

Personal Management Merit Badge Syllabus

UPDATED 26 Jan 2012
January thru April, 2012
Troop 683

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1. 11 January, 2012 {purchasing an expensive item}
 - a. Review requirements and complete blue cards
 - b. **Homework:** Complete req 1.a.
2. 18 January, 2012 {purchasing an expensive item & tracking income and expenses}
 - a. Discuss item chosen from requirement 1.a.
 - b. Discuss remaining requirements for #1
 - c. Discuss requirement #2
 - d. **Homework:**
 - i. Complete all of requirement 1 and turn in no later than 15 February
 - ii. Prepare sample budget and begin to track expenses from requirement #2.
 - iii. NOTE: Scouts must begin to track expenses no later than 25 January in order to complete the Merit Badge by the end of April, 2012.
3. 25 January, 2012 {personal budgeting}
 - a. Discuss sample budgets and methods to track income and expenses
 - b. Ensure each Scout starts tracking expenses no later than 25 January, 2012.
 - c. Make-up for any scouts that have not completed requirement 1.
 - d. **Homework:** Begin to track expenses and income using the worksheet provided
4. 02 February, 2012 **THURSDAY**{emotions of money}
 - a. Discuss concepts in requirement #3
 - b. Review each Scout's first week of expense and income tracking
 - c. **Homework:** Complete requirement 3 of worksheet
5. 08 February, 2012 NO MEETING – Court Of Honor and Family Dinner
6. 15 February, 2012 {saving, investing and interest}
 - a. Discuss concepts of saving, investing and types of interest
 - b. Discuss requirement #4
 - c. **Homework:** Complete requirement #4 of worksheet
7. 22 February, 2012 NO MEETING – Ash Wednesday
8. 29 February, 2012
 - a. Turn-in worksheets for review
 - i. Goal: all scouts have completed requirements 1, 3 & 4. On schedule with requirement #2
 - ii. Opportunity for Scouts to complete requirements #1, 3 & 4
 - b. **Homework:** continue tracking income and expenses (#2)
9. 07 March, 2012 {Understanding publicly traded stocks}
 - a. Discuss information provided on publicly traded stocks
 - b. Discuss how to track investments in publicly traded stocks
 - c. **Homework:** Complete requirement #5 on worksheet

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10. 14 March, 2012 {understanding types of investments}
 - a. Discuss common investment types, such as CDs, stocks and mutual funds
 - b. Review requirements for #6
 - c. **Homework:** Complete requirement #6 on worksheet
11. 21 March, 2012 {understanding loans and ways to borrow money}
 - a. Discuss loans, interest, credit and debit cards, and debt reduction
 - b. Review requirements for #7
 - c. **Homework:** Complete requirement #7 on worksheet
12. 28 March, 2012 {understanding time management}
 - a. Discuss time management techniques
 - b. Review and begin requirement #8
 - c. **Homework:** Track Requirement #8 for ONE week on worksheet
13. 04 April, 2012 – NO MEETING – Spring Break
14. 11 April, 2012 {developing project plans}
 - a. Review key points in developing a project plan
 - b. Review requirements for #9
 - c. **Homework:** Complete #9 of worksheet
15. 18 April, 2012 {researching a career}
 - a. Discuss ways to research a career, including education required and limitations
 - b. **Homework:** Complete #10 of worksheet
16. 25 April, 2012 {requirements review}
 - a. Turn in completed worksheets for review
 - b. One-on-one review of Scout's work with Merit Badge counselor
 - c. Blue Cards signed
17. 02 May, 2012 {final review and make-up}
 - a. Opportunity for Scouts to make-up work and have it reviewed for approval by merit badge counselor
 - b. Last Meeting!
18. NOTE: Any Scout, who does not complete the merit badge by 02 May, 2012 may continue to work on the requirements individually and contact the merit badge counselor when they are ready to have their work reviewed and approved.