



Radio Merit Badge

Saturday, 04/30/2016 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Boy Scouts will be able to earn **Radio Merit Badge** by completing all requirements.

Registration and fee required? Yes. \$20 per scout to reserve a space. Limit 12 scouts. Registration will be closed when the fee for 12 reserved spots are received. No registrations will be accepted on the day of the workshop, even if space is available.

Parents or Scout Leaders must register Scouts by email to Merit Badge Counselor Kai Chen, k2trw@outlook.com with:

Scout name; Troop #; Scoutmaster Name; Parent Name; Parent Phone #; Parent email address.

Location: **Calvary UMC**, 185 West Madison Avenue, Dumont NJ 07628

What to bring:

1. Please bring your merit badge book. Alternatively, Scouts may borrow merit badge books from their own troop libraries or another Scout.
2. Scouts can print Merit Badge workbooks from <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/jota/pdf/radiomeritbadgeworkbook.pdf>
Printing and using these workbooks for your class is not required but **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** to organize your learning. Any pre-course homework can be recorded into this workbook. Whether you use the workbook or create your own, you are required to bring your homework to class.
3. Please bring a daypack with pen and paper, a water bottle, snacks, bag lunch. You will not be able to eat or drink while working on the radios but you will have time and space to eat and drink away from the equipment.
4. Scouts must bring a blue card for **Radio Merit Badge** signed in advance by their Scoutmaster indicating permission to participate in these courses.

How to dress: Closed-toe shoes REQUIRED. Scouts should wear their Scout uniforms, including Scout pants and a field uniform ("Class A") shirt. Neckerchiefs and slides and merit badge sashes will neither be expected nor required.

Bad weather: Class will be held rain or shine.

Instructor: Counselor and Instructor for this course is Mr. Kai Chen, a merit badge counselor, licensed radio operator and experienced instructor. The course will follow BSA Youth Protection guidelines, including Two Deep Leadership.

Parents: Parents are encouraged to attend.

Partial completion: All Scouts can earn a full completion of this merit badge during this course if they complete all requirements. Each Scout is responsible for having the counselor sign his blue card. Please be advised that all requirements must be complete for the merit badge counselor to sign off on the blue card. THIS IS AN INTENSIVE COURSE. Few scouts will be able to accomplish signoff on the same day of the workshop.

Preparation and Pre-Course Homework to do before the workshop:

1. Scouts are expected to completely read the merit badge book before the course and make every attempt to complete workbook exercises 1, 3, 6 and 8.
2. Scouts must choose one option of A, B or C for exercise 9. The option must be completed in its entirety in order to receive credit. Option A exercise 2 contains an interactive exercise and may be completed with the counselor. Option B or C may be completed prior to the workshop.
3. Possibly helpful reference - <http://k2gw.tripod.com/onlineradiomeritbadge/index.html>

Course work to do during the workshop:

1. Scouts should write out answers to requirement questions and draw diagrams during the course to demonstrate active participation and learning to the merit badge counselor.