



2026 - University of Scouting @ Purdue University

Class Catalog

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2026 Fall U of S Cub Scout Classes (Scheduled Classes)

26FC5 9-4 PM
SCHM 117
Ashley Robertson
Days: Sa



Bear Trio with Ashley Robertson

Baloo the Builder: Learning to build things that are useful or fun is an important skill. You might grow up to build houses as a career or models as a hobby. Or you might just learn some skills that will help you in everyday life.

Building materials may include wood, cement, plastic, steel, or a combination of all these things. For this Adventure, we will focus on wood. You will learn about hand tools and how to use them safely. You will learn how to choose the right type of wood for a project and follow project instructions. And before you're finished, you will use your new skills to make two projects from wood.

Forensics Adventure: Everywhere you go, you leave behind clues: fingerprints on your juice glass, DNA on your toothbrush, bits of fabric on your favorite chair, and footprints in your yard. Criminals leave behind clues, too. Forensic scientists study those clues to help law enforcement officers solve crimes.

Forensics is all about using science to answer questions about crimes (and other things that have happened). In this Adventure, you will practice some of the skills of a forensic scientist.

You will analyze a fingerprint, a footprint, the contents of ink, and some mysterious white powder. Grab your magnifying glass and start detecting!

Super Science: Have you ever wondered why the sky is blue or how gravity works or what makes a rainbow? Scientists wonder about those things, too.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: If this class is full, please contact Elizabeth at 765-452-8253, Mon-Fri 9-5, to be added to a waitlist.

26FC1 9-12 PM
IMST
Ben Carson
Days: Sa



Lion Trio with Imagination Station

Build It Up, Knock It Down: Lions will have fun building a structure on their own and as a team.

Count on Me: Discover basic geometric shapes and their use in arts and crafts.

Gizmos And Gadgets: Lions with their adult partner will build a useful object together and explore the properties of motion and force.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: This class is taught offsite at Imagination Station, 600 N 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901.

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NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Imagination Station, 600 N 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901.

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26FC13 9-12 PM
SCHM 103
Lindsay Stevens
Days: Sa



Lion Trio with Lindsay Stevens & John Gannt

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26FC3 9-4 PM
IMST
Ben Carson
Days: Sa



Tiger Trio with Imagination Station

Designed by Tiger: Tigers will discover the fundamentals of the engineering process of designing, building, and improving.

Floats and Boats: Discovering what floats and how to make a model boat are the key activities in this Adventure.

Tech All Around: Tigers will identify technology that is common in most homes and discover how technology has improved along with safety rules around technology they come in contact with.

Maximum number of participants: 15

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26FC11 9-4 PM
SCHM 122
Rob Shroder
Days: Sa



Webelos Tetrad with Rob Shroder

Build It: If you visit a lumber store, you'll see rows and rows of all sorts of wood: boards, dowel rods, sheets of plywood, cedar shingles, and more. With some tools and time, a skilled craftsman can turn that wood into toys, bookcases, or even an entire house. You won't build a house in this Adventure, but you will build a smaller carpentry project. You'll also learn about the tools you could use to build just about anything you can dream up. So, grab your tool belt, and let's get started.

Earth Rocks: Rocks and minerals are more than just things that lie in the ground. Yes, they help form our planet, but people also use them to create things that make our lives easier. In this Adventure, you'll dig into the world of rocks and minerals and discover some surprises about the science of geology - like how the ground beneath your feet is constantly on the move.

Math on the Trail: In this Adventure, you will learn how to estimate the time it takes you to take a walk. If you know your pace, you can estimate how long it will take you and others to walk any given distance.

Tech on the Trail: Getting outside is a fun part of being a Cub Scout. Using technology outdoors can be an important part of helping you explore the world around you.

Maximum number of participants: 15

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26FC12 9-4 PM
SCHM 123
Melissa Young-Spillers
Days: Sa



Webelos Trio with Melissa Young-Spillers

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Chef's Knife: The most common use of a knife is in the kitchen. In this Adventure, you will learn the safety rules about using a knife in the kitchen and some basic instructions on how to use a kitchen knife.

This Adventure is required in order for you to use any knife during a Cub Scout activity. Even if you earned the Whittling Adventure as a Bear, you must earn the Chef's Knife Adventure as a Webelos to earn the privilege of using a knife during a Cub Scout activity.

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2026 Fall U of S Adult Classes (Scheduled Classes)

<p>26FA15 9-2 PM WALC 3122 Jim Ridgeway Days: Sa</p>		<p>Scouting America Angling Educator Course Everything you need to know to take your Scouts Fishing! The program is designed to give a student who has never fished the skills and knowledge, both practical and ethical, to go to a pond and be immediately successful. *Certificate and patch will be distributed upon completion. Maximum number of participants: 54</p>
<p>26FA25 9-11 AM WALC 1018 Sarah Clark Days: Sa</p>		<p>Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E.) CRASE is a 2-hour program that provides strategies, guidance and plan options for surviving an active threat event. Training topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, civilian response options and preparing a response in advance. Maximum number of participants: 180</p>
<p>26FA1 9-10 AM WALC 1132 Jake Mitchell Days: Sa</p>		<p>Cold Weather Camping Cold weather camping requires specific preparation to stay warm and safe. This includes choosing the right gear, layering clothing, and understanding how to manage condensation and potential hazards. Come learn some tips and tricks on how to BE PREPARED for the cold! Maximum number of participants: 108</p>
<p>26FA6 9-4 PM WALC 3138 CPR Indy Days: Sa</p>		<p>Heart saver First Aid CPR AED The course trains participants with the knowledge and skills needed to provide professional-level care for breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children, and infants until advanced emergency medical services (EMS) professionals take over. Max of 9 participants per class. Maximum number of participants: 9</p>
<p>26FA12 9-11 AM WALC 3154 Daniel Carbaugh Days: Sa</p>		<p>Order of the Arrow Roundtable For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth. Come learn how to maximize the OA in your Troop in this back to back class chalked full of OA knowledge. Maximum number of participants: 50</p>
<p>26FA28 9-10 AM WALC 3084 Days: Sa</p>		<p>Safe Transportation for Scouts – What You Need to Know A discussion on safely transporting Scouts from one location to another. Maximum number of participants: 126</p>




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<p>26FA4 9-4 PM WALC 2124 Dr. George Avery Days: Sa</p>		<p>Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Training (full day session) The purpose of Scoutmaster Position-Specific training is to provide an active, fun, and positive learning experience for new and experienced Scoutmasters to learn and apply proven techniques for running an effective Scouts BSA troop. Scoutmasters will learn how to meet the aims of Scouting by applying the eight methods of the Boy Scouting program during the four main sessions of the course: • Patrol Method • Support Team • Advancement • Annual Planning Maximum number of participants: 54</p>
<p>26FA24 9-11 AM WALC 1018 Sarah Clark Days: Su</p>		<p>Verbal De-Escalation Training This course objective is to teach skills that may help attendees learn to remain calm and react more effectively when confronted with anger, while trying to reduce the chance of escalation to physical aggression. It includes interactive exercises involving body language/posturing and empathetic verbal language. Maximum number of participants: 180</p>
<p>26FA8 10-12 PM WALC 1132 Tony Zizak Days: Sa</p>		<p>Adults Can Have Fun Too Ever wonder how other troops have so many parents involved especially on campouts. You hear how some troops have all kinds of parent involvement on committees, boards of review but your unit is struggling with the same 2-3 adults doing everything? Can you hear the laughing going on in the next campsite and wonder how you can have more of that in your unit? Well, it's easier than you think. Adults are allowed to have fun in scouts too! Join us in a lively and fun discussion on the art of bringing the fun for adults in your scout units. PS... this also works for recruiting adults for district and council level events. Some quick and fun steps to immediately take to put your troop on the right path for a strong adult leadership core. The long play on building out a strong adult leadership core. Why role assignments are needed The art of delegation and building of trust Finally some open discussion and examples of what has worked for others. Maximum number of participants: 108</p>
<p>26FA9 10-12 PM WALC 3090 Steve Chatot Days: Sa</p>		<p>Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor Training Those working with Boy Scouts on either Ad Altare Dei or Pope Pius XII must be a certified Religious Emblems Counselor. This session will provide that basic training. Maximum number of participants: 60</p>
<p>26FA2 10-12 PM WALC 3084 Michelle Zaremba Days: Sa</p>		<p>QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training provided by Mental Health America Three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. The QPR mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. 2-hour course. (70-person max capacity) Maximum number of participants: 70</p>

