

West Side MBD Merit Badge List and Times: (Updated Oct 25, 2024)

Merit Badge Day - Fall Schedule @ BNL - Registration opens at 8am - Opening Ceremony is at 8:30a					
Merit Badge	Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session	Class Max	Person Teaching
	9a - 11:50a	12-12:40p	1p-3:50p		
Communications	All Day		All Day	12	Jed C
Citizenship in World	XXXXX			16	Michael S
Citizenship in Nation PM Session 2			XXXXX	16	Colton K
Citizenship in Nation PM Session 1			XXXXX	10	Kirk W
Citizenship in Community	XXXXX		XXXXX	16	Dave K
Camping	XXXXX			12	Julie R
Plant Science	XXXXX		XXXXX	16	Matt R
Journalism			XXXXX	12	Julie R
Photography	All Day		All Day	12	Laura D
Fingerprinting /Crime Prevention	XXXXX		XXXXX	10	Trevor S
First Aid	All Day		All Day	10	Trinity K
Engineering	XXXXX			20	Jeff K
Emergency Prep			XXXXX	15	Jeff K
Railroading	All Day		All Day	12	Randy B
Digital Technology			XXXXX	10	Ryan T
American Labor	All Day		All Day	16	Kevin B
Entrepreneurs	XXXXX			10	Jeff W
Disability Awareness			XXXXX	14	Kelly O
Personal Management	XXXXX		XXXXX	14	Stephen C
Nuclear Science			XXXXX	10	Tony Z
Wet Eagle Quest	XXXXX		XXXXX	14	David B and David O
Training Expo Schedule					
Subject	Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session		Leader
	10a - 11:30a		2p-3:30p		
CPR (online videos onsite practicals)	XXXXX		XXXXX		Dr Freece
Summer Camp Prep	XXXXX				Marni K
Unit Program w/Disability Awareness			XXXXX		Mike S
Fun Cub Scout Programming	XXXXX				Rick G
How to run a Pinewood Derby			XXXXX		Dustin T
Prepping for High Adventure	XXXXX				Kelley O

SPECIAL NOTE: October 20th will be the final date of which any pre-req details are modified. We will send out a notification to all those registered of any modifications. It is super important to get pre-reqs completed prior to this event. The merit badge counselor may or may not be available after this event.

*** Up to 3 scouts per unit per class will be the limit to make sure we have room for as many units as possible.**

Join us for an exciting day of learning and adventure at the 2024 WSS Fall Merit Badge Day! Registration will be open to HTC units first until the last 2 weeks of registration period.

Scouts will have the opportunity to earn merit badges, develop new skills, and have a blast with fellow Scouts. See the fantastic lineup of badges below and get ready for an unforgettable Scouting experience! We will continue to add merit badges as more counselors become available.

Communications merit badge: (All Day Session Only of a group of 12 scouts)

Counselor: Jed Carlisle

Pre-Reqs:

- Pre-requisites: 2A or 2B, plus Requirements 5 and 8 must be done in advance. -- Half of Requirement 3, which requires them to write a five-minute speech then deliver it in a meeting of the group. They'll need to write the speech in advance, then they can deliver it during the class.-- Half of Requirement 4, which requires them to interview someone then prepare and deliver an introduction of the person as if they were going to be a guest speaker. These interviews also would need to be done in advance, then they can do the introductions during the class; Cyber Chip

Citizenship in the Community merit badge: 2 Sessions: (AM or PM class)

Counselor: Dave Kipper

Pre-reqs:

- 2A , 2B , 3A , 4 , 7 , 8 (present in class)

Citizenship in the Nation merit badge (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Colton Kaewood

Pre-Reqs:

- Complete requirements 2, 3; 6 be ready to discuss a famous speech; 8 bring in email/ screenshot evidence and if possible, response from your senator or congressman.

Citizenship in the World merit badge (AM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Michael Schneidt

Pre-Reqs:

- Requirements 3, 4b, 4c & 7

Camping merit badge: (AM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Julie Ramey

Pre-reqs:

- 4, 8c, 8d, & 9

Plant Science merit badge 2 Sessions: (AM or PM class)

Counselor: Matt Roberts

Pre-Reqs:

- The Scouts will need to have fulfilled requirements 5-7 on their own, and bring proof of the plant they attempted to grow, and be prepared to discuss their findings;
- The Scouts will need to come prepared for walking around outside in areas that are wooded, so shoes/pants that can get dirty, ripped up, etc.

