



Railroading Merit Badge Program March 10, 2018

RealRail will again sponsor the merit badge in Railroading on **Saturday, March 10th**, at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, on 1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto, FL. The activities will meet all eight requirements for the merit badge, which include: types of trains and train cars, how diesel-electric locomotives work, railroad operations and jobs, Amtrak and passenger service, planning a train trip, pedestrian and driver railroad safety, railroad signals, popular model railroad scales and designing a model railroad.

This year there is a four-dollar fee for each Scout who participates in program to help offset rental expenses. This fee also includes entrance to the annual Train Show. Scoutmasters or the sponsoring adult accompanying a scout are also welcome to attend and enter the train show at the same rate.

Pre-registration. In order to effectively plan for the program, we would like to have the number and names of all the Scouts and sponsors who want to participate by **February 11th**. The seating is limited by our available space, which makes **an accurate count important**. Last year we had too many no-shows. Scoutmasters or sponsoring adult should **e-mail the names of Scouts with their troop number to realrailedu@gmail.com**. After pre-registration, further instructions, merit badge materials and web sites will be forwarded to the Scoutmasters or sponsoring adult by e-mail.

On March 10th, registration will start at 9:30 AM and the program will begin at 10 AM. There will be a break for lunch and time for visiting the train show. The Scouts should finish the program by 3 PM, including completion of a blue card. Every Scout should come with a properly prepared **blue card**.

Looking forward to your participation. If you have any questions, e-mail me at the address below.

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