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<p>26FA27 11-12 PM WALC 1018 Rebecca Bradfield Days: Sa</p>		<p>Benefits of Serving as a Camp Health Officer Serving as a Camp Health Officer can be extremely beneficial to a local Scouting Council. The Camp Health Officer has primary responsibility for the health & safety of everyone in Camp including staff, unit leaders, Scouts, volunteers, and visitors, intake of medical forms upon registration, and reporting of incidents as prescribed in the camp emergency procedures. Come learn the ins and outs of being a CHO and how you may be able to help your local Council. Maximum number of participants: 180</p>
<p>26FA3 11-12 PM WALC 3154 Jason Noland Days: Sa</p>		<p>Duty to God: How to incorporate the religious emblems program into my unit Come learn from the CEO of PRAY how to best incorporate the religious emblems program into your Pack and Troop. Maximum number of participants: 50</p>
<p>26FA16 11-12 PM WANG 3501 Dr. Greg Stimel Days: Sa</p>		<p>Microelectronics Escape Room! (Adults Only) This session is for leaders only! This escape room activity challenges the basic fundamentals for microelectronics. It allows participants to utilize microelectronics and circuitry to "escape" from the experience. It will be a great introduction for micro:bits, logic gates, and circuitry for adults and SO MUCH FUN! Maximum number of participants: 40</p>
<p>26FA23 2-3 PM WALC 3154 Lori Shull Days: Sa</p>		<p>Pathway to Youth Led Outdoor Excellence This class will provide leaders with resources, training, and collaborative brainstorming to improve a youth led program. Maximum number of participants: 50</p>
<p>26FA2 2-4 PM WALC 3084 Michelle Zaremba Days: Sa</p>		<p>QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Suicide Prevention Training provided by Mental Health America Three steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. The QPR mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know. 2-hour course. (70-person max capacity) Maximum number of participants: 70</p>
<p>26FA26 2-4 PM WALC 1018 Sarah Clark Days: Sa</p>		<p>Stop the Bleed Stop the Bleed is a program that teaches the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding, and act quickly and effectively to control bleeding. Attendees will learn three quick techniques and become empowered to make a potential life or death difference if a bleeding emergency occurs. Maximum number of participants: 180</p>
<p>26FA24 6-8 PM WALC 1018 Sarah Clark Days: Fr</p>		<p>Verbal De-Escalation Training This course objective is to teach skills that may help attendees learn to remain calm and react more effectively when confronted with anger, while trying to reduce the chance of escalation to physical aggression. It includes interactive exercises involving body language/posturing and empathetic verbal language.</p>

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26FA21 7-8 PM
WALC 1132
Melissa Young-Spillers
Days: Fr



From Cub Scouts to Scouting...What to Expect







This course discusses what you can expect when crossing over from Cub Scouts to Scouting and will provide guidance on how to successfully continue your family's journey. This course is good for Webelos and Arrow of Light parents, as well as Cub Scout leaders.

Maximum number of participants: 108

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<p>26FC1 9-12 PM BRNG 1243 Kevin Riley Days: Sa</p>		<p>American Business Earning the 'American Business merit badge can help Scouts learn practical business matters that will be useful throughout life. Learning how businesses function will help you understand society and uncover a number of career options. Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 5</p>
<p>26FC2 9-12 PM BRNG B260 Dr. Anne Edwards Days: Sa</p>		<p>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. Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Proof that Requirement 5 has been completed.</p>
<p>26FC3 9-4 PM PHYS 116 Janith D'Alwis Days: Sa</p>		<p>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. Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 3(c)</p>
<p>26FC55 9-12 PM ARMS 1028 Melissa Young-Spillers Days: Su</p>		<p>American Indian Culture Far different from the stereotypes or common images that are portrayed on film, on television, and in many books and stories, American Indians have many different cultures, languages, religions, styles of dress, and ways of life. To learn about these different groups is to take an exciting journey of discovery in which you will meet some of America's most fascinating peoples. Additional Fee: \$10.00 Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: Prerequisites: TBD</p>
<p>26FC5 9-12 PM BRNG 1206 Amber Brad Days: Sa</p>		<p>Animal Science Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, and other domesticated animals are important to people for many reasons. They supply us with food and clothing, we use them for recreational purposes, they work with and for us. Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: No Prerequisites</p>
<p>26FC6 9-12 PM KNOY 306 Daniel Triplett Days: Sa</p>		<p>Animation Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities. Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: No Prerequisites</p>

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26FC7 9-4 PM
STON 154
Dr. Kory Cooper
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: One of Req 7. Note: Some of the requirements for the Archaeology badge cannot be performed in a single day. During the session, several of the items that would be difficult for scouts to accomplish out on their own will be discussed for ideas on how to complete the badge.

26FC8 9-1 PM
Camp Buffalo
Abby Thatcher
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 8

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Camp Buffalo, 9400 N Boy Scout Rd, Monticello, IN 47960 (Approximately 1 hour away from the Purdue campus)

Class times are: 9 AM-1 PM (Session 1) and 2-6 PM (Session 2)

NOTE: This class runs from 9am-1pm for the AM session and 2pm-6pm for the afternoon session. You only need to take one session.

26FC195 9-4 PM
PWAT
April Szostak
Days: Sa



Art with Painting with a Twist

This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art.

Maximum number of participants: 60

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Painting with a Twist, 2049 Veterans Memorial Pkwy S #13, Lafayette, IN 47909

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26FC10 9-4 PM
HMIA
Director Haan Museum of
Indiana Art
Days: Sa



Art with The Haan Museum of Indiana Art

This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

*This class is taught offsite at the Haan Museum of Indiana Art, 920 State St, Lafayette, IN 47905

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26FC178 9-4 PM
BRNG - B291
Jason Padgett
Days: Sa



Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Jason Padgett

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC179 9-4 PM
WALC 3045
Michael Witt
Days: Sa



Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Michael Witt

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Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC11 9-4 PM
PHYS 238
Dave Sederburg
Days: Sa



Astronomy

In learning about astronomy, Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites TBD

26FC13 9-4 PM
GA&T
Clint Johnson
Days: Sa



Automotive Maintenance with Clint Johnson

Modern automobiles are important to many aspects of American life. Those who service automobiles must understand each principle, and how these principles interact to provide smooth, efficient performance. Owners of cars also benefit by understanding how their vehicles operate. This enables them to understand why certain periodic maintenance is required to keep their vehicles in tip-top shape.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1(g), 12

This class is taught offsite at Guaranteed Automotive and Transmission, 3742 State Rte 38, Lafayette, IN 47905

NOTE: This class is taught off campus at Guaranteed Automotive and Transmission 3742 SR-38 E Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC188 9-4 PM
BCM
Shawn Foster
Days: Sa



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Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1(g), 12

This class is taught offsite at Best Choice Motors 2300 South St. Lafayette, IN 47905

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26FC14 9-12 PM
NATB
Anthony Clevinger
Days: Sa



Aviation

For most of history, people have dreamed of flying, imagining how it would feel to soar through the sky like an eagle or hover in midair like a hummingbird, to float on unseen currents, free of Earth's constant tug, able to travel great distances and to rise above any obstacle. Today, through aviation, we can not only join the birds but also fly farther, faster, and higher than they ever could.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3B (provide link to Digital Content: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/aviation/>)

This class is taught offsite at Niswonger Aviation Technology Building; 1585 Aviation Dr. West Lafayette, IN 47907

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26FC16 9-4 PM
HMIA
Director Haan Museum of
Indiana Art
Days: Sa



Basketry

Basketry is a handy skill for a Scout. A basket can be a sturdy companion on campouts, carrying clothes snugly and efficiently, holding potatoes and corn for roasting over a campfire, or carrying the day's fishing catch back to camp for dinner. Baskets and basket-weaving projects also make great gifts for family and friends.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at the Haan Museum of Indiana Art, 920 State St, Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC154 9-4 PM
BRNG 1268
George Emmerson
Days: Sa



Bird Study

Birds are among the most fascinating creatures on Earth. Many are beautifully colored. Others are accomplished singers. Many of the most important discoveries about birds and how they live have been made by amateur birders. In pursuing this hobby, a Scout might someday make a valuable contribution to our understanding of the natural world.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5

26FC18 9-12 PM
DHS
Jay Dennison
Days: Sa



Bugling with Jay Dennison

The Bugling merit badge was one of the original 57 merit badges issued by the Boy Scouts of America in 1911

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: For Bugling the applicant must have experience on trumpet, cornet or bugle. Any these three instruments can be used for this merit badge. Realize that one requirement is to serve as troop bugler for 6 months.

