

Prerequisites, Post-Requisites, And Other Class Instructions

(Updated 4/28/25)

Scouts attending the Merit Badge Academy should **all** bring:

- (1) The merit badge worksheet for the badges taken available at <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/list.asp>. Many instructors will specifically use this worksheet in the class. Please note unfortunately that a few of the worksheets have not been updated to 2025 requirements. Attach additional sheets as needed.
- (2) Extra paper and pens/pencils
- (3) Proof of completion of any prerequisites. Many classes have requirements that must be completed after the class. Instructors will provide a path toward completion of these.

Class-specific prerequisites/post-requisites and other instructions are listed below.

All prerequisites are subject to change as necessary.

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

American Business (9 a.m. – noon) – TBD

Reqs. #1, #5 and #6

American Labor (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) – TBD

Reqs. #1, #2 and #5

Bugling (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

This is a primarily a performance class, rather than a teaching class. To complete Req. #4 at the class, scouts will need to have prior experience playing trumpet, cornet, or bugle. Scouts should bring their own trumpet or cornet; a small number of bugles may be available. Scouts will need to practice 10 of the listed bugle calls and be prepared to perform these. These calls can be found on YouTube and other locations on the internet. Scout either brings proof of completion of Req. #6 or will complete this service after the class.

Camping (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

#9a and #9c (Bring Scout Handbook for verified proof of completion (Including Signatures)).

#5e, #6a, #7b, #8b and #9b (Bring signed letter from Scoutmaster for proof of completion)

Citizenship in Society (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Scouts need to be prepared to discuss their research for Req. #1 and Req. #2. Complete Requirements #6 & #7 prior to class and write up in worksheet.

Citizenship in the Community (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Several requirements for this merit badge must be completed out of class. Pre/post requisites are Req. #3./b., #4b./c., #7.c. and #8.

Citizenship in the Nation (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.)

Pre/Post-requisites are #5 and #8.

Coin Collecting (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Req. # 7

Communication (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Communication Merit Badge requires considerable pre-event preparation. Requirements not completed at the event will be completed as post-requisites.

Prepare an option from Reqs #1 and #2 and come prepared to present at the academy.

Prepare Reqs #3 and #4 and be prepared to present at the academy.

Req #5 – attend public meeting and prepare report in the worksheet

Req. #6 – develop a plan to teach a skill, using teaching aids, and come prepared to teach it at the academy.

Req. #7 – Select an option from the choices, prepare it, and bring a copy to the academy.

Req. #8 – this is usually completed after the class. If previously completed, bring a copy of the script and proof that it was conducted.

Req. #9 – perform research on three professions and write up your findings in the worksheet.

Crime Prevention (9 a.m. – noon)

Req. #4b. Complete checklist from merit badge worksheet for Crime Prevention. Needs to be signed by parent or guardian.

Dentistry (9 a.m. – noon)

Req. #1-7 to be completed before class and ready to discuss everything in class.
Req. #3 show a note from your dentist that you have completed this.

Disabilities Awareness (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Req. #7

Emergency Preparedness (9 a.m. – 4.p.m.)

Req. #1 - Earn the First Aid Merit Badge prior to class

Req. #2.b. & #3.a. – prepare at home and writeup in worksheet or [here](#).

Req. #3.c. – Complete at home; use checklist in worksheet or [here](#).

Entrepreneurship (9 a.m. – noon)

Req. #4 – please research and write up in worksheet for class

Family Life (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Requirements #4, #5, & #6 will be pre- or post-requisites. Bring proof of completion to class if done before.

Law (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

None

Leatherwork (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

TBD

Nature (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Req. #4 will be done post-class.

Req. #6.b. can be done pre-class or post-class. If done pre-class, bring photos and be prepared to discuss.

Req. #7 should be prepared pre-class in the worksheet and be prepared to discuss.

Nuclear Science (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Req.#8 – research in advance and come prepared to discuss.

Personal Fitness (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Complete Req. #1 and bring a copy of signed Medical Forms A/B/C (with physician verification within the past year). Bring proof of dentist visit within the past year.

Bring worksheet with completed responses to: Req. #1A and B; 2A -F; 9

Also be prepared to answer and/or verbally respond to worksheet requirements for: 3A-K; 4A-D; 5A-D

Participants should be prepared and dressed appropriately to complete the strength, endurance and stretch tests in requirement 6 which will take place after completing the above requirements.

Requirement 8 will be completed after class by the scout at home. The scout may contact the counselor after completion for review and signoff.

Personal Management (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Several requirements must be prepared or completed outside of class. These can be done as prerequisites or post-requisites.

Req. #1 prepare (a)&(b).

Req. #2 all -usually done as post-requisite

Req. #8 (a)-(c)

Req. #9 prepare (a) – (e) and be prepared to discuss

Req. #10 research prior to class and be prepared to discuss

Photography (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Bring a digital camera you know how to use or smartphone with built-in camera. Have Cyber Chip or view the Personal Safety Awareness "Digital Safety" video (with your parent or guardian's permission). If possible, bring photos for Requirement #7. #7 may be post-requisite.

Public Health (9 a.m. – noon)

Req. #7B, 8

Public Speaking (9 a.m. – noon)

Prepare speeches for Reqs. #1, #2 & #4 and be prepared to deliver

Railroading (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

With parental permission, and if possible, bring smart phone with Amtrak app loaded.

Reading (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Prerequisites #3, #4, & #6 – can also be done as post-requisites.

Scouting Heritage (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) – updated 4/28/25

Req. #1 Baden-Powell - Chief scout of the world. Search for, listen to, and take notes on documentary Film XD51864. Be prepared to discuss with your Counselor in class.

Req #2(a). On the internet:-

Search for Philmontscout ranch.org/museums/scout-heritage-mb-resources, listen to, and take notes on two SHM segments listed under 2a, write up two short bios in your worksheet.

Req. #5 – completed outside of class; if possible, conduct interviews and perform research before the class

Sustainability (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) – updated 4/28/25

1. Write out your answers and come prepared to share and discuss them with class
2. a. complete and come prepared to share and discuss with class.
3. a. complete and come prepared to share and discuss with class.
4. a. complete (with drawing as well) and come prepared to share and discuss in class.
5. a. complete and come prepared to share and discuss in class.
6. a. complete and come prepared to share and discuss in class.
7. f. complete and come prepared to share and discuss in class.
8. a. bring example from previous campout/outing and be prepared to discuss in class.
9. complete and come prepared to share and discuss in class.

Truck Transportation (9 a.m. – noon) and (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

None

Welding (9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

TBD

TRAINING CLASSES

All adults taking classes must be registered Scouters and have current YPT. Bring pen and paper for note-taking.

Board of Review Training (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

No prerequisites.

Merit Badge Counselor Training (D76) (9 a.m. – noon)

No prerequisites. Attendees will be asked to observe and assist in other classes in the afternoon session as possible. No prior experience or preparation will be necessary.

Troop Committee Challenge (W10) (1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

No prerequisites

Introduction to Unit Commissioner and Commissioner Service (9 a.m. – noon)

No prerequisites