



The Society of Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) Foundation partnered with Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and successfully launched the Mining in Society merit badge on February 24, 2014. This merit badge introduces Scouts to the industry and teaches them about minerals and rocks, how to explore for minerals, mine planning and operations, mineral processing, mining potential for the future, health and safety in mines, stay out of abandoned mines and stay alive, sustainability in mining, careers, mining resources, and reclamation. As you know, there are many aspects to mining and surrounding industries. Being able to open a scout's eyes to the many careers options and how mining affects their everyday lives is quite an honor.

Many people do not realize the impact mining has on their everyday lives. Things such as making electricity from coal, or all the metals used in a smart phone are things most people don't stop to think about. It is our gift to be able to educate the public to the positive impact mining has and its necessity for our everyday lives. Reclaimed mining land is used for many things from recreational areas to housing developments and to show that the mining industry is responsible and actively concerned with returning the land for future use is important.



2013 Jamboree - Merit Badge Pre-Launch

In the first 22 months, 8,132 scouts earned the Mining in Society merit badge. BSA asked SME to participate in the 2017 Jamboree in Glen Jean, WV by hosting a merit badge booth. Over 40,000 scouts, ventures and their leaders from North America will congregate to experience camping, activities and earn merit badges. This is an incredible opportunity to reach so many Scouts that would not normally have the opportunity to speak with professionals in the field of mining and surrounding industries; especially since this Jamboree happens only once every four years.

SME Foundation is looking for help to make this a successful endeavor and needs to raise \$40,000 to cover cost of patches, handouts, booth supplies, marketing, shipping and some staff expenses. If you or your company can donate, please go to www.Crowdrise.com and search "SME" under "Find events." Larger donations can be made directly to SME at the address below but any amount makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. SME Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations will receive a receipt for tax purposes. We also need a few more volunteers at the Jamboree for the weeks of July 15-22nd and 22-29th.

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