

# Astronomy Merit Badge



**Hosted by The Don Harrington Discovery Center located at 1200 Streit Dr. in Amarillo**

The Astronomy Merit Badge was one of the original 57 Merit Badges issued by the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. In learning about astronomy, Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.

- February 8 and 9, 2013
- Arrive 7pm Friday and depart 7am Saturday. Scouts must be picked up at 7am.
- For safety and security, Scouts/Leaders cannot depart once in the facility unless there is an emergency situation.



**REGISTER EARLY  
ONLY 60 SCOUT SLOTS AVAILABLE!**

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Registration takes place online. Please visit [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org) and click on "Astronomy Merit Badge Online Registration". Registration is typically made by the Troop. In the case of Troop registration, there must be at least two registered leaders for every 10 Scouts. In order to register and pay for your Scouts, you will need to know how many Scouts will be attending.
- Individual Scouts may be registered by their parent/guardian at the web site above. Parents/guardians may participate with the Scout during instruction and if remaining overnight, must be in the designated leader sleeping area. All adults must pay the fee even if they do not remain overnight.

\* Discount early bird fee until January 24, then \$45 after that date. Fees must be paid in full within 3 days after registration to keep your slots.



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## Important Information

- ◆ Bring Sleeping Pad/Bag/Pillow. Bring change of clothes for sleeping/hygiene items as needed.
- ◆ Be ready to learn all about Astronomy by the experts.
- ◆ Be ready to have some fun!
- ◆ Instruction will be from 7pm until done and then a movie in the Planetarium. Scouts/adults will turn-in after the movie.
- ◆ Eat before you arrive- light snacks can be brought in a small cooler maintained by the adults.
- ◆ Individual Scouts will be assigned to a Troop at check-in and they will provide adult supervision and leadership to the Scout.
- ◆ This badge will be a partial completion unless requirement # 6b is completed and is brought to the instructor/scoutmaster.