louisiana Council (SELA) website. Fees paid through Doubleknot by one scout or adult may be transferred to another scout or adult. The transfer would include the class schedule. The scoutmaster for each scout or adult involved in the transfer must agree in writing to the transfer. The letter is encouraged to be in e-mail form to [Cypressdistrictcommissioner@Gmail.Com](mailto:Cypressdistrictcommissioner@Gmail.Com). All monetary fee will include entrance to the event, all costs associated with the venue, patches, and lunch. Lunch will include chips, a drink, and a desert. The main course will most likely be pizza, but is tentative to change.
  - **Changing Merit Badges College** - Scouts and Scouters may opt to change their course selections through Doubleknot provided there is availability. Changes for Session "1" must be completed prior to 8:00 a.m. on the day of the event; changes for session "2" must be completed prior to 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event.
  - **Expectations** - Scouts are expected to secure and read the merit badge pamphlet (merit badge book) for each merit badge course they are taking at the SELA Merit Badge College
  - **Merit Badge College Program** - Class sizes are limited to 12 class except as otherwise noted. Most classes will be conducted in a single 3 ½ hour session; however, there are three courses, which require the full 7 hours of instruction and will take up both the morning and afternoon sessions.
  - **Pre-Requisites** - Many of these merit badges have requirements that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. These requirements need to be completed prior to attending the SELA Merit Badge College so that the scout can finish the merit badge at the Merit Badge College. Several of the merit badges have requirements that need to be researched so that they can be discussed with the Merit Badge Counselor. Scoutmasters should encourage scouts to take the advantage of the winter break to complete all pre-requisites for their selected merit badges.



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- Merit Badge results and Documentation - No later than the month of January, merit badge results will be sent to the unit leaders. The documentation will show the requirements that the scout completed. Courses will be shown as "COMPLETE" if the scout completed all merit badge requirements to the satisfaction of the Merit Badge Counselor or "PARTIAL" if there are requirements that were not completed. "PARTIAL" reports will include the requirements that were completed during the Merit Badge College.
- Unit leaders shall be responsible for checking the documentation and ensuring course completion information has been provided for each scout and scouter. Please notify the Cypress District staff of any errors on the unit report by e-mail to [Deputy661@Bellsouth.Net](mailto:Deputy661@Bellsouth.Net) or Mr. Harry Deimel - [Deimelh@Bellsouth.Net](mailto:Deimelh@Bellsouth.Net).

It is the unit's responsibility to have an authorized leader sign for a scout's completion of any requirements completed prior to or after the Merit Badge College.

If scouts complete Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge they are on their way to National Outdoor Badge for Conservation. It also counts towards the following Nova Awards: Let it Grow, Splash, Harris Bronze Supernova, and Edison Silver Supernova STEM.



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- **COVID-19 Restrictions** - In addition to good hygiene and cleanliness, anyone who attends the SELA Merit Badge College will be asked to adhere to staying six foot away from each other (social distance). Additionally, attendees will be asked to wear facial masks in closed area. Temperature checks will be set up at the entry into the facility and each attendee will be required to submit to a body temp check and questionnaire. Lunch will be handled by a limited staff. A maximum of 12 scouts will be allowed in each classroom. We will also be asking that attendees limit sharing of items such as supplies and equipment between other programs. Furthermore, scout leaders are required to have a method to contact family members of their scouts in the event any signs or symptoms of a cold become evident.
  
- Screening Survey will be required upon entry into the facility. The following is a list of the questions:
  - I will comply with all healthy hygiene practices on social distancing and sanitation including hand washing/sanitizer along with any additional guidelines stipulated by my charter partner.
  
  - I agree to wear a face covering during inside meetings as a method to prevent the transmission of droplets to others.
  
  - I have not been in close contact with anyone I know to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
  
  - I am not experiencing fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
  
  - I have not had a fever higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit in the last 48 hours.
  
  - I have not vomited or had diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
  
  - I took my temperature prior to coming to the meeting and it was no higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.





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○ **Merit Badge College and University of Scouting Schedule:**

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Activity:</b>	<b>Special Information:</b>
7am - 8 am	Registration	Health Form A & B are required to be on site for every participant and must be present at registration
8 am - 8:30am	Opening Ceremony / Announcements	Troops are encouraged to bring their troop flag for the opening ceremony
8:30am - 12pm	Session "1"	Merit Badge Counselors may take breaks as needed during session
12pm - 1pm	Lunch	Lunch will be served starting at 11:45am for classes that end early
1pm - 4:30pm	Session "2"	Merit Badge Counselors may take breaks as needed during session
4:30 pm - 5pm	Satisfaction survey and cleanup	It is every scout's responsibility to remember the outdoor code and the 11 <sup>th</sup> point of the scout law.... CLEAN! Leave the area better then you found it.



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○ **Class Schedule**

(Please Check the Doubleknot registration for the most current version)

Session "1" (Morning) 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Lunch	Session "2" Afternoon 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
* <b>Citizenship in the World</b> * (Requires both sessions) <i>Mr. Ben Clifton</i>	-	* <b>Citizenship in the World</b> * (Requires both sessions) <i>Mr. Ben Clifton</i>
* <b>First Aid</b> * (Requires both sessions) <i>Pending Counselor</i>	-	* <b>First Aid</b> * (Requires both sessions) <i>Pending Counselor</i>
* <b>Camping</b> * <i>Mr. Danny Baldassaro</i>	-	* <b>Citizenship in the Nation</b> * <i>Ms. Sandie Campbell</i>
* <b>Communications</b> * <i>Mr. Ken Tillman</i>	-	* <b>Communications</b> * <i>Mr. Ken Tillman</i>
<b>Oceanography</b> <i>Mr. Scott Smith</i>	-	<b>Aviation</b> <i>Mr. Scott Smith</i>
<b>Law</b> <i>Det. Matt Rowley</i>	-	<b>Crime Prev. &amp; Fingerprinting</b> <i>Det. Matt Rowley</i>
<b>Pulp / Paper &amp; Soil and Water Conservation</b> <i>Ms. Gina Nash</i>	-	<b>Safety</b> <i>Mr. Tony Evett</i>
<b>Plumbing (6 scouts max)</b> <i>Mr. Michael Campbell</i>	-	<b>Plumbing (6 scouts max)</b> <i>Mr. Michael Campbell</i>
<b>Dentistry</b> <i>Dr. David Hildebrandt</i>	-	<b>Space Exploration</b> <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>
<b>Engineering</b> <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>	-	<b>Engineering</b> <i>Mr. Wes Geiman</i>