

# Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

## RAILROADING MERIT BADGE PROGRAM



For nearly two decades, the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania has provided scouts—and other youth groups—with the perfect setting and experienced counselors to help them complete requirements towards their badges and ranks.

The day-long Railroading Merit Badge workshop at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania features various railroad-themed activities, including:

- Hands-on interactions with Museum artifacts
- A G-scale model railroad simulation
- A railroad technology and car tour
- Demonstrations

Arrangements also may be made to ride on the Strasburg Rail Road (separate fees and reservations apply).

A new Railroading Merit Badge patch, unique to the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, is an extra reward for participants who complete the workshop here. Space is limited, so contact the Museum educators as soon as possible.

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### Cost:

\$15 per scout. Workshops accommodate a minimum of six (6) scouts and a maximum of fifteen (15) scouts. One (1) adult with every five (5) scouts is admitted free. Additional adult leaders are \$9 per adult admission.

### Payment:

Please bring payment with you on the date of the program. No advanced deposit is necessary. Checks may be made payable to **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**.

### Program Duration:

Six (6) hours approximately. The program starts promptly at 9:00 am, and finishes by 3:30 pm.

### Please Bring:

- Badge paperwork (for scouts: merit badge cards).
- Bagged lunches (*on-site*) or money for lunches (*off-site*).
- Appropriate dress (for scouts, class “A” or “B” uniforms are *preferred*).
- Most importantly, eager minds, *ready to work* and *ready to learn*. (See “Note To Parents & Leaders” below.)

### We Provide:

- Expert instruction (by registered BSA merit badge counselors).
- Book, *Railroading Merit Badge Requirements*.
- Worksheet packet, *Railroading Merit Badge Requirements*.

### Program Itinerary:

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| • 9:00 am to 12:00 pm | (Subject To Change)<br>Introduction To Railroading<br>High Iron Challenge<br>Live Steam Demonstration<br>Technology Tour<br>Break For Lunch |
| • 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm |   |
| • 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  | Flex Time. Optional Activities,   |

#### On Your Own:

- Strasburg Rail Road\* (45-minute excursions) or other area attraction
  - Tours of Rolling Stock Hall and/or Outdoor Train Yard
  - Stewart Junction (Hands-On Exhibits)
  - Locomotive Cab Simulator
  - Museum Store
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| • 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm | Conclusion & Wrap-Up |
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\* The Strasburg Rail Road is a separate fee. Arrangements to ride the train must be made on your own.

### Note To Parents & Leaders

The participation of your scouts in our Railroading Merit Badge program **does not** guarantee that they will earn the awards. The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania provides the venue, the registered counselors and materials appropriate to their learning experiences. It is up to the participant to successfully complete the requirements of these awards and behave in a manner befitting their home organizations and a public facility like the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Our counselors reserve the right to withhold awards from participants who have not satisfactorily met the official requirements of those awards, or who have not behaved in a manner befitting their home organizations and a public facility like the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

