

Photography Merit Badge Pro Series



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA®

One World Observatory

Itinerary for Scouts BSA



PREREQUISITES:

- Prior to the day of the event, the Scouts need to have the following Merit Badge requirements completed. **Requirement 1(a & b):**
 - Research the hazards that one may encounter while working with photography and how to anticipate, mitigate, prevent and respond to those hazards.
 - Show your counselor a current, up-to-date cyber chip
- Photograph **THREE** of the following to fulfill **Requirement 5(a,b,c,d,e,f):**
 - Close-up of a person
 - Two or three people interacting
 - Action shot
 - Animal Shot
 - Nature Shot
 - Picture of a person-candid, posed, or camera aware
- Complete **TWO** of the following to fulfill **Requirement 4(a,b,c,d):**
 - Photograph one subject from two different angles or perspectives
 - Photograph one subject from two different light sources – artificial and natural
 - Photograph one subject with two different depth of fields
 - Photograph one subject with two different composition techniques

DOCUMENTING THE DAY:

- The Scouts will photograph their trip into the New York City and One World Observatory, and create a “visual diary” of the day. Some suggestions for photographs:
 - Departure and method of transportation
 - Interesting places and events during the trip
 - Portraits of individuals or groups
 - Pictures of One World Trade Center, the neighborhood, the observatory spaces and interior, and views from the Observatory 1254 feet above the ground.

8:45am - ARRIVE AT ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER

- Gather outside the West Side of the Building at the corner of West Street and Vesey Street to meet your Council representative. They will collect your Blue Cards and Pre-requisites.

9:00am – Enter One World Observatory:

- Follow the instructions given by One World Observatory operations staff to proceed to security check in
- Go through security check in and proceed into our Global Welcoming Center
- Proceed through our Global Welcoming Center, Voices and Foundations exhibits and enter the Sky Pod Elevators.
- After exiting the elevators enter See Forever Theater where you will watch a short presentation.

9:30am – Follow the directions of your Group Sales representative to the presentation area.

9:40am – Photography Merit Badge Presentation:

- Our Photography Merit Badge counselors will present a half hour talk about the use and operation of cameras to fulfill **Requirement 2**:
 - Light and its different forms
 - Exposure - aperture, shutter speed and ISO
 - Depth of Field
 - Composition, framing and depth
 - Angle of view
 - Stop action and blur motion
 - The decisive moment
- A talk on how different camera settings affect the quality of pictures (**Requirement 3**) will be illustrated with examples of photographs.

10:20am – Photography badge prerequisite review:

- The Counselor will critique each scout's photographs taken for **Requirements 1, 4 and 5**. The counsellor will also discuss ways to improve the pictures by cropping, color correction and other editing techniques (**Requirement 6**).
- Fulfill **Requirement 8**: review and identify three possible photography career paths.

11:00am – **END OF PRESENTATION.**

- Scouts will have time to take photographs in the Observatory for their "visual diary." By using 8-12 photographs taken that day the scouts will tell a visual story of their experience!
- After going home, the scouts will work on the photos documenting their trip to New York City and One World Observatory to fulfill **Requirement 7**, to be presented at their next scout meeting.
- Have your Scoutmaster email the Council Representative once this has been done. At that time, your Blue Card can be signed off and mailed back to you.

