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Hello Scouts,

Thank you for participating in our **Graphic Arts & Paper Merit Badges Day** at the *International Printing Museum*. We are very excited about the great response to our merit badge day and hope that each scout will enjoy this experience. The Founder and Collector of the *International Printing Museum*, Ernie Lindner, was very proud to have earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1939, his son Ernie after him, and now his grandson Ernie (who will be cooking our hot dogs during the event!). This special day would have made Ernie very proud.

We have a very dedicated crew of volunteers working hard to make this Merit Badge Day exceptional and meaningful for each scout who participates. Also, our Merit Badge Days are being partially underwritten by the Printing Industries Association Southern California PIASC. If you find the event meaningful, educational and engaging, please consider having the scout write an email note or post on our Facebook page (under International Printing Museum) following the event if their experience was meaningful (just send it to the Printing Museum and we will direct it to PIASC). This will help us to continue to obtain the support necessary to make these merit badge days possible.

We hope that this will not be your only visit to the Printing Museum since we won't be able to give the scouts or the parents much in the way of our regular interactive tours and experiences (*too many merit badge requirements to get through!*). Our Printing Museum calendar is full of great events for the whole family throughout the year, such as our Dickens Holiday Celebration each December, Krazy Krafts Day for Kids each spring, Independence Day Celebration each July, and our big Los Angeles Printers Fair in October.

Also, you may be inspired to make a contribution to the Printing Museum to help us further our non-profit educational mission such as these merit badge days (you can do this easily through our website www.printmuseum.org/donate). We need your help to continue delivering such educational activities as today's Merit Badge Day. Our newest event is our *Book Arts Patch Day For Girls* (see our website for details and pass on the word to any girls you know!)

Thank you again for joining us to earn your Graphic Arts and Paper & Pulp Merit Badges!

Mark Barbour
Director and Curator
Merit Badge Counselor

BOY SCOUT PREPARATION FOR GRAPHIC ARTS AND PULP & PAPER MERIT BADGES AT THE INTERNATIONAL PRINTING MUSEUM

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1. **CHECK-IN** and Registration begins at 8:15 am in the Museum's parking lot; please plan accordingly to arrive on time, and be ready for the Opening Announcements at 8:40. The stations begin promptly at 9 am. and ends at 3 pm.
2. **PARKING** is available in the Museum's parking lot (limited number of spaces); additional parking is available on the street in front of the museum and immediately across the street in the K-Mart Parking Lot.
3. **LUNCH** is available for \$5 (hot dog and soda), payable when checking in. You can also bring a bag lunch as well. There will also be a SNACK SHACK set up throughout the day, offering a range of snacks and drinks for \$1.
4. **UNIFORM** Scouts should be dressed in their Class B Uniform.
5. **PARENTS** This is an event for Scouts; we will have a few areas around the Museum for parents to relax if they choose to stay, but with 90 scouts in attendance, we have limited space at each of the stations, some less than others. The presenters at each station will indicate if there is room for any parents if they choose to follow along. The Museum is closed to the general public during the Merit Badge Day and we will not be giving regular museum tours and presentations (*you will need to visit the Printing Museum on another day to experience our wonderful working tours of the world's largest collections of printing equipment!*).
6. **T-SHIRT** Every scout needs to bring an unprinted t-shirt, light color or white (doesn't matter if new or washed) for the screen printing station. There will be a limited number of shirts that can be purchased if needed.
7. **TEAM** Each scout will be assigned a Team Number and continue with that team through the day. We do our best to arrange the teams based on troop number; we will not be switching each scout's pre-assigned Team Number before or during the event (please don't ask). There will be 8 teams of 12 scouts each, rotating through 9 stations during the day. Each team will have a specific schedule to follow for the day.
8. **WHAT TO BRING** Each scout should collect about 6 different samples of printing from their home to learn about, ie. book, greeting card, product package, magazine, food wrapper, etc (*be creative and have fun!*). One of your stations will talk about printing processes to make different printed pieces. Bring your samples in a bag to carry with you during the day. You will be sharing them during the Printing Process & Printed Products Station A.
9. **MERIT BADGE BLUE CARD** Each scout must bring their Merit Badge Blue Card for each merit badge; **THEY MUST BE FILLED OUT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL** with the scout, troop, merit badge info. The Merit Badge Counselor will sign and distribute the Blue Cards at the conclusion of the event at 3 pm.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOUR MERIT BADGE DAY

1. **READ** the two merit badge books on Graphic Arts and Paper & Pulp, available at your local Scout Store; we also have a pdf copy available on our website: www.printmuseum.org/meritbadge
2. **REVIEW** the badge requirements. The merit badge requirements for both badges included in the two merit badge books mentioned in step 1. This will help each scout to be prepared for the activities of the day. The Merit Badge Day is self-contained with all of the activities required to complete their two merit badges.
3. **WATCH & VISIT** at least three websites or videos. Each scout also needs to visit at least three of the websites before the Merit Badge Day (more is better!). The list of YouTube videos are also really good. Print out the cover sheet from each website and/or write down the video that you watched, and bring with you in your bag to present to your counselor. The Website & Video list is Step 4 on instruction webpage: www.printmuseum.org/meritbadgeinfo