



George Bush Library and Museum

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Dear Boy Scouts and Scout leaders:

I write you today to inform you of an upcoming opportunity for Boy Scouts in Bryan, College Station, and the surrounding area to work toward the completion of their Citizenship in the Nation merit badge at the Bush Library. The program is designed to help the scouts work on requirements 1, 2c, and 6 as listed on pages 2–3 of the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge workbook.

Congressman Chet Edwards (Tx-17) has agreed to visit with the scouts for 30–45 minutes on Saturday, August 22nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. The event will have a question and answer format with the scouts asking Congressman Edwards questions focusing on public service, citizenship, and patriotism.

Event Details (please read carefully):

Location: The event with Congressman Edwards will take in the orientation theater at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum on the campus of Texas A&M University.

Parking: Free parking will be available at the George Bush Library. Please park in lot PA41 or PA43. Please see <http://transport.tamu.edu/parking/maps/campus.pdf> for further information.

Registration: Although this is a free event, seating is limited so reservations are strongly recommended. Please email Robert Holzweiss at Robert.Holzweiss@nara.gov or Tracy Paine, the Bush Library Special Events Coordinator, at Tracy.Paine@nara.gov to make your reservations. You can also call Robert at 979-691-4074 or Tracy at 979-691-4014. Please provide one name as a point-of-contact, your troop number, and a total number seats requested for members of your troop/family. There is no need to provide the names of every member of your group. Seating in the auditorium will be on a first-come-first served basis. After checking in with a staff member, you are free to sit anywhere in the auditorium.

Because scouting is a family activity, family members are invited to the session with Congressman Edwards. However, we ask that family members allow scouts priority seating if the event is oversubscribed.

Seating: Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. All participants should be seated no later than 8:50 a.m. so the event can begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and Scout Oath at 8:55. Congressman Edwards will arrive promptly at 9:00. The event will conclude sometime between 9:45 and 10:00 at which point the Scouts, Scout leaders and their families are invited to visit the museum to continue working on their merit badge.

Cost: The event with Congressman Edwards is free, however, there will be a \$5.00 per person charge to enter the George Bush Library and tour the exhibits of your choice to do so at the conclusion of the event.

Question and Answer Format: Because of limited time available with Congressman Edwards, please keep your questions focused on citizenship, public service, and patriotism. Follow-up questions and questions sparked by Congressman Edwards' answers are encouraged so long as they remain relevant to the topics under consideration.

Food and Beverages: Food and beverages (including gum) are prohibited in the Bush Library theater and in the exhibit area at the George Bush Library and Museum. For lunch, please visit one of more than 100 restaurants within five miles of the Library. Library admission tickets are good for the entire day and can be used for re-admittance after lunch.

After the Event: After the event, you are invited to visit the museum to fulfill requirement 2c in the Citizenship in the Nation merit badge book. The Bush Library is a federal facility that is part of the National Archives and Records Administration.

I hope you will consider spending some time working on your Citizenship in the Nation merit badge here at the Library. For information on the current exhibits, directions to our facility, and related programs, please visit our web site at <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/>

Sincerely

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