This class is taught offsite at Delphi High School; 301 Armory Rd, Delphi, IN 46923, which is approximately 30 minutes from Purdue University.

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26FC19 9-4 PM
WLHS
Janna Leffert
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 6

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Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Scout must be classified as a BSA Swimmer

This class is taught offsite at West Lafayette High School Pool 1105 Grant St, West Lafayette, IN 47906

26FC21 9-12 PM
WALC 3121
Vlad Pavlovskii
Days: Sa



Chess

Chess builds critical thinking, forward thinking, and proper sportsmanship in young people.

Maximum number of participants: 16

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC165 9-12 PM
ARMS 1021
Lori Shull
Days: Su



Citizenship in the Community with Lori Shull

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2A, 2B, 3A, 4, 7 and 8 (present in class)

26FC175 9-12 PM
ARMS 1021
Melissa Dotson
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the Community with Melissa Dotson

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26FC125 9-12 PM
ARMS 1109
Michael Budd
Days: Sa



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26FC170 9-12 PM
BRNG B248
Natasha Harris
Days: Sa



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26FC126 9-12 PM
ARMS 3115
Dave Henderson
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the Nation with Dave Henderson

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2, 3, & 8

We will need a roster of names, home addresses, Unit number, and who are their state and national elected officials (Senators and Representatives), especially if out of our council, so they can address their political representatives of choice with the required letter.

26FC176 9-12 PM
BHEE 224
Paul Amaya
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the Nation with Paul Amaya

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2, 3, and 8.

We will need a roster of names, home addresses, Unit number, and who are their state and national elected officials (Senators and Representatives), especially if out of our council, so they can address their political representatives of choice with the required letter.

26FC174 9-4 PM
BRNG 2291
Richard McClurg
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the World with Richard McClurg

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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4(b), 7(a) and 7(b). This Merit Badge is recommended for Scouts who are at least First Class or 13 years old.

26FC22 9-4 PM
CoRec
Bri Schroeder
Days: Sa



Climbing with Bri Schroeder (Saturday all day and Sunday Morning - All 1 Class)

Climbing is not a sport that requires tremendous muscular strength; it demands mental toughness and the willingness to practice hard to master a set of skills. The adventure of climbing can also provide a new way to enjoy the outdoors.

Class is taught Saturday from 9am-4pm & Sunday 9am-12pm; all 1 class.

Additional Fee: \$30.00

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

Scouts must attend both all day Saturday and Sunday morning in order to complete the merit badge.

This class is taught offsite at France A. Córdoba Recreational Sports Center; 355 N Martin Jischke Dr, West Lafayette, IN

NOTE: Class is 9am-4pm Saturday and 9am-12pm Sunday at France A.

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26FC23 9-12 PM
BRNG B232
Dennis Dunten
Days: Sa



Coin Collecting

Coin collecting is one of the oldest of all hobbies. Hoards of ancient coins found in excavations indicate that coins were one of the first collectibles. From earliest times, people valued coins not only as a means of trading and storing wealth, but also as miniature works of art.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4a-f (collect all the coins listed) and 7a-c (collect the coins and/or money listed) and 7d 1-4. Bring coins/monies collected to class.

26FC203 9-4 PM
SC G46
Michelle Peterson
Days: Sa



Communication with Michelle Peterson

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."

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Requirements 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

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC128 9-4 PM
HAMP 3144
Sarah Babcock
Days: Sa



Communication with Sarah Babcock

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Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Requirements 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

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26FC144 9-4 PM
LMBS B257
Teng Lee
Days: Sa



Composite Materials

Composites can be found just about everywhere: in airplanes and sports cars, golf clubs and guitars, boats and baseball bats, bathtubs and circuit boards, and even bridges. Composites make bicycles and skis lighter, kayaks and canoes stronger, houses warmer, and helmets tougher.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4(b), 6

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NOTE: This class is taught in both Lambertus B257A and Lambertus B257C

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26FC26 9-4 PM
POLICE DEPT.
Sgt. Jon Selke
Days: Su Fr Sa



Crime Trio

Preventing crime, which can be as simple as reducing the opportunities for crime to occur, is far less costly than apprehending and bringing legal action against those who break the law and it helps save people from the anguish of being victims.

In earning the Fingerprinting merit badge, Scouts will learn about and use an important technique that is used by law enforcement officers, along with other materials like matching dental records and DNA sampling, to help identify amnesia victims, missing persons, abducted children, and others.

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Crime Prevention: 3(a) and 4(b)

Fingerprinting: 1

Traffic Safety: None

This class is taught at the Purdue University Police Department, 205 S Martin Jischke Dr, West Lafayette, IN 47907

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at the Purdue Police Department; 205 S Martin Jischke Dr, West Lafayette, IN

26FC180 9-4 PM
SC 289
Brian Beck
Days: Sa



Cybersecurity with Brian Beck

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1A

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC27 9-12 PM
KDC
Dr. Sydney VanArsdel
Days: Sa



Dentistry

Teeth do a lot more than just peek out from under that winning smile. They have all sorts of duties, and having healthy teeth will help a person to eat, speak, and look great.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Requirement 7

***This class is taught offsite, from 8:30AM - 11:30AM, at Klondike Dental Care, 3412 Klondike Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906

NOTE: *This class is taught offsite, from 8:30AM - 11:30AM, at Klondike Dental Care, 3412 Klondike Road, West Lafayette, IN 47906**

26FC29 9-12 PM
WALC 2121
Tom Hoffer
Days: Sa



Disabilities Awareness

Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.

Maximum number of participants: 15

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Prerequisites: Prerequisites: None

26FC30 9-12 PM
BHEE 129
Dr. Rhonda Katter
Days: Sa



Dog Care & Pets

The love and interdependence between humans and dogs has endured for thousands of years. Evidence suggests that dogs and humans started relying on each other thousands of years ago. Today, dogs are our coworkers and companions. They assist search-and-rescue teams, law enforcement officers, hunters, farmers, and people with disabilities. They also play with us and keep us company.

Pet ownership is a mixture of fun, excitement, responsibility, commitment, expense, and learning. Besides providing a window into the animal world, owning pets gives us opportunities to participate in activities that strengthen the human-animal bond. Pet ownership teaches us about the responsibility we have to the other living beings on this planet, and pets can be just plain fun.

Maximum number of participants: 6

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Requirements 4, 8 and 9 for Dog Care and Requirement 1, 2 and one from 4 for Pets. Hello, my name is Rhonda Katter. I will be offering 2 merit badges during the Purdue University of scouting for Dec 2025.

Dog Care will be offered during the 3 hour session (see prerequisites listed below) . You may also bring your work for the Pets merit badge requirements for me to review at the end of the class discussion. You may elect to take only the Dog Care merit badge or take Dog Care and Pets. Due to the class time provided, I am not offering an only Pets merit badge option.

For Pets merit badge, you must email me (rnkatter@gmail.com) the type of pet that you will be caring for over the next 4 months and a general plan for that care. Once I reply to your email with approval, you may start the 4 months of recording care (prerequisite #1).

Bring #2 requirement to the class. #3 requirement can be approved via email at least 1 week prior to the class. For #4 requirement, please bring pictures or video to class (or email them to me prior to class).

For Dog Care merit badge prerequisites:
complete #4

a video of #5 may be presented in class (or emailed to me prior to class)

#8 and bring a written report to class (or email to me prior to class)

#10 (a) or (b) and bring a written report to class (or email to me prior to class).

PLEASE NOTE THAT #4 FOR DOG CARE AND #1 FOR PETS CANNOT OVERLAP. IF YOU ARE DOING BOTH MERIT BADGES, YOU WILL NEED TO SHOW 6 MONTHS TOTAL OF CARE.

Please remember to copy another adult in all of your email correspondences. This adult can be a parent, guardian, or scout leader. All emails should include your full name and the prerequisite # that you are submitting.

