

## Astronomy Merit Badge

3 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020

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Preparation to be done ahead of the Zoom Class

Review the Astronomy Merit Badge book and the worksheet. If you have done any of the activities before the class you may enter that into your worksheet. If you have been to an observatory in 2020 or 2019 (for example, the George Observatory at Brazos Bend State Park or the McDonald Observatory in West Texas) you may complete requirement 8(a). *Aaron – OK?*

I recommend obtaining **Star Walk 2** available in the iPhone app store or the Android Google Play store. The cost of \$2.99 is well worth it. Watch the online video on Star Walk 2 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDc9-g98a1I&t=586s>. Note: Just watch the first part of the video on Star Walk 2 – this is what you want for Scouts and parents. Skip the Star Walk for kids part.

An alternative to Star Walk 2 is a classic star wheel. <https://skyandtelescope.org/astronomy-resources/make-a-star-wheel/>. I will show you mine in the class.

Questions ahead of time? Contact your counselor Bruce Niebuhr at [niebuhrb@live.com](mailto:niebuhrb@live.com)

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