



Camp Snyder Scouts BSA Specialty Weeks 2026

Class Catalog

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Merit Badges at Camp Snyder (Scheduled Classes)

CWBS247 1st Year - Green Bar Bill Program

The "Green Bar Bill Patrol" First-Year Program will serve the Scout that has just joined the troop. We emphasize the Patrol Method from day one, getting the Scout started on the right foot as they begin their journey in Scouts, BSA.

Scouts in this program will work on Scouts BSA Tenderfoot, 2nd & 1st class requirements. They will then be able to sign up for afternoon merit badges.

9-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Instructor:** Christina Muedeking
Maximum number of participants: 18
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
NOTE: This is a First year scout program. Selecting this class will take both morning blocks. The scout will still select afternoon merit badge classes.



CWBS100 American Cultures

The United States is a nation of immigrants. Every person came to America from somewhere else - or their ancestors did - and understanding these various cultural backgrounds can help Scouts to live in harmony with others in our varied and increasingly multicultural society.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Th Fr **Room:** Archery Pavilion **Instructor:** Dave Seitz
Maximum number of participants: 18
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1a; #1b; #1c; #1d; #1e
NOTE: Pre-requisites #1a, #1b, #1c, #1d, #1e



CWBS104 American Heritage

Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has lead to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Archery Pavilion **Instructor:** Jack Arnold
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #3c; #4a; #4b; #4c; #4d; #4e



CWBS105 American Labor

The labor movement in America seeks to ensure that the civil rights of laborers are protected in the workplace, especially in regard to wages, hours, and working conditions.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Th Fr **Instructor:** Tom Wilson
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #5a; #5b; #5c; #5d



CWBS107 Archaeology

Archaeologists are detectives who study how people lived in the past. They figure out what happened, when, how, and why. Using the clues that people left behind, they try to understand how and why human culture has changed through time.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Fort **Instructor:** Jenny Chmara
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #7a; #7b; #7c; #9; #11a; #11b



CWBS108 Archery

Archery is a fun way for Scouts to exercise minds as well as bodies, developing a steady hand, a good eye, and a disciplined mind. This merit badge can provide a thorough introduction to those who are new to the bow and arrow - but even for the experienced archer, earning the badge can help to increase the understanding and appreciation of archery.

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9-10:25 AM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Archery Range	Instructor: Ken Gaul
	Maximum number of participants: 8		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
10:35-12 PM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Archery Range	Instructor: Ken Gaul
	Maximum number of participants: 8		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
1:30-2:55 PM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Archery Range	Instructor: Ken Gaul
	Maximum number of participants: 8		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
3:05-4:30 PM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Archery Range	Instructor: Ken Gaul
	Maximum number of participants: 8		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		



CWBS109 Architecture

Architecture is not just the special buildings like cathedrals, museums, or sports stadiums we read about or see on television; it is as normal as the homes, places of worship, schools, and shopping malls where we live, worship, work, learn, and play every day. However, architecture is more than just common shelter; building has always satisfied the human need to create something of meaning. Even the simplest form of architecture is a work of art that requires thought and planning.

1:30-2:55 PM	Days: Mo Tu We	Room: Handicraft Pavilion	Instructor: Pete Collat
	Maximum number of participants: 8		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
	Prerequisites: #1a; #4; #5		



CWBS253 Artificial Intelligence (AI) (2025 version)

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Merit Badge introduces Scouts to the fundamentals of AI and automation through hands-on activities and real-world examples. Scouts learn key terms, explore how AI and automation are used in daily life, school, and work, and examine ethical concerns like bias and privacy. They also investigate deepfakes, practice communicating effectively with AI, and apply their knowledge through a project or teaching activity. Finally, Scouts explore career paths in AI by researching or interviewing professionals in the field.

9-10:25 AM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Dining Hall Camp Side
	Maximum number of participants: 8	
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1	
	Prerequisites: #8(a).; #8(b).	



CWBS101 Camping

Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.

9-10:25 AM	Days: Mo Tu We	Room: Archery Pavilion	Instructor: Tom Wilson
	Maximum number of participants: 12		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
	Prerequisites: #4b; #5e; #7a; #7b; #8c; #8d; #9a; #9b(1); #9b(2); #9b(3); #9b(4); #9b(5); #9b(6); #9c		

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CWBS119 Canoeing

For several centuries, the canoe was a primary method of travel for explorers and settlers. Today, it remains an important part of the wilderness experience and an enjoyable leisure activity that teaches communication, teamwork, and physical fitness.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Lake **Instructor:** Camp Staff
Maximum number of participants: 6
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Lake **Instructor:** Camp Staff
Maximum number of participants: 6
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2.