This class will be limited to 6 students to allow time to review all the prerequisite work and have time for class discussions.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Katter"

26FC31 9-12 PM
SC 231
David Papineau
Days: Sa



Drafting

Drafting is a highly refined form of drawing used to communicate ideas to engineers, architects, and craftspeople. In earning this badge, Scouts learn the importance of accuracy and simplicity in developing a drawing that shows precise details in a simple format

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3. Produce a computer-aided design (CAD) drawing as it would be used in manufacturing. Fill in all title block information. The CAD drawing may be any one of the following drawing types:

(a) Architectural: Make a scale drawing of an architectural project. The architectural drawing may be a floor plan; electrical, plumbing, or mechanical service plan; elevation plan; or landscaping plan. Use an architect's scale and show dimensions to communicate the actual size of features. Include any important sectional drawings,

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notes, and considerations necessary for construction.

- (b) Mechanical: Make a scale drawing of some mechanical device or interesting object. The mechanical drawing may be of the orthographic or isometric style. Use an engineer's scale and show dimensions to communicate the actual size of features. Include any important sectional drawings, notes, and manufacturing considerations.
- (c) Electrical: Draw a simple schematic of a radio or electronic circuit. Properly print a bill of materials including all of the major electrical components used in the circuit. Use standard drawing symbols for the electronic components.

7. Do ONE of the following:

(a) Visit a facility or industry workplace where drafting is part of the business. Ask to see an example of the work that is done there, the different drafting facilities, and the tools used.

(1) Find out how much of the drafting done there is manual and how much is done using CAD. If CAD is used, find out what software is used and how and why it was chosen.

(2) Ask about the drafting services provided. Ask who uses the designs produced in the drafting area and how those designs are used. Discuss how the professionals who perform drafting cooperate with other individuals in the drafting area and other areas of the business.

(3) Ask how important the role of drafting is to producing the end product or service that this business supplies. Find out how drafting contributes to the company's end product or service.

(b) Using resources you find on your own such as at the library and on the Internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), learn more about the drafting trade and discuss the following with your counselor.

(1) The drafting tools used in the past - why and how they were used. Explain which tools are still used today and how their use has changed with the advent of new tools. Discuss which tools are being made obsolete by newer tools in the industry.

(2) Tell what media types were used in the past and how drawings were used, stored, and reproduced. Tell how the advent of CAD has changed the media used, and discuss how these changes affect the storage or reproduction of drawings.

(3) Discuss whether the types of media have changed such that there are new uses the drawings, or other outputs, produced by designers. Briefly discuss how new media types are used in the industry today."

26FC32 9-12 PM
IT-LUAB
Ryan Ferguson
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 36

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2

This class is taught offsite at Ivy Tech Lamkin Union Apprenticeship Building; 2953 S Creasy Lane, Lafayette, IN

26FC207 9-4 PM
IUH
Kara Bishop
Days: Sa



Emergency Preparedness with IU Health

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at IU Health 2600 Greenbush St, Lafayette, IN 47904

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NOTE: This class is taught offsite at IU Health 2600 Greenbush St, Lafayette, IN 47904

26FC131 9-12 PM
BRNG B206
Jimerie Salazar
Days: Sa



Emergency Preparedness with Jimerie Salazar

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1, 2 B and C, 6 C, 7 A and B, 9

26FC107 9-5 PM
BRNG 1255
Charles Walker
Days: Sa



Engineering & Space Exploration Combo

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.

Discover the why and how we explore space. Learn about current and historic space systems along with how they work. Design a future station to survive on other worlds. Gain hands-on experience in building and launching model rockets. Finish your studies learning about the careers that make space exploration possible.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Engineering: 1 & 2

Space Exploration:

2. Design a collector's card, with a picture on the front and information on the back, about your favorite space pioneer. Share your card and discuss four other space pioneers with your counselor.

5(b) Using articles from the internet, photographs and text, create a blog, website, or slide show about a current planetary mission or use magazine photographs, news clippings, and articles from the internet to make a scrapbook about a current planetary mission.

This class runs until 5pm,

NOTE: This class runs until 5pm.

26FC132 9-4 PM
BRNG 2275
Nathan Harms
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 6

26FC183 9-12 PM
ARMS 3115
Melissa Dotson
Days: Su



Family Life with Melissa Dotson

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3-5, 6B 1-7

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26FC185 9-12 PM
ABE 1164
Roger Tormoehlen
Days: Sa



Farm Mechanics

From the mattock and hoe to the horse and mule, the cotton gin and reaper, the tractor and air seeder-this is the story of farm equipment. Today, most farms are mechanized and farmers can do most of their own maintenance work and make the adjustments needed on their many intricate farm implements.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 5

26FC40 9-4 PM
PUFD
Alex Beers
Days: Sa



Fire Safety

The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to use fire safely and responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention, and camping safety.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 6 (safety survey), 10b, and 13

This class is taught at the Purdue Fire Department 1250 3rd Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907

NOTE: This class is taught at the Purdue Fire Department 1250 3rd Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907

26FC186 9-4 PM
BRNG 1230
Hannah Feldmeyer
Days: Sa



First Aid with Hannah Feldmeyer

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2(b)1, 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 14, 15 do one. Due to time and the level of difficulty, CPR/AED will not be covered during the workshop.

26FC206 9-4 PM
IUH
Kara Bishop
Days: Sa



First Aid with IU Health

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2(b)1, 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 14, 15 do one. Due to time and the level of difficulty, CPR/AED will not be covered during the workshop.

This class is taught offsite at IU Health 2600 Greenbush St, Lafayette, IN 47904

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26FC134 9-4 PM
PPS
Jordan Meyers
Days: Sa



First Aid with Jordan Meyers

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.

Maximum number of participants: 30

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2(b)1, 7(d), 7(e), 7(f), 14, 15 do one. Due to time and the level of difficulty, CPR/AED will not be covered during the workshop.

This class is taught at Phoenix Paramedics Solutions, 3535 McCarty Lane Lafayette, IN

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NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Phoenix Paramedics Solutions, 3535 McCarty Lane Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC42 9-9 PM
BHEE 224
Michael Schramm
Days: Su Fr



Fishing

In Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell offers this advice: "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself. A tenderfoot [beginner] who starved on the bank of a river full of fish would look very silly, yet it might happen to one who had never learned to catch fish."

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites TBD

The classroom portion of this class will be held on Friday evening, classroom BHEE 224.

The fishing portion will be conducted on Sunday morning at a separate location TBD

NOTE: The Classroom portion will be taught Friday from 6-9pm. The fishing portion will be taught Sunday morning from 9am-noon.

26FC44 9-12 PM
JWFC
Brienne Brummett
Days: Sa



Forestry

In working through the Forestry merit badge requirements, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover some of the resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1, 2, watch the videos for 4 and be prepared to discuss, & 5

Location is tentative at John S. Wright Forestry Center 1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906,

26FC45 9-12 PM
IMST
Ben Carson
Days: Su



Game Design (Friday PM or Sunday AM)

Games also come in almost every shape, size, format, and flavor imaginable. Games can be fast-paced, slow, or anything in between. Some are competitive. Some are cooperative. They may be for individuals, small groups, or thousands of players at a time. They might take seconds to complete or last for years. However you slice it, everyone has played games, and games help make us who we are.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Imagination Station, 600 N 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901.

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Imagination Station, 600 N 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901.

26FC168 9-12 PM
HGRH 1109
Karen Mitchell
Days: Sa



Gardening

Gardening is both a science and an art. It offers a chance to connect with nature while providing nourishment for both body and mind. In this session, Scouts will work in the Purdue Horticulture greenhouse and lab for a hands-on horticulture experience. They will explore the horticulture industry, plant vegetables, manage pests, and learn to overcome garden challenges. By working directly with plants and engaging in experiments, Scouts will gain practical skills they can apply in any garden and a deeper understanding of opportunities within the horticulture industry.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 2, 4, & 8

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26FC47 9-12 PM
SC 277
Lori Shull
Days: Sa



Genealogy with Lori Shull

Exploring your roots - where your family name came from, why your family lives where it does, what your parents and grandparents did for fun when they were your age - can be fascinating. Discovering your ancestors back through history is what genealogy is all about.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Perquisites: 2 & 3

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26FC48 9-4 PM
GRIS 125
Michelle Markley
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 16

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3 & 7

26FC49 9-4 PM
Soilemaker
Jody Tishmack
Days: Sa



Geology

Geology is the study of Earth. It includes the study of materials that make up Earth, the processes that change it, and the history of how things happened, including human civilization, which depends on natural materials for existence.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: This badge will cover Option C—Mineral Resources...3 A under requirement 4C is a pre-requisite.