Journalism merit badge (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Julie Ramey

Pre-Reqs:

- Requirement 4 is a prerequisite for the journalism merit badge. A scout can choose to work on number three ahead of time.

Engineering merit badge (AM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Jeff Kelley

Pre-Reqs:

- New 2024 Requirements. Write down and bring in information for #1, 5 and 7 and be prepared to discuss. Class limit is 12 per class.

Photography merit badge (ALL DAY SESSION of a group of 12 scouts)

Counselor: Laura Duro

- Prerequisite #7 produce a visual story of 8-12 images on a slideshow or poster to share in class
- Bring a camera or a phone with a camera to use in class.

Emergency Prep merit badge (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Jeff Kelley

- Prerequisites 1(earn first aid merit badge), 2b, 7a & 7b, 8b, scout's choice from #9.

Fingerprinting and Crime Prevention merit badge 2 Sessions: (AM or PM class) Class of 10 Scouts

Counselor: Trevor Shelhart

Pre-Reqs:

- Req 2 Scouts need to prepare their own notebook with clippings as listed.

First Aid merit badge (All day session of a group of 10 scouts – may increase if we can find more instructors)

Counselors: Trinity Kessinger

Pre-Reqs

- **2nd Class Rank (by Nov 8th) or above scouts.**
- Req 1 Scouts must provide a statement from the Scoutmaster. Req 5a and b Scouts must prepare a first aid kit in advance of the class and bring.
- Will continue through lunch with a small break to go get food.

Railroading merit badge (All day session of a group of 10 scouts)

Counselors: Randy Blevins

Pre-Reqs

- complete item 7., (a) Model Railroading (1).

Digital Technology merit badge (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselors: Ryan Turner

Pre-Reqs

- 1, 5b,5c,6,8 and 9 must be completed before you attend your merit badge day class.

American Labor merit badge (All day session of a group of 16 scouts)

Counselors: Kevin Brooking

Pre-Reqs

- Do requirement #5
- Requirements 1, 7, and 9, do research and be prepared to discuss.
- Email kevin.brooking@comcast.net and cc scoutmaster for questions/topic approval. "

Entrepreneurship merit badge (AM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Jeff Wuslich

Pre-Reqs

- Review the terms in requirement 5 and be prepared to discuss them in class.

Wet Eagle Quest 2 Sessions: (AM or PM class – limited to 14 scouts per session)

Counselors: David Owsley and David Bobblit and Josh Reauscher

Bring a change of clothes, swim suits, wet shoes, towels. We will be going over the swimming and rescues requirements of ranks up through First Class rank.

Disability Awareness merit badge (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Kelley Orr

Pre-Reqs

- Review the terms in requirement 5 and be prepared to discuss them in class.

Personal Management (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Stephen Jacobson

Pre-Reqs

- 1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 8a, 8b, 8c

Nuclear Science (PM SESSION ONLY)

Counselor: Tony Zizak

Pre-Reqs

- Use Google to research and bring in pictures for 3b and 6a
- Will be building an electroscope in class.

Citizenship in the Nation merit badge (PM SESSIONS ONLY) - 2 different sessions

Counselor: Kirk White (session 1) and Colton Kaewood (Session 2)

Pre-Reqs:

- Review notes below

Notes for Prerequisites prior to Merit Badge Day, November 9, 2024

Prior to the session, complete requirements 2, 3, 6 (Be ready to discuss a famous speech), 8 (bring in email, screenshot evidence and if possible, response from your senator or representative.

Refer to the complete merit badge requirements at:

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-nation/>

If choosing requirement 2.a.: Roster:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Indiana

If choosing requirement 2.c.: U.S. District Court locations: <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/court-info/court-locations>

U.S. Postal Office locations: <https://tools.usps.com/locations/> Be sure to locate the dedication plaque and report on name and date.

If choosing requirement 2.d.: Possible national monument links:

1. 9/11 National Memorial Virtual Tour: <https://www.911memorial.org/visit/about-your-visit/learn-and-explore-home/interactive-museum-experience>

2. Indiana War Memorials: <https://www.indianawarmemorials.org/>

3. U.S. Capitol Virtual Tour: <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/education-resource/video-tour-capitol>

4. Abraham Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial: <https://www.nps.gov/libo/index.htm>

Virtual tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF9NyQqcbDo>

5. The White House virtual tour: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/virtualtour/>

Requirement 3: During the five days of watching national news and choosing an issue to discuss, to get differing opinions be sure to choose between at least three different media outlets such as:

- a. cnn.com
- b. msnbc.com
- c. nbcnews.com
- d. foxnews.com
- e. your local newspaper website or printed version

Requirement 6: Possible speeches:

1. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "I Have a Dream:"

<https://www.npr.org/2010/01/18/122701268/i-have-a-dream-speech-in-its-entirety>

2. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's speech on the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor: <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/joint-address-to-congress->

[declaration-of-war-against-japan](#)

3. President Ronald Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" speech:

<https://www.historyplace.com/speeches/reagan-tear-down.htm>

Requirement 8: Roster of U.S. Senators and Representatives:

<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Training Expo Sessions:

Attention all adult leaders! Get ready for an incredible opportunity to enhance your scouting experience at the Training Expo Sessions!

