

Boy Scouts can earn the Archeology Merit Badge at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park

July 2 through July 26 Boy Scouts from all over are encouraged to earn their Archeology Merit Badge. This highly sought after merit badge is difficult to earn, but is now achievable at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park. Hosted by Park Rangers at Hopewell Culture National Historical Park, Boy Scouts will be expected to participate in a clinic including lecture materials, a variety of hands-on activities and a full day's participation with an archeologist from the Midwest Archeological Center excavating an archeological site and/or a park ranger excavating a mock dig at Hopewell Culture NHP. By the conclusion of the day most scouts will have completed all requirements for the merit badge. Preparation of your scout troop is essential for success. Preliminary coursework in the Archeology Merit Badge pamphlet must be completed by your participating scouts prior to your scheduled clinic date. Scouts will not receive a completed merit badge form if pamphlet coursework is not completed on the day of their clinic. Contact Hopewell Culture NHP at 740-774-1126 and set your date for the clinic. Clinics will take place on Wednesdays through Fridays, from 9am to 4:30pm. Participation is limited to 10 scouts maximum and 5 scouts minimum per clinic day and must be 10 years of age or older. Scheduling is very restrictive and demand for this much sought after merit badge is high, therefore you must schedule your clinic at least 3 weeks in advance to reserve your spot.