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Sioux Council, Boy Scouts of America
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To Whom It May Concern:

The South Dakota State University Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is announcing a Chemistry Merit Badge Class to be held on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls. In previous years, we have held such a class for Scouts in the old Buffalo Ridge District and this year we are opening the class to Scouts across Sioux Council. Important details about the class include:

- The class will be limited to 50 Scouts, based on order of when their registration is received.
- To gain the maximum benefit from the class, we ask that participating Scouts be in the eighth grade or higher.
- The class will be free and lunch will be provided. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and complete the activities by 3:00. Scouts will be able to complete the merit badge at the event.
- When we confirm their registration, Scouts will receive further details about the logistics of the event. Among these will be a liability waiver regarding chemical safety and a permission form from University Marketing regarding any photos or electronic images taken at the event. These must be signed by a parent or guardian and brought to the class.

We will have a number of faculty and graduate students will help the Scouts with the merit badge requirements. If there are any additional questions, please contact me (douglas.raynie@sdstate.edu) or Professor Fathi Halaweish (fathi.halaweish@sdstate.edu). Please help advertise the merit badge class by announcing it to Scouts in all Districts.

To register, Scouts should send an email message to me at douglas.raynie@sdstate.edu. Again, registration will be first-come, first-served based on receipt of their email inquiry.

This event has been officially approved by the Sioux Council Program Cabinet. However, the Sioux Council is not the main contact, any and all questions should be directed to the event host contact at the following email and/or phone number: douglas.raynie@sdstate.edu and/or 605-688-5151. Advancement documentation is the responsibility of the individual Scouts and their unit leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas E. Raynie".

Doug Raynie
Associate Professor and Department Head