

**THE
SACRAMENTO MODEL RAILROAD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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BSA Railroading Merit Badge Program

The **SMRHS** proudly participates in the Boy Scouts of America Railroad Merit Badge Program by offering a 3-session class that will introduce young scouts to the many exciting aspects of railroading.

Session One begins the Blue Card process and is held at the SMRHS Club House. Through the use of model trains the scouts are introduced to the various types of railroad equipment used. They also will have opportunities to interview actual railroad employees and get first-hand knowledge of day-to-day operations and safety issues. This session is held on a Saturday.

Session Two is comprised of a field trip to the California State Railroad Museum where the scouts will ride on the Sacramento Southern (the museum's own operating railroad), taking a break for sack lunch (bring your own) followed by a guided tour of the museum. This session will focus on the history of railroading as well as give everyone a chance to "Ride the Rails". Train operations at the CSRSM start in April and run through September 1.

Session Three returns to the SMRHS Club House to finalize the scouts' projects and complete the Blue Cards.

In keeping with the spirit of the merit badge program we ask no more or no less from the scouts than what shows in the book: a write up by each scout or collaboration of scouts that demonstrates what knowledge they gained from this program.

This is an easy merit badge and the scouts along with the parents who help have a lot of fun. Quite honestly, so do we! Hidden under the fun is a taste of history and some important safety education as it relates to railroads.

For more information, or to schedule a session, please contact the SMRHS's own Dave Megeath: a listed member on the BSA Golden Empire's roster of Merit Badge Counselors.

We look forward to helping out your Scouts.



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