

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History

Regis College Campus, Weston, MA 02493 www.spellman.org

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

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, how to best protect their collect and about other aspects of being a philatelist. Scouts also receive a tour of the Museum's galleries and a booklet about stamps collecting.

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

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

The fee is \$21 per scout for the program and includes a package of 100 stamps to meet requirements, two collection pages plus additional stamp packets to take home. There is no charge for adults. A minimum of five scouts is required and scouts from different troops may combine for a program. For more info contact Henry Lukas, official merit badge instructor and Museum Education Director, at henrylukas@hotmail.com or 617-784-5838

