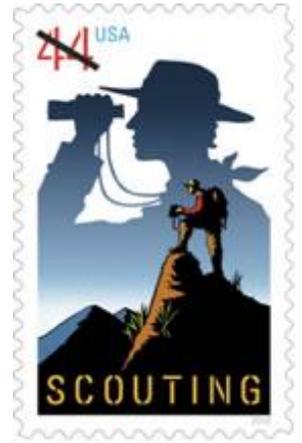




# Stamp Collecting Merit Badge



Have Fun Earning the Stamp Collecting Merit Badge  
There is a workshop coming up soon:

Filatellic Fiesta Stamp Show  
San Jose Elk's Lodge  
444 West Alma Ave, San Jose  
Saturday October 20, 2018 from 10:30-4:30pm

Discover the fun of stamp collecting. Explore the USA or the country of your family heritage by collecting its stamps. Expand your knowledge in a topic like your favorite sport or interest in cars, animals, or art by collecting stamps about it. The merit badge workshop costs \$15 which covers the costs for a stamp collecting starter kit and access to a huge hoard of stamps to pick from to build your first collection. There are stamps from nearly every country and wide array of topics. Pick from the largest assortment of stamps of any stamp collecting merit badge program. All stamps needed for your collection are provided. Plus, you'll receive a special guided tour of the show.

Contact Brian Jones at [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com)  
for more details and to register for the workshop.  
Space is very limited, so sign-up quick to save your spot!



# Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop Info

## Where: Filatelic Fiesta Stamp Show

Have fun learning stamp collecting with lots of free stamps to build your first collection. The stamp show features stamp dealers from around the West, amazing world class exhibits, and U.S. Post Office. Parents are encouraged to stay and listen in on the program, visit the show and view the exhibits. A special tour of the show is available for parents.

## When: Saturday, October 20 from 10:30am to 4:30pm.

The show is open Saturday 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday 10:00am to 4:00pm. Arrive for the merit badge program at 10:15 as the program starts promptly at 10:30am. Admission to the stamp show and parking is free. Directions will be provided.

**Cost:** The merit badge workshop costs \$15\*. This covers the cost of a stamp collecting starter kit each Scout takes home which includes the tongs, hinges, mounts, stock pages and album pages. The kit also includes a special packet of stamps the merit badge. There are over 350,000 stamps to pick from to build your stamp collection on a wide variety of topics and around the world. If you know ahead of time what you want to collect, let me know so I can let you know if I have that in stock and be certain to bring those stamps.

## Bring the following:

Merit Badge blue card signed by your Troop Scoutmaster.  
Bring a brown bag lunch (there is food available on-site, but expensive), snacks and drink.  
Homework: Your completed assigned homework.  
**Wear your class A uniform shirt. This is required, don't forget.**

## Will I be able to complete the merit badge?

All merit badge requirements are covered between the homework and workshop. The workshop nominally finishes around 4:30pm. Most boys go home with a signed-off blue card if they did the homework and paid attention. Scouts are welcome to stay longer if needed. If a Scout doesn't finish, contact Brian Jones about opportunities to finish up at a later date. There are also opportunities to continue collecting after completion of the merit badge.

## Registration:

Participation is limited to boys registered in a Boy Scout Troop.  
Payment information will be provided when a registration request is made.  
Send registration form to Brian Jones at [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com) with the following:  
Name, Rank, Troop number.  
Home address & phone number, parent email address & parent cell phone.  
Please include a note about your stamp collecting experience (none needed).  
If your son has a special need, it is required to let me know.  
It will be handled with discretion.

## For More Information:

For more information about Filatelic Fiesta see: <http://www.filatelicfiesta.org>  
For more information about the merit badge program see: <http://sanjoseesc.com>  
Questions and Registration: Brian Jones, Assistant Scoutmaster: [sanjosestampclub@gmail.com](mailto:sanjosestampclub@gmail.com)  
\*If the \$15 fee is a financial burden, scholarships are available. Just ask, that's all.