CWBS120 Chemistry

Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen - but can be proven to exist - and you become a chemist.

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Dining Hall Pool Side **Instructor:** Nick Maliszewsky
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #8c.



CWBS122 Citizenship in the Community

A nation is a patchwork of communities that differ from each other and may be governed differently. But regardless of how local communities differ, they all have one point in common: In the United States, local government means self-government. Good citizens help to make decisions about their community through their elected local officials.

9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Circus Tent **Instructor:** Dave Seitz
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #3(a); #4(a); #4(b); #5; #7(a); #7(b); #7(c); #8



CWBS124 Citizenship in the World

Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already citizens of the world. How good a world citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Dining Hall Camp Side **Instructor:** Ken Davis
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Circus Tent **Instructor:** Dave Seitz
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #3a; #3b; #4b; #7b; #7c; #7d; #7e

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CWBS131 Cooking

The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.

- 9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Akela's Village
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Akela's Village
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Akela's Village
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Akela's Village
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2c.; #3c.; #4a.; #4b.; #4c.; #4d.; #4e.; #4f.; #7a.



CWBS254 Cybersecurity (2025 version)

The Cybersecurity Merit Badge equips Scouts with essential knowledge and skills to navigate and protect the digital world. Scouts learn about online safety, ethical behavior, cyber threats, and how to defend against them using tools like firewalls, antivirus software, and strong passwords. They explore encryption, connected devices, and the risks of public Wi-Fi, while also practicing safe habits like updating software and backing up data. Through hands-on activities, Scouts investigate real-world cyber incidents, participate in cybersecurity challenges, and explore career opportunities in the field.

- 9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Hylton Conference Room
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1(a); #4(e)(1); #4(e)(2); #5(c)(1); #9(a); #9(b)



CWBS236 Digital Technology

Technology has come a long way since Computers merit badge was first introduced in 1967. This badge will teach Scouts about technology in the digital age.

- 1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Dining Hall Camp Side **Instructor:** Jack Arnold
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1; #5b; #5c; #7c; #9a



CWBS138 Electricity

Electricity is a powerful and fascinating force of nature. As early as 600 b.c., observers of the physical world suspected that electricity existed but did not have a name for it. In fact, real progress in unraveling the mystery of electricity has come only within the last 250 years.

- 9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Handicraft Pavilion **Instructor:** Pete Collat
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2; #7; #8a; #8b; #8c

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CWBS140 Emergency Preparedness

Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Instructor:** Tom Wilson
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1; #3a; #3b; #3c; #9b; #9c



CWBS142 Engineering

Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Dining Hall Pool Side
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2.; #9.



CWBS144 Environmental Science

While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Nature Pavilion **Instructor:** Jenny Chmara
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #6a; #6b; #6c



CWBS145 Family Life

The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever before. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #3; #4; #5a; #5b; #5c; #6b[1]; #6b[2]; #6b[3]; #6b[4]; #6b[5]; #6b[6]; #6b[7]



CWBS149 First Aid

First aid - caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care - is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Archery Pavilion **Instructor:** Jeff Trinca
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Archery Pavilion **Instructor:** Jeff Trinca
Maximum number of participants: 12
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Prerequisites: #2(b)(1)

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CWBS250 Fishing 101: Fishing (2021 version), Fly Fishing (2024 version)

Fishing is one of Scouting's essential skills and teaches Scouts to feed themselves, their troops, and their families. In their pursuit of the Fishing Merit Badge, Scouts will demonstrate how to use fishing equipment properly, tie various fishing knots, identify natural fishing baits and artificial lures, and explain safety practices to follow while fishing.

Fly-fishing is a specialized form of fishing that combines skill and artistry. Because it is so rich with tradition, it is a passion for millions of people. The beauty of the water, the solitude, and the skills that the sport requires have made fly-fishing very important in the lives of many notable people.

9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Fishing Pond

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Fishing Pond

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS233 Game Design

Scouts learn about the different components of games while working on the Game Design merit badge. They investigate thematic elements, game play elements, and game analysis. They analyze an existing game and design a new game. Finally, Scouts explore careers related to game design.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Dining Hall Awning

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

Prerequisites: #8a; #8b



CWBS224 Geocaching

The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

Prerequisites: #7



CWBS252 How to Communicate 101: Communication (2014 version), Public Speaking (2003 version)

This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."