This class is taught offsite at Soilemaker 3878 S River Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Please note that the classroom for this class will be up a flight of stairs without ADA accessibility.

26FC50 9-4 PM
BBGC
Daniel Ross
Days: Sa



Golf

Golf is unique because the players police themselves. Other sports depend upon referees or umpires to apply penalties when there are infractions of the rules. In golf, every player is expected to act honorably, and the welfare and integrity of the game rely on every player's honesty. This is why golf often is referred to as a "gentleman's game."

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: 2A 6A-C

Bring clubs if you have them.

This class is taught offsite at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, 1295 Cherry Ln, West Lafayette, IN 47907

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex, 1295 Cherry Ln, West Lafayette, IN 47907

26FC52 9-12 PM
IUH
Kara Bishop
Days: Sa



Health Care Professions with IU Health

Explore the different types of the healthcare fields and professions with the Health Care Professions Merit Badge. Scouts will learn how professionals in different health care fields work together to keep people healthy. The Health Care Professions Merit Badge generates excitement for a possible career in the healthcare industry.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at IU Health 2600 Greenbush St, Lafayette, IN 47904

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NOTE: This class is taught offsite at IU Health 2600 Greenbush St, Lafayette, IN 47904

26FC187 9-12 PM
WAHE
Pam Bowen
Days: Sa



Horsemanship

In addition to learning how to safely ride and care for horses, Scouts who earn this merit badge will gain an understanding of the instincts and behaviors of horses and humane and effective methods for training horses.

Additional Fee: \$95.00

Maximum number of participants: 12

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Scouts must be less than 200 lbs. Scouts should be familiar with all terminology for requirements 2 and 9(a)

This class is taught offsite at Wild About Horses, 6830 IN-25 S, West Point, IN 47992

Please note that this class will be canceled if a minimum of 6 Scouts do not register for the class.

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Wild About Horses, 6830 IN-25 S, West Point, IN 47992

26FC54 9-12 PM
WAHE
Pam Bowen
Days: Su



Horsemanship Fri or Sun Class

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Additional Fee: \$95.00

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26FC56 9-4 PM
SMTH 126
Dr. Emily Justus
Days: Sa



Insect Study

In earning the Insect Study merit badge, Scouts will glance into the strange and fascinating world of the insect. There, they will meet tiny creatures with tremendous strength and speed, see insects that undergo startling changes in habits and form as they grow, and learn how insects see, hear, taste, smell, and feel the world around them.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Requirements 1-4:

Be prepared to discuss 1 with instructor

Do 2 and be prepared to show and tell

Do 3 and take appropriate photos to share with instructor

Be prepared to discuss 4 A and D and do 4 B and C and photograph accordingly. Bring scrap book with you to class.

26FC58 9-12 PM
ARMS 3109
Jillian Ellison
Days: Sa



Journalism

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

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26FC59 9-4 PM
WLHS
Olia Leffert
Days: Sa



Kayaking

A basic-level merit badge for flat-water kayaking - whitewater kayaking will still fall under Whitewater merit badge.

Maximum number of participants: 6

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Scout must be classified as a BSA Swimmer

This class is taught offsite at West Lafayette High School Pool 1105 Grant St, West Lafayette, IN 47906

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at West Lafayette High School Pool 1105 Grant St, West Lafayette, IN 47906

26FC61 9-12 PM
ARMS B071
Alyssa Bischof
Days: Sa



Law

Earning this merit badge enables a Scout to learn about the history and kinds of laws, the purpose and methods of law enforcement, consumer protection agencies, emerging law, and careers in the legal profession.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4 & 7

26FC136 9-4 PM
JDWC
Julie Martin
Days: Sa



Lifesaving

No Boy 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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2(a) & Must have previously earned the Swimming merit badge.

This class is taught offsite at the John Dennis Wellness Center, 1101 Kalberer Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906

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26FC64 9-4 PM
JLAHC
Eddie Diaz
Days: Sa



Metalwork

Scouts will begin their work on this merit badge by learning about the properties of metal, how to use simple metalworking tools, and the basic metalworking techniques. Then they will practice using these tools and techniques before concentrating on the more intricate skills of one of four metalworking options.

Maximum number of participants: 16

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at J.L. Anderson Heating and Cooling, 3229 Olympia Dr, Lafayette, IN 47909.

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at J.L. Anderson Heating and Cooling, 3229 Olympia Dr, Lafayette, IN 47909.

26FC66 9-4 PM
BRNG 1232
Daniel Lyles
Days: Sa



Model Design and Building

Model making, the art of creating copies of objects that are either smaller or larger than the objects they represent, is not only an enjoyable and educational hobby: it is widely used in the professional world for such things as creating special effects for movies, developing plans for buildings, and designing automobiles and airplanes.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Scouts MUST attend a Zoom Meeting in October to work on pre-requisites 1, 3 and 4. Scouts MUST be registered for this class by October 1.

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26FC68 9-4 PM
SC 189
Michael Vander Platts
Days: Sa



Movie-making

Movie-making includes the fundamentals of producing motion pictures, including the use of effective light, accurate focus, careful composition (or arrangement), and appropriate camera movement to tell stories. In earning the badge, Scouts will also learn to develop a story and describe other pre- and post-production processes necessary for making a quality motion picture.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC69 9-12 PM
WALC 2087
Hillary Blevins
Days: Sa



Multisport

This badge acts as a natural progression for Scouts who are interested in or have achieved individual badges for Swimming, Cycling, Athletics, or Personal Fitness. The goal is to educate and inspire youth to lead a healthy, physically active lifestyle, understand why this lifestyle is beneficial, and create pathways to encourage participation in triathlon clubs, races, and programs in the future.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

4. Earn the Swimming merit badge (only if selecting Option A, C, or D.)

5. Do the following:

(a) With guidance from your counselor, establish a four-week training plan that combines your chosen multisport format to develop proper techniques, gain self-confidence, and increase endurance. Each session should last at least 25 minutes and include a proper warmup before the session and stretching afterward. (MBC NOTE-each session must be to meet the requirement; a session that is 25 minutes total does not meet the requirement. Aim for 2-3 sessions per week; cross training is allowed.)

(b) Use a chart or other tracking method to monitor your training and development during this period.

(c) Set a personal goal for improvement based on one or more of the following criteria: time, technique, or distance.

(d) At the end of four weeks, discuss your progress with your counselor and tell how your development has affected you mentally and physically.

7. After completing requirements 1-6, do ONE of the following (complete all of the activities on the same day and consecutively) for the multisport focus area you selected in requirement 3(d), including demonstrating a smooth and safe transition between each:

(a) Triathlon (swim 100 m, bike 3 km, and run 1 km)

(b) Duathlon (run 1.5 km, bike 3 km, and run 0.75 km)

(c) Aquathlon (swim 100 m and run 1 km)

(d) Aquabike (swim 100 m and bike 3 km)

8. Do TWO of the following and discuss with your counselor:

(a) Research and identify two ways you can continue participating in multisport after completing this merit badge.

(b) Research an Olympic, Paralympic, or professional triathlete (past or current). Share information on their background in the sport and what inspires you most about this individual.

(c) Demonstrate leadership by starting a training group and educating your peers on the importance of physical activity, nutrition, and the disciplines of multisport.

(d) Sign up for and participate in a sanctioned multisport event in your area.

(e) Volunteer at a local multisport event, running race, biking event, swim meet, or adaptive sporting event.

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26FC70 9-12 PM
HAGLE
Bruce Knepper
Days: Sa



Music with Bruce Knepper

The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Knowledge of music reading is required.

Requirement 3 all four options require work done before class

- a. Presentation to class
- b. Have a paper or notes that can be turned in or presented to class
- c. Proof of participation in a school musical organization
- d. Prepare to discuss with class or counselor"

26FC74 9-4 PM
Elina Gorenstein
Days: Sa



Orienteering

Orienteering, the use of map and compass to find locations and plan a journey, has been a vital skill for humans for thousands of years. Orienteering is also a recognized sport at the Olympic Games, and thousands of people participate in the sport each year in local clubs and competitions.

