



Mining in Society Merit Badge Workshops 2019  
at



Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site  
Saturdays, June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27, August 10, 2019  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

or

Patrol or Troop Workshops by Request

**Location of event:** 9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC 28107

The site has ample parking in the gravel parking lot in front of the Visitor's Center. Upon arrival, please check in at the front desk in the Visitor's Center.

**Phone number:** 704 721 4653

**Website:** <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/>

**Minimum class size:** 8

**Maximum class size:** 20 (Parents are welcome to attend all sessions.)

**Cost:** \$5; includes panning ticket. If a Scout or parent or leader would like to pan again, after the workshop, they may purchase panning tickets at the discounted rate of \$2.14 per pan.

**Method of registration:** Parents or guardians or leaders may register Scouts for a scheduled workshop by contacting 704 721 4653 or [reed@ncdcr.gov](mailto:reed@ncdcr.gov).

Troop leaders may schedule a workshop for a patrol or troop by contacting 704 721 4653 or [reed@ncdcr.gov](mailto:reed@ncdcr.gov). Group visits to the site, including a scheduled troop workshop, are scheduled on a first come first served basis. Payment for a troop or individual Scouts should be made on

site at the time on arrival on the day of the workshop. Invoices can be provided for scheduled troops if needed.

**Registration opens:** Registration for all scheduled workshops opens on Friday, February 1, 2019. Registration for troops is done on a rolling basis and is contingent on site and staff availability.

**Registration closes:** When class is full.

**Age requirement:** Ages 11 through 17

**Merit badge counselors:** Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site staff, registered as BSA volunteers and merit badge counselors, will lead the workshops. For questions regarding the workshop contact 704 721 4653 or email [cameron.clark@ncdcr.gov](mailto:cameron.clark@ncdcr.gov) .

**Transportation:** Scouts must arrange their own transportation to the site.

**Camping:** On the Friday prior to a Mining in Society Merit Badge workshop, Scouts and adult chaperones are welcome to camp at Reed Gold Mine. Camping is not supervised by Reed Gold Mine staff. Adult chaperones will be responsible to ensure all safety measures are undertaken while camping on site. Two-deep adult leadership on site is required for all Scout camping. Camping space is limited. The campsite is primitive, with a fire ring, with 6 marked tent pads, with no picnic tables, no potable water, no latrine, privy, or Portajohn. Potable water and male and female restrooms and parking are available a few hundred yards away at the Visitor's Center. Restrooms will remain open all night for campers. Please contact 704 721 4653 or email [cameron.clark@ncdcr.gov](mailto:cameron.clark@ncdcr.gov) to inquire about camping availability prior to the date you will be participating in the workshop.

**Blue card requirement:** Each Scout must present to the counselor a separate blue card signed by their Scoutmaster indicating permission to participate in the course(s). Scouts should fill out the requirement grid portion of the card and have the merit badge counselor initial this section of the card for each completed requirement. When the Scout has completed all requirements, the merit badge counselor must sign and date the card on 2 places. Each Scout is responsible to obtain these signatures and to turn the card in to his Scoutmaster so that merit badge can be registered and awarded.

**Partial or Full Completion:** Full completion of this merit badge is possible IF a Scout completes homework before and/or after class and demonstrates active participation during class. If a Scout does not finish all requirements, he can work with his counselor to list and initial requirements completed on his blue card for later completion with the counselor or with a counselor identified by his Scoutmaster. Scouts should follow the buddy system with 2-deep adult leadership for all merit badge sessions and for all meetings with a counselor. A Scout who is unable to complete one or more requirements can schedule later sessions with the counselor to demonstrate his knowledge or skills or requirement completions.

**Preparation before class:**

Scouts can print merit badge requirements from

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit\\_Badge\\_ReqandRes/Mining\\_in\\_Society.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Mining_in_Society.pdf)

or from

[http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Mining\\_in\\_Society](http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Mining_in_Society)

Printed workbooks are optional and not mandatory but Scouts will find that workbooks from the [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org) site will be helpful in organizing their work.

Scouts should bring these pages and blank paper and pen to the course for their notes and research. These items will not be supplied by the course instructors.

**Preparation during class:** All Scouts are expected to take notes and to write down answers to requirement questions as the information is presented during the course. These notes should be available at the end of the day to show the merit badge counselor on-site and to demonstrate your participation and learning to your Scoutmaster and other troop leaders. Scouts should keep these notes to avoid any concerns about the level of participation or accomplishment at Boards of Review or Scoutmaster Conferences.

**\*\* Mining in Society Merit Badge pre-workshop homework: \*\***

1. Scouts should research and complete requirement 1 a b c prior to arrival on site and Be Prepared to discuss with the group what they learned from this process. Please have answers written either in the workbook or organized on a separate sheet of paper.
2. Scouts should research 1 (one) career for requirement 8b and Be Prepared to present the selected career and related information to the group. Scouts will complete requirement 8b based on information they learn from other workshop participants during their presentations. Please have answers written either in the workbook or organized on a separate sheet of paper.

Scouts, not parents or unit leaders, should call Reed Gold Mine to speak directly with the merit badge counselor with any questions about pre-course homework. Scout calls and communications should be supervised by parents and unit leaders to follow BSA Youth Protection guidelines.

**Food:** There is no food available for purchase at Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site. The site does have water fountains and drink machines. Scouts will take a 30-minute break at 12:00 pm for lunch. There are numerous spaces for picnicking on site and we encourage Scouts to bring a bagged lunch and to picnic on site. Scouts will not have time or opportunity to leave the Site to obtain food for lunch.

**Clothing:** Scouts will be panning for gold during their visit. Please wear clothing that can be exposed to muddy water. Scouts will be touring the mine; the mine is typically between 60-65 degrees. Scouts should bring a jacket to wear in the mine or during cold outdoor or indoor portions of the workshop. All Scouts must wear closed toed shoes throughout their visit to the Reed Gold Mine site.

**Cell phones:** Scouts should have phones turned off or muted during the workshop. If cell phone use becomes a problem during the workshop, it will slow learning and pose a distraction to the Scout as well as to others participating in the workshop. Cell service is minimal at Reed Gold Mine.

**What to bring:** Each Scout must bring: a positive attitude, food and water, pen and paper, blue card signed by Scoutmaster, pre-course homework, comfortable clothing, and respect for their fellow Scouts!

Merit Badge	Full or Partial	Counselor Name	Instructor or Counselor	YPT Date Completed ScoutNET	YPT Date Expiration Calculated	MBC Troop/District/Council	MBC Training Completed
Mining in Society	Full	Cameron Clark	Counselor	12/5/2018	12/5/2020	Council	