

Fingerprinting and Crime Prevention Merit Badge Pre-Work

- These two merit badges will be presented in one four-hour session. The presenters will be a Park Authority Naturalist, Kari Schilling, and Police Officer, Michael Williams, Crime Prevention Officer with the Fairfax County Mason District Police Department.
- Scouts must submit prework to their counselor by email ahead of the merit badge session. Counselors will not collect physical copies of prework during the class. Please note that we are unable to open Google Docs on Fairfax County Government computers. **Pework requirements may be sent as a pdf attachment to Kari.Schilling@fairfaxcounty.gov prior to the class date. Please also bring your prework to class for discussion with the group.**
- The blue card will be held at Hidden Oaks until proof of all requirements have been reviewed and signed off by a BSA scout counselor for these badges. Upon completion, the blue card will be mailed to the scout. Pre and post work should be emailed to Kari.Schilling@fairfaxcounty.gov

Please bring to class:

- Pre-Work
- Blue Card
- Pen or Pencil
- Snack/lunch and a drink. Water fountains are available. Please no red liquids.
- Appropriate clothing for being outside. Parts of the session will take place outdoors. Please wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Worksheets (useful, but not mandatory) [Microsoft Word - Fingerprinting.docx \(usscouts.org\)](#) and [Microsoft Word - Crime-Prevention.docx \(usscouts.org\)](#)

Pre-Work (Crime Prevention)

There is no Pre-Work required for the Fingerprinting Merit Badge.

The following should be completed by the scouts before the program and brought with them on the day of class.

2. Prepare a journal from various sources that address crime and crime prevention efforts in your community.

4a. Inspect your neighborhood for opportunities that may lead to crime. Learn how to do a crime prevention survey. (See pages 22-23 of the Crime Prevention Merit Badge book. If you need further assistance, please contact your merit badge counselor.)

4b. Using the checklist on pages 24-31 of the Crime Prevention Merit Badge book or found at the end of the Crime Prevention Workbook (link above), conduct a security survey of your home and discuss the results with your family.

5. Teach your family or patrol members how to protect themselves from crime at home, at school, in your community, and while traveling. (This can be completed after the merit badge class and the counselor should be emailed for completion of the blue card.)

6. Help raise awareness about one school safety issue facing students by doing **ONE** of the following:

- a) Create a poster for display on a school bulletin board.
- b) With permission from school officials, create a page-long public service announcement that could be read over the public address system at school or posted on the school's website.
- c) Make a presentation to a group such as a Cub Scout den that addresses the issue.

If you are having trouble coming up with a school safety issue topic, please contact your counselor or a school official for guidance. This requirement can also be completed after the merit badge class and the counselor should be emailed proof of completion for the sign-off of the blue card.

9d. Choose a career in the crime prevention or security industry that interests you. Describe the level of education required and responsibilities of a person in that position. Tell why this position interests you.

For help or questions, contact Kari Schilling at Kari.Schilling@fairfaxcounty.gov, or at (703) 941-1065.