Maximum number of participants: 14

Prerequisites: Pre/post-requisites:

2 should be completed as a prerequisite; Scouts should have a good definition before they arrive to campus, which will be asked of them when they get to the event.

7 could be completed as a prerequisite or a post requisite. Competitions can be found on the Orienteering USA website: <https://orienteeringusa.org/>

9 can be completed either during the event or as a post requisite.

10 will be completed as a post requisite.

The Indiana chapter of Orienteering USA is called Indiana Crossroads Orienteering: <https://www.indyo.org/>

If your scouts/scout parents are interested, ICO runs short "Summer in the City" competitions in June and July, which are hosted in public parks around the Indy area.

26FC75 9-4 PM
BHEE 236
David Ramirez
Days: Sa



Painting

This merit badge provides an opportunity for Scouts to learn more about painting, including both the artistic and practical aspects.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC137 9-4 PM
BRNG 1202
Days: Sa



Personal Fitness

Personal fitness is an individual effort and desire to be the best one can be. Regardless of their current levels of personal fitness, in the twelve weeks it will take Scouts to complete the athletic requirements for this merit badge, they will be in better shape, feel better about themselves, have more energy, and gain self-confidence in their overall abilities.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 A (ONLY, NOT 1-5), 1 B, 6-8

26FC167 9-4 PM
BRNG 1242
Alek Stevens
Days: Sa



Personal Management with Alek Stevens

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

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remaining flexible enough to deal with changes and new opportunities.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 and 2

26FC201 9-4 PM
BRNG B230
Julie Reel
Days: Sa



Personal Management with Julie Reel

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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 and 2

26FC199 9-4 PM
BRNG B212
Madeline Leininger
Days: Sa



Personal Management with Madeline Lieninger

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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 and 2

26FC191 9-4 PM
BRNG 1260
Reece Farley
Days: Sa



Personal Management with Reece Farley

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Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 and 2

26FC200 9-4 PM
BRNG B222
Shylo Shively
Days: Sa



Personal Management with Shylo Shively

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Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 and 2

26FC138 9-4 PM
BHEE 117
Trent Hanthorn
Days: Sa



Personal Management with Trent Hanthorn

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Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 and 2

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26FC77 9-4 PM
WTHR 114
Erika Allen
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Bring a Camera (ideally not a cell phone camera)

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC79 9-4 PM
Cary Camp
Ben Brock
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No prerequisites.

This class is taught offsite at Cary Camp; 6286 State Rd. 26 E Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC149 9-12 PM
Anderson Plumbing
Zane Anderson
Days: Sa



Plumbing with Anderson 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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Anderson Plumbing, 733 Navco Dr, Lafayette, IN

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26FC81 9-12 PM
D.A. Dodd
Rob Anthrop
Days: Sa



Plumbing with DA Dodd

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Maximum number of participants: 21

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at DA Dodd 2335 S 30th Street Lafayette IN,47909

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26FC82 9-4 PM
HMIA
Director Haan Museum of
Indiana Art
Days: Sa



Pottery

The Pottery merit badge provides an introduction to pottery making, enabling Scouts to gain skill and understanding from actually creating pottery. Completing the requirements will include hands-on production of a work of art, from start to finish.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at The Haan Museum of Indiana Art 920 State St, Lafayette, IN 47905

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at The Haan Museum of Indiana Art 920

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State St, Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC83 9-12 PM
BRNG B275
Brad Thompson
Days: Sa



Programming

Scouts will learn about the evolution of programming and its languages, intellectual property, code modification, debugging, and what kinds of careers are available in IT while they work on this merit badge!

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1a

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC84 9-12 PM
BRNG 1238
Lorraine Stiger
Days: Sa



Public Health

The field of public health deals with maintaining and monitoring the health of communities, and with the detection, cure, and prevention of health risks and diseases. Although public health is generally seen as a community-oriented service, it actually starts with the individual. From a single individual to the family unit to the smallest isolated rural town to the worldwide global community, one person can influence the health of many.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5

26FC85 9-12 PM
BRNG B242
Dr. Alice Welch
Days: Sa



Public Speaking

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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: 2 and 4 prep work and practice, will deliver in class

26FC87 9-4 PM
Q106.7
Julie Koehrer
Days: Sa



Radio

Radio is a way to send information, or communications, from one place to another. Broadcasting includes both one-way radio (a person hears the information but can't reply) as well as two-way radio (where the same person can both receive and send messages).

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 8, plus read the MB book before arrival and start answering the questions ahead. There is a Career question that is pre requisite that needs to be completed.

This class is taught offsite at Q106.7, 654 Main Street Lafayette, Indiana 47091

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26FC89 9-12 PM
BRNG 1245
Kathy Smith
Days: Sa



Reading

If you have ever wanted to go back in time or wished you could visit the future, if you are curious about the world, or if you are interested in how things work or like to learn new things, these are all reasons why you should want to read. Reading is fascinating. It's full of surprises. And it will take you places you can't get to in any other way.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1,2,3,4, and 5 done and ready to discuss numbers 2-5.

You can do 6 and have it done or hand write it that day and turn it in.

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26FC169 9-12 PM
FORS 217
Lauren Toepp
Days: Sa



Reptile and Amphibian Study

Boys always have been interested in snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Developing knowledge about these captivating creatures leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife; understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and keeping one as a pet can be a good introduction to natural history; and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 8

26FC93 9-4 PM
Days: Sa



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.

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2 and Scout must be classified as a BSA Swimmer
Class Max and Location TBD

26FC94 9-4 PM
BRNG 1248
Elizabeth Price
Days: Sa



Safety & Traffic Safety Combo

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Safety: 2d, 2e, 2f, & 9

Traffic Safety: 8

Possible opportunity to complete "Safety" requirement 9 and "Traffic Safety" requirement 8 together as either:

- * an optional Zoom session ahead of the event,
- * a Friday evening pre-event session,
- * or possibly both if there is enough interest.

26FC98 9-9 PM
BHEE 117
Dive Center Indy
Days: Sa



Scuba Diving (Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning - All 1 Class)

Explore a whole new environment under the sea with the Scuba Diving Merit Badge. Be Prepared to handle diving-related injuries and illnesses, learn the importance of diving responsibly, study underwater ecosystems, and wrap it all up by earning your open-water diving certification.

Friday 6-9pm & Sun 9am-12pm @ BHEE 117, On Campus
Saturday 9am-4pm @ West Lafayette High School Pool, Off Campus

Class Size: 16

Event Fee: \$25 +

Scuba Diving MB Fee: \$350 which includes the equipment rental. When you go to do your check out dives later this year/summer if you use Indy Dive Center. It will be an additional \$200 + \$75 for gear rental. If you go elsewhere for your check out dives, you will obviously pay your local dive shop.

There will be mandatory zoom meetings before the event and post-requisite work this is necessary to complete the merit badge. These times will be announced later.

After the class in December, Scouts will have met every metric for their badge EXCEPT their 5-6 OPEN WATER CHECK OUT DIVES. They will still need to schedule their final check out dives with their local dive shop in open water, to be able to finish the last part of the requirements. If local to North Central Indiana, they can set them up with

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Dive Indy as early as May, but we recommend June temperatures for kids.

Additional Fee: \$350.00

Maximum number of participants: 16

Prerequisites: This class runs from 6-9pm on Friday evening, 9am-4pm on Saturday, and 9am-12pm on Sunday morning. Scouts who register for this class will be expected to attend all of these sessions/times.

Pre-requisites: Scouts must have earned the Swimming Merit Badge before this class, be medically fit for diving, and be comfortable in deep water. Scouts must bring their own mask for the event. Dive Indy will provide snorkels and fins. They will have an assortment of wet suits but not one for every person.

The most important thing about having their own mask, is that it fit their face well. If they have a leaky mask that does not properly fit their face, they will struggle to get through all the skills. Dive Indy will demonstrate how to fit a mask properly in the virtual orientation so that parent's know what to look for. We will recommend that remote parents visit their local dive shop so that their Scouts can be shown how to fit for a mask.

Virtual Orientation: Nov. 18th 7-8pm

Parents and scouts will have an opportunity to meet virtually with us and learn what all is involved with acquiring the Scuba Merit Badge and Scuba Diver Training. We will discuss the schedule, costs, logistics, and what to expect at orientation. Once students are confirmed, they will be issued online courseware via their online account Scuba Schools International.

