

## 2010 HISTORICAL MERIT BADGE PROGRAM



# Tracking

First offered in 1911—discontinued in 1952

### **Troop 671 Tracking Merit Badge Class**

Two Opportunities to Earn this Centennial Merit Badge

**Saturday, September 25th**

OR

**Saturday, October 30th**

- Who:** Boy Scouts interested in earning the BS Tracking Merit Badge, and interested family members
- What:** Four hour class to meet Tracking Merit Badge requirements
- When:** 8:00 a.m., meet at the Seal Beach Naval Weapon Station front gate. Class will be conducted from 8:30a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Where:** Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, Wildlife Refuge.  
Adults, photo identification required.
- Uniform:** Class B, or appropriate attire for being in the classroom and outside. Bring water, hat, a snack, sun screen, and binoculars (optional).
- Concept:** **Boy Scouts must be signed up no later than 21 Sep (Tuesday) or 26 Oct (Tuesday).** Boy Scouts will meet at the front gate of the Seal Beach Naval Weapon Station at 8:00 am, sign in, and then will be escorted to the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge area. Boy Scouts will receive an orientation, classes, and opportunity to complete all Tracking Merit Badge requirements.
- Counselor:** David J. Pinter - 563.940.2749
- Signups:** At troop meeting or by troop email (troop671\_SH@yahoo.com).

## Requirements:

1. Demonstrate by means of a tracking game or otherwise, ability to track skillfully in shelter and wind, etc., showing how to proceed noiselessly and "freeze" when occasion demands.
2. Know and recognize the tracks of ten different kinds of animals or birds in his vicinity, three of which may be domestic.
3. Submit satisfactory evidence that he has trailed two different kinds of wild animals or birds on ordinary ground far enough to determine the direction in which they were going, and their gait or speed. Give the names of animals or birds trailed, their direction of travel, and describe gait and speed; or submit satisfactory evidence that he has trailed six different kinds of wild animal or birds in snow, sand, dust, or mud, far enough to determine the direction they were going and their gait or speed. Give names of animals or birds, their direction of travel, and describe gait and speed.
4. Submit satisfactory evidence that he has tracked a human being and deduced from the trail whether it was man or woman, young or old, the gait or speed, and also give any other information deduced.
5. Submit evidence that he has scored at least 30 points from the following groups: Group (f) and 4 of the 5 groups (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) must be represented in the score of 30 and at least 7 points must be scored from (a), (b), or (c).  
Make a clear, recognizable photographs of:
  - a. Live bird away from nest - 4 points each
  - b. Live woodchuck or smaller wild animal - 3 points each
  - c. Live wild animal larger than woodchuck - 4 points each
  - d. Live bird on nest - 3 points each
  - e. Tracks of live wild animal or bird - 2 points each
  - f. Make satisfactory plaster cast of wild animal or bird tracks with identification imprint on back of cast - 2 points each

### Note:

See Troop website for Tracking Merit Badge Worksheet and a link to the original Stalking Merit Badge pamphlet.