



## **BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM**

This four-hour program teaches Scouts about the history of stamps and the postal system as well as being an introduction to how to collect stamps.

Scouts learn how to identify stamps from different countries, how to determine watermarks on stamps, how to soak stamps, how to arrange stamps in various types of collections and about other aspects of being a philatelist. Scouts also receive a tour of the museum and booklet about stamps collecting and a packet of 50 stamps.

Programs are held on Saturdays and Sundays during the school year and Tuesdays through Saturdays during school vacation weeks and in the summer. Most programs start at 10:00 am. Scouts bring their lunch.

More information about the national requirements for the badge is on the scout web site at [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com)

At the conclusion of the program Scouts qualify for their merit badge in philately.

The fee is \$14 for the program for each scout plus an additional \$6 if the scout does not already have a collection of 100 stamps. There is no charge for adults. Groups must have a minimum of five and a maximum of 15.

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