

HTC Merit Badge Day 2025

Updated Oct 10, 2025

NOTE: Prerequisites may be updated until October 20th. Any modifications will be marked. We will send a notification to anyone registered for a Merit Badge with and changes. It is important to get pre-reqs completed prior to this event! The merit badge counselor may or may not be available after this event.

No more than 3 scouts per unit per session to ensure all scouts have a fair chance at signup. See the Information Packet for more details.

This list may include MBs not offered (yet!) at this event. See published schedule for complete list of offered merit badges.

Current requirements for all merit badges may be found at <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/>

American Labor

Prerequisites:

- Do requirement #5
- Requirements 1, 7, and 9, do research and be prepared to discuss.

Camping

Prerequisites:

- 4, 8c, 8d, & 9

Citizenship in the Community

Prerequisites:

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

Citizenship in the Nation

Prerequisites:

- Complete requirements 2, 3
- Prepare for Requirement 6 by reading and preparing to discuss a famous speech.
Possible speeches include

- o 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>
- o 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>
- o President Ronald Reagan's "Tear Down This Wall" speech:
<https://www.historyplace.com/speeches/reagan-tear-down.htm>
- Requirement 8: bring in email/ screenshot evidence and if possible, response from your senator or congressman.

Helpful Resources:

- If choosing requirement 2.a:
 - o Roster: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Register_of_Historic_Places_listings_in_Indiana
 - o If choosing requirement 2.c.: U.S. District Court locations: <https://www.insd.uscourts.gov/court-info/court-locations>
 - o 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:
 - o 9/11 National Memorial Virtual Tour: <https://www.911memorial.org/visit/about-your-visit/learn-and-explore-home/interactive-museum-experience>
 - o Indiana War Memorials: <https://www.indianawarmemorials.org/>
 - o U.S. Capitol Virtual Tour: <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/education-resource/video-tour-capitol>
 - o Abraham Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial: <https://www.nps.gov/libo/index.htm>
Virtual tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF9NyQqcbDo>
 - o 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:
 - o cnn.com
 - o msnbc.com
 - o apnews.org
 - o theguardian.com
 - o your local newspaper website or printed version
- Requirement 8: Roster of U.S. Senators and Representatives:
<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

Citizenship in Society

Prerequisites:

- Requirements 1, 7 & 8

Citizenship in the World merit badge

Prerequisites:

- Requirements 3, 4b, 4c & 7

Communications

Prerequisites:

- Requirements 2A or 2B, plus Requirements 5 and 8 must be done in advance.
- Half of Requirement 3: scouts should bring their written five-minute speech. Write the speech in advance; scouts will deliver it during the class.
- Half of Requirement 4, which requires the scout 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

Digital Technology

Prerequisites:

- 1, 5b,5c,6,8 and 9 must be completed prior to arrival

Disability Awareness

Prerequisites:

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

Emergency Preparedness

Prerequisites:

- Requirement 1 (earn First Aid merit badge), 2b, 7a & 7b, 8b, scout's choice from #9.

Engineering (2024 requirements)

Prerequisites:

- Write down and bring in information for #1, 5 and 7 and be prepared to discuss.

Entrepreneurship

Prerequisites:

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

Fingerprinting & Crime Prevention

Prerequisites:

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

First Aid (2025 requirements)

Session may continue through the lunch period with only a brief break for food.

Prerequisites:

- **First Class Class Rank or above.**
- Req 2(b)(1) build and bring a first aid kit
- Requirement 2(b)(2) Bring a note from the Scoutmaster or other adult that the scout has inspected a unit or home first aid kit
- Requirement 3: Demonstrate completion of all first aid rank requirements through First Class rank
- Requirement 7 (c thru f) Demonstrate CPR. Scouts are encouraged to take a separate CPR course. It is unlikely there will be sufficient time in this session to complete the CPR requirements in #7
- Requirement 15, perform interviews or research about careers in first aid

Journalism

Prerequisites:

- Requirement 4 is a prerequisite for the journalism merit badge.
- A scout can choose to work on #3 ahead of time.

Nuclear Science

Prerequisites:

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

Personal Management

Prerequisites:

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

Plant Science

Prerequisites:

- 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.

Photography

Prerequisites:

- Requirement #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.

Railroading

Prerequisites:

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

Other Training

Computer Lab for Online Training (Adults)

The school computer lab will be available for any adults to complete any BSA online training, including (especially!) “Hazardous Weather.”

Adult leaders who can show full “Trained” status via my.scouting.org are eligible for a special prize!

CPR

Details:

- Must do online videos prior to arriving to class (requires signup with Red Cross)
- Will do practicals on CPR dummies while during the session
- Will be CPR certified if you complete both
- ***\$25 additional fee for certification***

“Wet Eagle Quest”

This class covers the swimming and rescues requirements of ranks up through First Class rank.

Scouts need to bring a change of clothes, swim suit, wet shoes, towels