(When students create an account with Scuba Schools International, it will prompt that they enter their birthdate, minors will automatically trigger additional entries for a parent to enter their email address to the account. Parents must verify the minors account with that email address before courseware can be issued.)

For this class, students will only be required to provide their own Scuba Mask for class. It is imperative that the mask be tempered glass, and be properly fitted to the students face. All other equipment will be provided for class.

Virtual Classroom Session 1: Tuesday, December 1st, 7-9pm

- Students will meet virtually with us to review and discuss Sections 1-3, from their Academic Courseware in SSI

Virtual Classroom Session 2: Wednesday, December 2nd, 7-9pm

- Students will meet virtually with us to review and discuss Sections 4-6 from their Academic Courseware in SSI

In Person Classroom Session (On Campus): Friday, December 4th (6-9pm, BHEE 117 on Campus)

- Students will refresh their Rescue Skills as outlined in the Scouts Merit Badge Requirements, and begin learning about scuba equipment

In Person Water Session (West Lafayette HS Pool): 8am - 4pm

- We will meet for a day in the water.

8am - 10am - Equipment Overview and Assembly

10am - 11am - Water Fitness Evaluation and Snorkeling Session

11am - 11:45am - Lunch

12pm - 2pm - Confined Water (Part 1) (Hit the water right at 12 noon)

2pm - Break

2:30pm - 4pm - Confined Water (Part 2) and Cleanup

In Person Classroom Session (BHEE 117, On Campus): Sunday, December 6 (9am - 12pm)

- Meet on campus to finish up academic requirements, Underwater Ecology and Careers in Diving

- Finishing final paperwork and SAFE TRAVELS HOME!

***On Saturday, this class is taught offsite at West Lafayette High School Pool 1105

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Grant St, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Friday PM and Sunday AM will be on campus in BHEE 117

NOTE: On Saturday, this class is taught offsite at West Lafayette High School Pool 1105 Grant St, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Friday PM and Sunday AM will be on campus in BHEE 117

26FC99 9-4 PM
HMIA
Director Haan Museum of
Indiana Art
Days: Sa



Sculpture

This merit badge introduces Scouts to sculpture, an art form that allows an artist to express what he sees and feels by using these three dimensions by shaping materials such as clay, stone, metal, and wood.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at The Haan Museum of Indiana Art 920 State St, Lafayette, IN 47905.

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26FC100 9-4 PM
BRNG B254
Gary Brockman
Days: Sa



Search and Rescue

The process and safety methods of working around specialized teams such as aircraft, canine, and aquatic rescue teams. Identifying differences between search and rescue environments, such as coastal, wilderness, rural, and urban landscapes. Determining when Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and latitude and longitude (Lat/Lon) should be used.

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

Class Attendee Max TBD

26FC160 9-12 PM
GUS
Roller Derby Lafayette
Days: Sa



Skating - Roller Skating

This merit badge introduces Scouts to the exciting world of ice skating, roller skating, and in-line skating. In addition to being an enjoyable leisure activity that promotes fitness, there are a variety of athletic careers in skating.

Maximum number of participants: 30

Prerequisites: Must bring a helmet. Roller Skates only, no inline. Some skating ability is helpful. Skates provided but you can bring your own.

This class is taught offsite at Great United Skates, 135 S Earl Ave Suite 100, Lafayette, IN 47904.

26FC106 9-4 PM
BHEE 234
Mike Smith
Days: Sa



Soil and Water Conservation

Conservation isn't just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists, hydrologists, wildlife managers, landowners, and the forest or mine owner alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the natural resources on which our lives depend so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 7(e)

26FC110 9-4 PM
ARMS 1103
Laura Gross
Days: Sa



Surveying

While earning this merit badge, Scouts will discover how land is measured and how it is described so that others can know where boundary lines are. They will have a chance to use some fine measuring instruments, apply advanced mathematics, operate computing equipment, and create a survey map.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

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26FC140 9-4 PM
JDWC
Julie Martin
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: None

This class is taught offsite at the John Dennis Wellness Center; 1101 Kalberer Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906.

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26FC111 9-12 PM
ARMS 1028
Cyndi Morgan
Days: Sa



Textile

People use countless fibers and fabrics in their everyday lives: clothes, carpets, curtains, towels, sheets, upholstered furniture. Add to that list boat sails, book bindings, bandages, flags, sleeping bags, mailbags, airbags, seat belts, backpacks, parachutes, umbrellas, basketball nets, and more.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC112 9-4 PM
LJHS
Benji Braswell
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1 & 2

This class is taught offsite at Lafayette Jeff High School, 1801 S 18th St, Lafayette, IN 47905. Will be in Small Theater at High School, drop off and pick up at door 16.

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26FC114 9-12 PM
ODFL
Ken Moore
Days: Sa



Truck Transportation

Trucking is a large and important industry. No matter where you live, a day is unlikely to go by when you will not see a truck. We use these vehicles to deliver almost every material item we buy. Without trucks, our economy would not work efficiently.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: This class is taught offsite at ODFL - Old Dominion Freight Lines 4337 Haggerty Lane - Lafayette, IN 47905

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at ODFL - Old Dominion Freight Lines 4337 Haggerty Lane - Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC115 9-12 PM
LYNN G119/155
Dr. Emily Curry
Days: Su



Veterinary Medicine

The field of veterinary medicine in the 21st century is one of the most exciting medical professions in which to work. The skills of a veterinarian are practiced with cutting-edge technology and treatment options, and the profession offers a wide range of career choices.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

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26FC118 9-4 PM
D.A. Dodd
Rob Anthrop
Days: Sa



Welding

Scouts learn about the fundamentals of welding, including safety procedures, different welding techniques, equipment operation, and potential career paths within the welding industry, by completing practical welding tasks under the guidance of a qualified counselor; essentially demonstrating a basic understanding of welding practices and safety protocols to earn the badge.

Maximum number of participants: 21

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

You must be wearing the following for your merit badge class: Jeans and close toed shoes (boots are preferred but not required). Crocks do not count as close toed shoes! DA Dodd is looking forward to an amazing session at their shop!

This class is taught offsite at DA Dodd 2335 S 30th Street Lafayette IN,47909.

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26FC121 9-12 PM
HAMP 2117
Mike (Hoppy) Hopkins
Days: Sa



Wood Carving

As with any art, wood carving involves learning the basics of design, along with material selection and tools and techniques, as well as wood-carving safety. The requirements of the Wood Carving merit badge introduce Scouts to an enjoyable hobby and that can become a lifetime activity.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Must have Totin' Chip.

All requisites will not be completed during this class; post-requisites will need to be completed and reviewed by the instructor in order to complete this merit badge.

26FC122 9-4 PM
HCC
Ron Halsema
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 6

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Halsema Custom Crafts, 660 Main St, Lafayette, IN 47901

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Halsema Custom Crafts, 660 Main St, Lafayette, IN 47901

26FC4 1-4 PM
BRNG B238
Danny Ernstes
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2

26FC6 1-4 PM
KNOY 306
Daniel Triplett
Days: Sa



Animation

Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC9 1-4 PM
SC 231
David Papineau
Days: Sa



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

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form of architecture is a work of art that requires thought and planning.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC14 1-4 PM
NATB
Anthony Clevinger
Days: Sa



Aviation

For most of history, people have dreamed of flying, imagining how it would feel to soar through the sky like an eagle or hover in midair like a hummingbird, to float on unseen currents, free of Earth's constant tug, able to travel great distances and to rise above any obstacle. Today, through aviation, we can not only join the birds but also fly farther, faster, and higher than they ever could.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3B (provide link to Digital Content: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/aviation/>)

This class is taught offsite at Niswonger Aviation Technology Building; 1585 Aviation Dr. West Lafayette, IN 47907

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26FC184 1-4 PM
HAGLE
Bruce Knepper
Days: Sa



Bugling with Bruce Knepper

What would summer camp be without the bugle sounding "Reveille" in the morning and "Taps" in the evening? Camp and the bugle go together. The bugle is an ideal instrument for the beginning musician because most of the music uses only four notes. The ability to read music is not necessary, because the tunes are familiar and can be played ear.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Pre-requisites: For Bugling the applicant must have experience on trumpet, cornet or bugle. Any these three instruments can be used for this merit badge. Realize that one requirement is to serve as troop bugler for 6 months

26FC21 1-4 PM
WALC 3121
Vlad Pavlovskii
Days: Sa



Chess

Chess builds critical thinking, forward thinking, and proper sportsmanship in young people.

