

Scouts BSA Position Specific Training

Saturday March 7th, 2026

At the ONSC Merit Badge College - South Davidson-Davie Community College

The merit badge planning committee is offering Scouts BSA Position Specific Training during the 2025 Akela/Uwharrie District Merit Badge College. This gives Scouts BSA leaders a chance to complete training requirements while the college is in session.

Training will cover two sessions from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM AND 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Lunch will not be provided from 12-1pm. You will need to bring your own lunch.

This is the **fifth** time the planning committee has offered in-person training using the NEW format released in June 2021.

New Training Format

- The instructor(s) will show the same training modules, videos and slides used in the online courses.
- The instructor(s) will then lead a short discussion following each presentation regarding information covered in that module.

Advantages of the New Format

- All leaders receive the same content, whether taken online or in-person.
- Experienced instructors will be available to answer questions about the content.
- Have more questions? Don't worry, we will have a parking lot established where questions can be posted for instructors to answer later. These include:
 - During breaks.
 - Later in the day at appropriate times, including a planned period at the end of the day.
- Since most training modules have some overlap, the Scouts BSA Position Specific Training courses (listed below) will be completed in two sessions.

Courses Covered

- **Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training* (S24)** – This is the major course because it covers almost all the modules.
 - **Committee Member Training (WS10)** – All modules are covered in Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster training
 - **Committee Chair Training (WS10)** – Requires only 1 additional module - Troop Committee Meetings (SCO_483)
 - **Merit Badge Counselor Training (D76)** - Requires only 1 additional module - What is a Merit Badge Counselor (SCO_486)
- We will also add a short presentation on Group Merit Badge Instruction from *The Guide to Advancement* with additional information

The additional courses beyond the minimum required give all leaders valuable cross-training knowledge when working with other unit leaders giving Scouts a better program. The following quote *paraphrased* from the *Facilitators Guide* for all the courses: "Training *course* is designed primarily for *position ... position* and other interested adults are welcome to attend."

Prerequisites – ALL adults attending these classes must have completed YPT.

For the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Course, Hazardous Weather Training SCO_800 MUST be completed ONLINE in advance and cannot be taught in-person. **Please bring a copy of your Hazardous Weather Certificate** to class.

"PLEASE NOTE, HAZARDOUS WEATHER TRAINING IS A PREREQUISITE WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED IN THE BSA LEARN CENTER PRIOR TO ATTENDING THIS COURSE FOR SCOUTMASTER AND ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER. CREDIT SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN FOR COMPLETION WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF THIS REQUIREMENT."

Hazard Weather Training would also be beneficial for committee members, especially those who review activity and/or trip plans, however it is not mandatory for class participation.

It is also recommended you bring a 3-Ringer Binder for your notes, and saving handouts distributed during classes.

There is **NO** Additional Cost for any of the training courses. <https://scoutingevent.com/070-ONSCMeritBadgeCollege1>

For questions, please contact training coordinator Mickey McCrary jmmccrary1952@gmail.com.