

EARTHQUAKES

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WHEN DISASTER STRIKES!

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

**Leaders,
Boy Scouts, Venturers,
Explorers, Sea Scouts:**

**Learn how to be
ready to assist
when disaster strikes.**

Friday–Sunday, November 6-8
6 p.m. Friday to noon Sunday
Beaumont Scout Reservation

**BE
PREPARED!**

registration deadline: October 9, 11:59 p.m.

REGISTER AT:

scoutingevent.com?disasterstrikes

Topics covered: Disaster Preparedness |
Fire Safety & Utility Controls | Disaster
Medical Operations | Search & Rescue
Operations | Team Organization & Incident
Command Structure | Disaster Psychology
| Access, Functional & Special Needs
Considerations | Terrorism

**These merit badges can be earned during
the summit:** Disabilities Awareness | Safety
| First Aid | Fire Safety | Search & Rescue |
Emergency Preparedness | Wilderness Survival



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WHEN DISASTER STRIKES! Community Emergency Preparedness Summit

We are very happy that you have registered for the When Disaster Strikes! Community Emergency Preparedness Summit, Nov. 6-8, 2015, at Beaumont Scout Reservation. This is the first and largest event of its kind. The Greater St. Louis Area Council and Mid America Teen Community Emergency Response Team promise that it will be an extremely fun and educational experience.

ABOUT THE TRAINING

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) teaches students to assist in the event of an emergency and or natural disaster and to be prepared to assist their families and emergency services. The weekend summit focuses on learning how to assist in the event of an emergency and/or natural disaster, be prepared to assist their families and emergency services, and respond to any situation effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger. Students will be taught how to put out small fires, treat the three medical killers and provide basic medical aid, search for and rescue victims safely, assist people with special and functional needs, and collect disaster intelligence to support first-responder efforts.

Through the Mid America TEEN CERT program, all students receive a certificate of completion for FEMA G-317 TEEN CERT/ CERT. Scouts taking the program can earn the Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Fire Safety, Safety, Disabilities Awareness, Search and Rescue, and Wilderness Survival merit badges. Troops may become eligible for the "Emergency Preparedness BSA" award. After training, students can take their certificates to their local municipality and join the CERT program, be part of training refreshers, and participate in events, parades, and additional training opportunities.

REGISTRATION

This training is open to students age 12 through adult, including Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, Learning for Life members, Sea Scouts, STEM Scouts, and adult leadership. A student who is at least 11½ years old may attend with a parent. The Mid America TEEN CERT program has no restrictions in regards to Scout rank and defaults to each individual troop's charter and requirements.

Every student participant — teen and adult — must complete both sides of the Agreement and Parent Permission Form. Both the participant and a parent or guardian must sign the form if the student is younger than 18. Each student should bring the signed form and turn it in at the start of the first night of class. Any student without a completed, signed Agreement and Parent Permission Form will not be able to participate in the class. There are no exceptions.

COST AND WHAT'S INCLUDED

The \$95 registration fee for the weekend includes:

- Camping at Beaumont Scout Reservation.
- 20 hours of FEMA G-317 TEEN CERT/CERT training, including requirements for seven merit badges. NOTE: Merit badge cards and patches are not included in the cost of the program.
- Supplied emergency backpack (PrepareSmart SR-7500K-0001).
- Cracker Barrel.
- Additional training materials

All participants must eat dinner prior to arriving at Beaumont on Friday, Nov. 6. Campers are responsible for other meals.

LOGISTICS

- Class begins promptly at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. Arrive early to sign in and avoid traffic, receive your campground assignment, etc.
- Students should not expect to leave Beaumont earlier than 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Time will be allotted for tent-and-camp set-up prior to and during class on Friday evening; however, this emergency preparedness training is the Scouts' top priority for this weekend. Adult leadership and other volunteers should be on hand to assist with setting up camp and assisting camp staff for the weekend. Adult leadership is welcome to register and take the training as well.

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

The supplied emergency backpack is included in the registration fee. The kit is used in class, and it is yours to keep after the training. Order your kit from PrepareSmart — Keith Oratz at keitho@preparesmart.com or 425-881-5354. Have your kits shipped to the Greater St. Louis Area Council office, Attn: Mary April, 4568 West Pine Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108. Inform Keith that you are taking the class as part of the Mid America TEEN CERT training program in November. If ordering as a group, provide each person's shirt size.

All students should bring:

- completed and signed Agreement and Parent Permission Form
- paper and pens/pencils to take notes
- emergency backpack (if not shipped to GSLAC office)
- tent, sleeping bag, camp chair, mess kit, bug repellent
- suitable clothing (Class A uniform recommended for Friday evening but not required)
- snacks and water

TRAINING AND MERIT BADGES

This summit focuses on students learning how to prepare, plan, respond, and assist in the event of an emergency — natural or man-made disaster. It is not just to earn merit badges! There are no prerequisites for Scouts to do before the training. However, Scouts may complete merit badge worksheets and do some pre-work such as drawing up a fire-evacuation plan from their home (Fire Safety requirement 6), visiting a location and documenting the accessibility to people with disabilities, finding out about disability awareness education program (Disabilities Awareness requirement 5), etc. All requirements can be met during the weekend's training.

Scouts must take good notes throughout the training to earn any of the merit badges. We will not sign off on the merit badges just because a Scout attends the training. Seven merit badges go along with the TEEN CERT training, and it is expected that everyone takes good notes. There will be a lot of information to write down from the manual, PowerPoint deck, and instructors!

Merit badge cards must be signed by the Scoutmaster and completely filled out, except for the counselor number and signature line. The merit badge cards are signed on the last day of training. Most Scouts will complete all of the badges; however, some may only receive partials (i.e., if any part of a unit is missed or the Scout does not pay attention).

SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING FOR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

On Saturday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Infant/Child/Adult CPR, AED and First Aid/Red Card training are provided to only the first 50 staff and volunteers signing up. Cost for this is \$35 for a 2-year certification, and it is only available to the staff and volunteers — no registered students can sign up for this if doing the weekend training program. Materials and certification cards are included in the cost.