



**Venturing Crew 1717**  
**Hartwood, Va 22406**  
**540-270-7914**



Sir, Ma'am,

I work with a Venturing Crew, which is a high adventure organization for youth ages 14-20, that is a part of the Boy Scouts of America. Venturing Crew 1717 is attempting to host a Badge day, as part of a fundraiser for the Crew during the Stafford County Hartwood Days Festival & Agricultural Fair, in Hartwood (Fredericksburg) Va. The focus of their Badge Day will be on providing Boy Scout Merit Badges, Girl Scout badges, and possibly even Cub Scout beltloops and American Heritage Girl Badges.

We were hoping that your organization could assist us in providing a Badge or beltloop during this event. In addition to teaching the badge, we would like to showcase your organization at the event. Just about anything that your organization would like to bring/do would be welcome. We're providing you with a time to put out whatever message you'd like to the youth and families in attendance. Feel free to use whatever means you'd like, to include handouts, displays, interactive events, or activities (or all if you'd like). As an Exhibitor-Instructor, there will be no cost to your organization for your involvement.

Keep in mind when looking at the requirements, that not all of the listed requirements must be met during that day, only a certain number, depending on the Badge. Some requirements CAN'T be met on-site, or require longer periods of tracking. As the badge counselor, you'd let us know:

- How long you thought it would take to complete the badge (1 - 3 hours, or 4-5 hours)
- How many scouts you think you could instruct in one class (5, 10, 20?)
- Whether you think you can complete the badge on site, or whether you'll only be able to do a partial.
  - Example of a Partial - a Junior GS badge needs 6 requirements done. If you can do # 1, 3, 4, 5, & 7 on site, but would like them to do 8 in advance and bring it in (or do it afterwards and bring the completed project to their leader) then we list that on the website as a pre-requisite for completing the badge

Badge classes will be run in the morning and the afternoon, and can be done several ways:



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- You could do one badge, and offer the class for 2 - 3 hours both for the morning and afternoon session
- You could do one badge in the morning, and another different badge in the afternoon
- You could do one badge in the morning OR in the afternoon (only 1 class session)
- If you feel the topic will take 4 - 5 hours, that would be 1 class, running all day with a lunch break

You will also be able to decorate your area with promotional material, flyers, etc., as we know this will benefit your organization, and hopefully bring you more business or further your goals. Another great aspect of participating is that you can write off your participation as either an advertising venture, or as a charitable contribution to scouting (whichever works best for your company/organization). We will also list your organization and put a link on our website at <http://www.hartwooddays.org/> under the Badge Day page.

We know that your organization understands that Scouts programs instill values and ideals, which are congruent to the values and ideals which are needed by, and essential to becoming productive, effective future leaders in our communities. We sincerely hope that you will assist us in this endeavor to further develop our "Future Leaders", provide interesting and educational information and/or fun activities, and at the same time provide a day of fun for all of the youth and families in attendance. For further information we can be contacted at the numbers above, or at [badges@hartwooddays.org](mailto:badges@hartwooddays.org) or through the undersigned at C-540-270-7914.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "W. W. Wadsworth".

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