SME at the 2017 Boy Scout Jamboree

Mining in Society merit badge will be featured at SME-hosted booth

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) has been invited by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to host the Mining in Society merit badge booth at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve BSA facilities in West Virginia, July 19-28, 2017. SME also hosted a booth during the 2013 BSA Jamboree.

SME was instrumental in the development of the BSA Mining in Society merit badge, which was launched during the SME Annual Conference & Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah, February 2014. At the end of 2016, more than 12,000 Mining in Society merit badges had been earned by Scouts. Through this merit badge program, the BSA has implemented a multifaceted program that highlights the important role mining and minerals play in our quality of life and national security.

Scouts will be able to earn a specially-designed patch by completing a series of specified requirements. They can also earn a second Mining in Society, Minecraft-themed, button loop patch by doing pre-requisites before the Jamboree or by visiting the Sustainability Treehouse at the BSA facilities and completing four specific requirements.

Support for the booth has come from generous SME members and companies through donations, sponsorships and volunteering time to the effort. To learn more about the Mining in Society merit badge, including how to become a counselor, visit www.mineralseducationcoalition.org/. 

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