

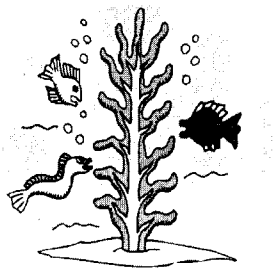
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Dear Scouts, Leaders, and Parents,

Hello from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium! Thank you for your interest in our **Oceanography Merit Badge Program**! We are sending you this announcement as a member of our "Merit Badge Day" mailing list. We are very excited about the upcoming Oceanography program and we hope that you are too!

The Details



Who: Boy Scouts

What: Oceanography Merit Badge

When: Sunday, April 10th or Saturday, April 30th, 2011; 9:00-4:00

Where: The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium

How: Registration will be done by lottery. Registration will open February 7th – February 18th. Registrations must be received by February 18th to be placed in the lottery. Pre-registration is required!

Cost: \$30.00 per scout. Leaders that remain with the boys during the program are admitted at no charge. (Please limit to 2 - 4 adults maximum.)

Additional information:

- Registrations will **not** be accepted before February 7th. Registration is limited to 130 Scouts.
- All registrations received between February 7th and February 18th will be placed in a lottery for available spots. Registration request forms will be drawn until all spots have been filled. The registration request form will be sent via email, and should be emailed back to scouts@columbuszoo.org no later than **February 18th**.
- We will confirm registrations on Tuesday, February 22nd. Once you have been confirmed, you will be invoiced for number of scouts registered.
- Registration request forms received after February 18th will be filled on a "first come-first serve" basis if openings are available.
- This badge workshop is **not** all-inclusive. During this program scouts will accomplish **eight** of ten requirements. Requirement eight is not completed. This can be done as a post requirement once the program is completed.
- The tenth requirement is a short quiz to be completed by the scout after the program. Upon completion of these **last two** requirements, the scouts will be eligible for their Oceanography Merit Badge.
- **No blue cards will be signed the day of the program!** You will need to send your blue card, completed quiz, and Requirement #8 to Amy after the program.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at scouts@columbuszoo.org or at 614-724-3657. I look forward to meeting and learning with you!

Sincerely,

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