A lot happens during the course of every person's life and your ability to communicate your feelings and ideas is the best way to connect to the larger world. Even if you haven't stood at a podium on the stage and find the whole idea scary, sooner or later, someone is going to ask you to get up and say a few words. If you are prepared, it won't be scary. It can even be fun.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Chapel Pavilion

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Chapel Pavilion **Instructor:** Jenny Chmara

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

Prerequisites: #1a; #2a; #2b; #4; #5; #8

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CWBS165 Landscape Architecture

Landscape architects design and plan the various outdoor spaces in modern communities - neighborhood parks, soccer fields, school grounds, places of worship, office parks, shopping malls, cemeteries, and lakes - creating outdoor places that people will care about and want to visit.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Th Fr **Room:** Handicraft Pavilion **Instructor:** Pete Collat
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS168 Lifesaving

No Scout will ignore a plea for help. However, the desire to help is of little use unless one knows how to give the proper aid. The main purpose of the Lifesaving merit badge is to prepare Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Pool **Instructor:** Mustafa Qadri
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2a



CWBS175 Nature

There is a very close connection between the soil, the plants, and all animal life, including people. Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature.

9-10:25 AM **Days:** Th Fr **Room:** Circus Tent
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #4a[2]



CWBS178 Nuclear Science

Nuclear science gives us a simple explanation of the natural world. The ultimate goal of nuclear science is to find out if there is one fundamental rule that explains how matter and forces interact. Earning the Nuclear Science merit badge is a chance for Scouts to learn about this exciting field at the cutting edge of science today.

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Handicraft Pavilion **Instructor:** Pete Collat
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2a.; #2b.; #8.



CWBS182 Personal Management

Personal management is about mapping a plan for your life that will involve setting short-range and long-range goals and investigating different ways to reach those goals. Education, training, and experience all help make your goals become a reality. To achieve your goals, you will choose the best path and make a commitment to it, while remaining flexible enough to deal with changes and new opportunities.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Chapel Pavilion
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1 a; #1b[1]; #1b[2]; #1b[3]; #1c[1]; #1c[2]; #2a; #2b[1]; #2b[2]; #2b(3); #2c; #2d; #2b(4); #8a; #8b; #8c; #8d

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CWBS184 Photography

Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers use photography to express their creativity, using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place, a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history.

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Dining Hall Camp Side
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1b; #6a; #6b; #6c



CWBS185 Pioneering

Pioneering-the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars-is among the oldest of Scouting's skills. Practicing rope use and completing projects with lashings also allow Scouts to connect with past generations, ancestors who used many of these skills as they sailed the open seas and lived in America's forests and prairies.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Fort
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS187 Plumbing

Plumbing, including pipe fitting, is an important and well-paid occupation. The industry is quite broad. It covers installations and repairs in homes, commercial properties, and factories. Plumbing pipelines are used for water supply, waste drainage, natural-gas heating, and many other purposes.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Handicraft Pavilion **Instructor:** Pete Collat
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS234 Programming

Earning the Programming merit badge will take you "behind the screen" for a look at the complex codes that make digital devices useful and fun. Without programs, today's high-tech gadgets would be little more than empty shells. But given clear instructions, digital devices can do amazing things and perform operations that would have seemed like magic to people in the past.

9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Hylton Conference Room **Instructor:** Sanjay Patel
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Hylton Conference Room **Instructor:** Sanjay Patel
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1a; #6



CWBS193 Railroading

By earning this badge, Scouts can learn about the history of railroading, its place in modern society, careers in railroading, and hobbies related to railroading.

9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Parking Lot Pavilion
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #7b[1]; #7b[3]

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CWBS249 Rifle

Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices.

- 9-10:25 AM **Days:** Su Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** BB Range
Maximum number of participants: 10
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 10:35-12 PM **Days:** Su Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** BB Range
Maximum number of participants: 10
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Su Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** BB Range
Maximum number of participants: 10
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Su Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** BB Range
Maximum number of participants: 10
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS229 Robotics

Earning the Robotics merit badge requires a Scout to understand how robots move (actuators), sense the environment (sensors), and understand what to do (programming); he should demonstrate robot design in building a robot. You should help ensure that the Scout has sufficiently explored the field of robotics to understand what it is about, and to discover whether this may be a field of interest for him as a career.

- 1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Hylton Conference Room
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Hylton Conference Room
Maximum number of participants: 8
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #3; #6a; #6b; #7



CWBS197 Rowing

Rowing is the use of oars as a means of propelling boats, has grown from a basic method of transportation to a competitive sport and an enjoyable method of exercising.

