

Hoosier Trails Council Eastside Merit Badge Day

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Ivy Tech – Madison Campus

590 Ivy Tech Dr, Madison, IN 47250

8:15 am to 4:00 pm

Cost is \$6.00 for Scouts and Adults with lunch included if registered by February 20, 2026.

Registration 8:15-8:45am

Announcements 8:45-8:55am & 12:50-1:00pm

Sessions 9:00-11:55am & 1-3:55pm

On Saturday, February 28, 2026, Hoosier Trails Council is hosting a Merit Badge Day at the Madison Ivy Tech campus. The charge for this event is \$6 for adults and youth that register for the event by February 20 to cover lunch costs, there is an option to opt out of lunch. Late Registrations will be charged a \$10 fee and are not guaranteed an event patch or preferred classes.

LUNCH IS PROVIDED, 2 Slices of pizza (Sausage, Pepperoni, or Cheese selected at registration), a bottle of water, chips and a cookie. There will be a canteen with additional drinks and snacks.

We will have a computer lab open for adults to complete Safeguarding Youth & Hazardous Weather Training throughout the day. In the afternoon, Josh Reusher will be conducting a Leave No Trace Basics course that will be open to the first 10 adults that register for it.

Scouts should be scheduled for a class or helping in Eagle Quest/ merit badge class (please get preapproval). Scoutmasters, please have the Blue Cards filled out with their information, with the Scoutmaster's signature. Please note that there may be merit badges offered at Merit Badge Day that have requirement changes in early 2026, we will communicate this if it occurs.

Go to Hoosier Trails Council web site, click on the calendar and look for the Merit Badge Day event in the month of February- <http://www.hoosiertrailsbsa.org> . Please note, Units must meet the two deep leadership at the event.*****
If you have questions, please send an email to Jeff Kelley (jkelley316@gmail.com).

Most classes will be a limit of 20 unless noted. **We are limiting Troops to only 3 scouts per session.** This way more Troops should have a chance of taking the class. **Everyone should be in the auditorium by 8:45,** we will have a short opening before the first session begins and **we will assemble *again* at the end of lunch around the flag pole before the third session (12:50-1:00pm)**

Most merit badges have requirements to discuss – these will not all be listed as prerequisites, but scouts should be prepared to discuss any of the requirements. Many of the merit badges have prerequisites that the scout needs to bring signed off, evidence from their parents and/ or scoutmaster, or need to bring in the work to be completed. Below are the Merit Badges to be done, and prerequisites:

Scouts. Please read the Merit Badge Book and requirements for all merit badges you sign up to take

Chess No prerequisites. Please bring a chess set if you have one. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55

Citizenship in the Community Bring req #2, 3A (virtual meeting are allowed), 5, 7 (bring letter from your Scoutmaster to verify 8 hours of service, not used for previous rank advancement or other merit badges), 8 be prepared to present your presentation in class or proof from Scoutmaster if completed at Troop level. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Citizenship in the Nation 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. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Citizenship in the World Bring & be ready to discuss Req 3 and choose one of the following 7b, c, d, or e signed by parent/scoutmaster. There is a lot of discussion to cover so be prepared. 2 sessions at 9:00- 11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Coin Collecting Bring in samples of your collection for 7 and a note saying 7D was completed (They can take the virtual tour at www.usmint.gov. & have parents send a note). 1 session at 9:00-11:55.

Collections Bring in a sample of your collection or pictures with your collection grouped in different ways. Complete req # 1. Req 5a, d, e should be written down and brought to class. Req 7 do the research and write it down. Be prepared to discuss your collection. 3 sessions at 10:30-11:55, 1:00-2:25 and 2:30-3:55.