These dynamic sessions kick off just one hour after the merit badge activities begin, giving you the perfect chance to dive into a world of learning and growth while your scouts are immersed in their own adventures. And the best part? It's completely FREE for all adult leaders!

Don't miss out on this chance to make the most of your time at Merit Badge Day. The Training Expo Sessions are designed to be interactive, engaging, and packed with valuable insights from experienced session leaders and fellow participants. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newcomer to the world of scouting, these sessions will provide you with the tools and knowledge you need to take your leadership skills to the next level.

But wait, there's more! Even if you don't have scouts participating in merit badges, you're still invited to join in on the fun. These sessions cover a wide range of specific topics that are relevant to all adult leaders, regardless of your current involvement.

So what are you waiting for? Get ready to be inspired, energized, and empowered at the Training Expo Sessions. It's an opportunity you won't want to miss, and it's all happening just steps away from the merit badge action. Don't let this chance slip away – join us and discover the excitement of learning and growing together as a scouting community!

CPR (AM Session and a PM Session)

Location: TBD

Leader: Dr Freese

Details:

- Must signup to do online videos prior to arriving to class
- Will do practicals on CPR dummies while during the session
- Will be CPR certified if you complete both
- \$25 fee to do this.

Summer Camp Prep (10a-11:30a)

Location: TBD

Leader: Marni Karaffa - 2025 Camp Director

Details:

- Summer camp at Maumee Scout Reservation is an awesome time for both new and seasoned scouts and leaders!
- Get some personal interaction with the camp director for 2025
- Set up your unit for the best time by learning some tips and tricks on campsites, what to be doing months and weeks ahead of time so your scouts have fun, learn and come away wanting to come back for more camping.

Fun Cub Scout Programming (10a-11:30a)

Location: TBD

Leader: Rick Gaither

Details:

- Learn from some experienced cub leaders and get some ideas from new cub leaders on how to make your pack programming fun for both youth and adults.

Prepping for High Adventure (10a-11:30a)

Location: TBD

Leader: Kelley Orr

Details:

- There is a LOT of prep work put in for both adults and youth when executing a high adventure event for your unit. Learn the “ins and outs” of what some high adventure trips take to be fun, safe and very rewarding.
- This session will cover topics:
 - Deciding on what kinds of trips your unit can do based on maturity of mind, body and skill.
 - Logistics of the event: Money, area rules/regs, travel, and safety.
 - Reverse calendar planning
 - Know when to say when and rework the plan.

Unit Programming with Disability Awareness (2p-3:30p)

Location: TBD

Leader: Mike Schneidt

Details:

- Scouting is programming for all ages and abilities and is very rewarding, fun and safe.
- Join our leader on his journey of scouting with disability awareness in how you can take his lessons learned on successfully integrating this topic within your unit. Topics can cover education and awareness, collaboration with parents, adaptive activities, buddy system, accessibility, role modeling and celebrating achievements.
- By considering these factors and actively promoting disability awareness, Boy Scout Leaders can create a welcoming and inclusive environment that allows all scouts to thrive, develop their skills, and build lasting friendships.

How To Run A Great Pinewood Derby (2p-3:30p)

Location: TBD

Leader: Dustin Tate

Details:

- Get ready to rev up the excitement and unleash the creativity with a thrilling Pinewood Derby! Here's your guide to organizing a high-octane event that will have everyone cheering from the starting line to the finish line:
- Topics could include: Set the Stage, Pit Stop Prep, Weigh-In and Inspection, Let the Races Begin, Pit Crew Challenge, Victory Lane: and a Refueling Station: Keep the energy levels high with plenty of snacks, drinks, and maybe even a post-race pizza party. It's the perfect way to celebrate a day of high-speed fun and camaraderie.
- With this fun-filled session, your Pinewood Derby will be a racing event that everyone will be talking about for years to come. So, get ready to wave the checkered flag and let the good times roll!