- 9-10:25 AM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Lake **Instructor:** Camp Staff
Maximum number of participants: 6
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
- 1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Lake **Instructor:** Camp Staff
Maximum number of participants: 6
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #2



CWBS198 Safety

Knowing about safety helps Scouts to make the right choices and to take the best actions to avoid accidents by making informed choices in their everyday activities and to respond appropriately during an emergency situation.

- 1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Th Fr **Room:** Circus Tent
Maximum number of participants: 12
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Prerequisites: #4; #5; #6

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CWBS230 Scouting Heritage

Introduces Scouts to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all - from Scouting's beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Dining Hall Camp Side
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #5; #6; #9(a)



CWBS240 Signs, Signals, and Codes

American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used language in the United States. The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications. Did you know that some of these have even saved people's lives?

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Th Fr **Room:** Dining Hall Pool Side **Instructor:** Nick Maliszewsky
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS207 Space Exploration

Space is mysterious. We explore space for many reasons, not least because we don't know what is out there, it is vast, and humans are full of curiosity. Each time we send explorers into space, we learn something we didn't know before. We discover a little more of what is there.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Dining Hall Pool Side **Instructor:** Nick Maliszewsky
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #5(a); #5(b); #8



CWBS211 Swimming

Swimming is a leisure activity, a competitive sport, and a basic survival skill. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about safety when swimming and diving, how swimming can contribute to overall fitness and health, and gain some basic competitive swimming skills.

10:35-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Pool **Instructor:** Mustafa Qadri
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Pool **Instructor:** Mustafa Qadri
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1



CWBS248 The News Room: Graphic Arts (2012 version), Journalism (2024 version), Moviemaking (2026 version), Photography (2024 version)

NEWS TEAM OUTDOOR JOURNALISM PROGRAM

The News Team is designed for those Scouts who want to spend the week diving into the world of journalism. In addition to working on four unique merit badges, News Team members will create and publish a daily newspaper, develop video news broadcasts and create and distribute content for Camp Snyder. This program runs all morning daily. The remainder of the day the News Team will be free lancing (or taking other merit badges)

The field of graphic arts includes many kinds of work in the printing and publishing industries. Graphic arts professionals are involved in the creation of all kinds of printed communication, from business cards to books to billboards. The scope of printing communications is huge.

One thing is for sure about journalism: It is never boring. For a reporter, almost every day is different from the last. One day you might interview the mayor of the city, the next day report on a car accident, and the day after that preview a new movie.

Moviemaking is a way to tell stories visually through the art and science of motion picture photography.

Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers use photography to express their creativity, using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place,

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a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history.

9-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** STEM Shack **Instructor:** Wendy Latella
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1

9-12 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** STEM Shack **Instructor:** Wendy Latella
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
NOTE: This class is a combination of 4 merit badges. Journalism, Photography, Graphic Arts, & Moviemaking.



CWBS213 Theater

While earning the Theater merit badge, Scouts will learn to appreciate live performances as members of the audience as well as go behind the footlights to see the view from the other side. Much more goes on in theater than ever meets the audience's eye.

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We **Room:** Fort
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #1



CWBS214 Traffic Safety

Staying safe in traffic wherever you live is getting more difficult all the time, as more and more people take to the road. Earning the Traffic Safety merit badge and will give Scouts some crucial tools to stay safer, when driving a car on a highway, riding a bike across town, or jogging across a busy street.

9-10:25 AM **Days:** Th Fr **Instructor:** Tom Wilson
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #8



CWBS219 Weather

Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.

1:30-2:55 PM **Days:** Th Fr **Room:** Nature Pavilion
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #11



CWBS221 Wilderness Survival

In their outdoor activities, Scouts learn to bring the clothing and gear they need, to make good plans, and do their best to manage any risks. But now and then, something unexpected happens. When things go wrong, the skills of wilderness survival can help make everything right again.

3:05-4:30 PM **Days:** Mo Tu We Th Fr **Room:** Nature Pavilion **Instructor:** Christian Griggs
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1
Prerequisites: #5

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CWBS223 Woodwork

Wood is an amazingly versatile, practical, yet beautiful material. A skilled craftsman can use wood to fashion just about anything. As a woodworker or carpenter, you will find no end of useful, valuable, and fun items you can make yourself, from wood.

9-10:25 AM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Wood Shop	Instructor: Gene Lockhart
	Maximum number of participants: 4		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
1:30-2:55 PM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Wood Shop	Instructor: Gene Lockhart
	Maximum number of participants: 4		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
3:05-4:30 PM	Days: Mo Tu We Th Fr	Room: Wood Shop	Instructor: Gene Lockhart
	Maximum number of participants: 4		
	Sessions: Scouts BSA Specialty Week 1		
	Prerequisites: #1c; #7		