Communications Be prepared to do 2A OR 2B in Class. Be prepared to deliver requirement 3. Bring signature verifying requirement 5 (public meeting) was completed. Do **ONE** of the following before attending merit badge class: 7 A, 7B or 7C (bring signature from scout master verifying for signoff) Req 8: (We will develop a campfire program, but the scout will need to serve as master of ceremonies later or the scout can do all of this before the class and Scoutmaster can sign off. The Class will be doing requirement 1 C, 4 & 6, 9 Class limit is 18 scouts. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Cybersecurity 1a, 2a, 4e, 4f, 5b, 5c, 7. Class limit is 18 scouts. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Emergency Preparedness Prerequisites 1 (earn first aid merit badge), 2b chart, 3 & 4 family discussions & plans, 9b, 9c & 9d, scout's choice from #10. Class limit is 15 scouts. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Engineering Write down and bring in information for #1, 5 and 6b on electric use at home. Do #7 and be prepared to discuss. Class limit is 12 per class. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Fire Safety Prerequisites: 5d safety checklist, 5e, 5g Scouts choice of Req 10 and be ready to discuss. Class limit is 10 scouts. One all-day session at 9:00-3:55.

First Aid Prerequisites: 2b. There were a lot of requirements added in 2025 and every effort will be made to complete them all, but may not happen depending on class flow. Class limit is 12 scouts. One all-day session at 9:00-3:55.

Personal Management Complete 1, 2A, 2C, 8A, 8B, and 8C, 9 written project plan. Class limit is 15 scouts. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Photography Prerequisites are 1b, 4, 5, 7, be ready to discuss 8. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55.

Public Speaking Be prepared to do some speeches with visual aids for #2. Prepare ahead of time #4, and # 1. Class size is 4 scouts. 4 sessions at 9:00-10:25, 10:30-11:55, 1:00-2:25 and 2:30-3:55.

Safety Be prepared to discuss many reqs. Bring req 2D, 2E, 2F, 3B Scouts choice one of req 9. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55

Stamp Collecting Be prepared to discuss requirements, bring req 3, Scouts choice one of each of requirements 6, 7, and 8. 1 session at 1:00-3:55

Truck Transportation Be ready to discuss requirements 1 & 10. Class limit is 15 scouts. 4 sessions at 9:00-10:25 10:30-11:55, 1:00-2:25 and 2:30-3:55.

Weather Prerequisites are drawing for #3, 6, 8, 9a and 10 (need 3 careers and will be discussed in class). 1 session at 1:00-3:55.

Eagle Quest The am and pm sessions will cover same things, should be taken as either am or pm session. In previous years there were stations for most Scout rank requirements, and many requirements for Tenderfoot (i.e. first aid, knots, and hiking) If you have specific requirements outside of Scout and Tenderfoot, contact Virginia Moats or myself ahead of time so the team can plan for them. 2 sessions at 9:00-11:55 and 1:00-3:55

***Leave NO Trace Basic** – In addition to learning a lot of LNT information, this course is one of the requirements for scouts to earn the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. 1 session for scouts from 9:00-11:55, and one for adults from 1:00-3:55. Class size is limited to 10

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	Session 1	Session 2	Lunch	Session 3	Session 4	
MERIT BADGE	9 am – 10:25	10:30 – 11:55	12 – 1	1pm – 2:25	2:30 – 3:55	class size
Fire Safety	YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY			YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY		10
First Aid	YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY			YYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY		12
Chess	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		20
Citizenship in the Community	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		20
Citizenship in the Nation	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		20
Citizenship in the World	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		20
Communications	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		18
Cybersecurity	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Emergency Preparedness	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		15
Engineering	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		12
Personal Mgmt	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		15
Safety	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					15
Coin Collecting	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					20
Photography	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					20
Stamp Collecting				XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		12
Weather				XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		20
Collections				////////////////	////////////////	12
Public Speaking	////////////////	////////////////		////////////////	////////////////	4
Truck Transportation	////////////////	////////////////		////////////////	////////////////	15
* Leave No Trace	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		10
* EAGLE QUEST - Rank Requirements	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		99
AM Announcements	8:45 AM	Auditorium				
PM Announcements	12:50 PM	Flag pole out front				

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