Maximum number of participants: 16

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC125 1-4 PM
ARMS 1109
Michael Budd
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the Community With Michael Budd

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.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2A, 2B, 3A, 4, 7 and 8 (present in class)

26FC126 1-4 PM
ARMS 3115
Dave Henderson
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the Nation with Dave Henderson

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2, 3, & 8

We will need a roster of names, home addresses, Unit number, and who are their state and national elected officials (Senators and Representatives), especially if out of our

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council, so they can address their political representatives of choice with the required letter.

26FC176 1-4 PM
BHEE 224
Paul Amaya
Days: Sa



Citizenship in the Nation with Paul Amaya

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2, 3, and 8.

We will need a roster of names, home addresses, Unit number, and who are their state and national elected officials (Senators and Representatives), especially if out of our council, so they can address their political representatives of choice with the required letter.

26FC23 1-4 PM
BRNG B232
Dennis Dunten
Days: Sa



Coin Collecting

Coin collecting is one of the oldest of all hobbies. Hoards of ancient coins found in excavations indicate that coins were one of the first collectibles. From earliest times, people valued coins not only as a means of trading and storing wealth, but also as miniature works of art.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4a-f (collect all the coins listed) and 7a-c (collect the coins and/or money listed) and 7d 1-4. Bring coins/monies collected to class.

26FC24 1-4 PM
BHEE 222
Michael Schramm
Days: Sa



Collections with Michael Schramm

Collecting can be an educational and financially rewarding pastime: a collector must educate himself about a specific subject, be able to tell which items are worth preserving, how to catalog and organize his collection, and how to evaluate the value of items.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1, 5(b) and 7

26FC29 1-4 PM
WALC 2121
Tom Hoffer
Days: Sa



Disabilities Awareness

Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: None

26FC182 1-4 PM
Cary Camp
Becky Wellner
Days: Sa



Dog Care with Beck Wellner

The love and interdependence between humans and dogs has endured for thousands of years. Evidence suggests that dogs and humans started relying on each other thousands of years ago. Today, dogs are our coworkers and companions. They assist search-and-rescue teams, law enforcement officers, hunters, farmers, and people with disabilities. They also play with us and keep us company.

Maximum number of participants: 5

Prerequisites: 4 and 5 (videos and logs can be emailed to Rebecca.

Wellner@Scouting.org or shown on site with a cell phone.)

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Franklin L. Cary Camp, Lafayette, IN 6286 IN-26, Lafayette, IN 47905

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26FC158 1-4 PM
WANG 3520
Jennifer Heap
Days: Sa



Electronics

Electronics is the science that controls the behavior of electrons so that some type of useful function is performed. Today, electronics is a fast-changing and exciting field.

Maximum number of participants: 30

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: None

26FC131 1-4 PM
BRNG B206
Jimerie Salazar
Days: Sa



Emergency Preparedness with Jimerie Salazar

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1, 2 B and C, 6 C, 7 A and B, 9

26FC36 1-4 PM
BRNG 1243
Kevin Riley
Days: Sa



Entrepreneurship

By earning the Entrepreneurship merit badge, Scouts will learn about identifying opportunities, creating and evaluating business ideas, and exploring the feasibility (how doable it is) of an idea for a new business. They will also have the chance to fit everything together as they start and run their own business ventures.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3

26FC185 1-4 PM
ABE 1164
Roger Tormoehlen
Days: Sa



Farm Mechanics

From the mattock and hoe to the horse and mule, the cotton gin and reaper, the tractor and air seeder-this is the story of farm equipment. Today, most farms are mechanized and farmers can do most of their own maintenance work and make the adjustments needed on their many intricate farm implements.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 5

26FC44 1-4 PM
JWFC
Brianna Brummett
Days: Sa



Forestry

In working through the Forestry merit badge requirements, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover some of the resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1, 2, watch the videos for 4 and be prepared to discuss, & 5

Location is tentative at John S. Wright Forestry Center 1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906,

26FC204 1-4 PM
SC 277
Dr. Alice Welch
Days: Sa



Genealogy with Dr. Alice Welch

Exploring your roots-where your family name came from, why your family lives where it does, what your parents and grandparents did for fun when they were your age-can be fascinating. Discovering your ancestors back through history is what genealogy is all about.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2 & 3

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

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26FC51 1-5 PM
CI
Julian Pridemore
Days: Sa



Graphic Arts

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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class runs until 5pm and is taught offsite at Creative Inc., 150 N 36th St, Lafayette, IN 47905

NOTE: This class lasts until 5pm & is taught offsite at Creative Inc., 150 N 36th St, Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC52 1-4 PM
IUH
Kara Bishop
Days: Sa



Health Care Professions with IU Health

Explore the different types of the healthcare fields and professions with the Health Care Professions Merit Badge. Scouts will learn how professionals in different health care fields work together to keep people healthy. The Health Care Professions Merit Badge generates excitement for a possible career in the healthcare industry.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at IU Health 2600 Greenbush St, Lafayette, IN 47904

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26FC187 1-4 PM
WAHE
Pam Bowen
Days: Sa



Horsemanship

In addition to learning how to safely ride and care for horses, Scouts who earn this merit badge will gain an understanding of the instincts and behaviors of horses and humane and effective methods for training horses.

Additional Fee: \$95.00

Maximum number of participants: 12

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Scouts must be less than 200 lbs. Scouts should be familiar with all terminology for requirements 2 and 9(a)

This class is taught offsite at Wild About Horses, 6830 IN-25 S, West Point, IN 47992

Please note that this class will be canceled if a minimum of 6 Scouts do not register for the class.

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Wild About Horses, 6830 IN-25 S, West Point, IN 47992

26FC60 1-4 PM
HORT 210
Dr. Aaron Thompson
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC61 1-4 PM
ARMS B071
Alyssa Bischof
Days: Sa



Law

Earning this merit badge enables a Scout to learn about the history and kinds of laws, the purpose and methods of law enforcement, consumer protection agencies, emerging law, and careers in the legal profession.

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4 & 7

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26FC69 1-4 PM
WALC 2087
Hillary Blevins
Days: Sa



Multisport

This badge acts as a natural progression for Scouts who are interested in or have achieved individual badges for Swimming, Cycling, Athletics, or Personal Fitness. The goal is to educate and inspire youth to lead a healthy, physically active lifestyle, understand why this lifestyle is beneficial, and create pathways to encourage participation in triathlon clubs, races, and programs in the future.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

4. Earn the Swimming merit badge (only if selecting Option A, C, or D.)

5. Do the following:

(a) With guidance from your counselor, establish a four-week training plan that combines your chosen multisport format to develop proper techniques, gain self-confidence, and increase endurance. Each session should last at least 25 minutes and include a proper warmup before the session and stretching afterward. (MBC NOTE-each session must be to meet the requirement; a session that is 25 minutes total does not meet the requirement. Aim for 2-3 sessions per week; cross training is allowed.)

(b) Use a chart or other tracking method to monitor your training and development during this period.

(c) Set a personal goal for improvement based on one or more of the following criteria: time, technique, or distance.

(d) At the end of four weeks, discuss your progress with your counselor and tell how your development has affected you mentally and physically.

7. After completing requirements 1-6, do ONE of the following (complete all of the activities on the same day and consecutively) for the multisport focus area you selected in requirement 3(d), including demonstrating a smooth and safe transition between each:

(a) Triathlon (swim 100 m, bike 3 km, and run 1 km)

(b) Duathlon (run 1.5 km, bike 3 km, and run 0.75 km)

(c) Aquathlon (swim 100 m and run 1 km)

(d) Aquabike (swim 100 m and bike 3 km)

8. Do TWO of the following and discuss with your counselor:

(a) Research and identify two ways you can continue participating in multisport after completing this merit badge.

(b) Research an Olympic, Paralympic, or professional triathlete (past or current). Share information on their background in the sport and what inspires you most about this individual.

(c) Demonstrate leadership by starting a training group and educating your peers on the importance of physical activity, nutrition, and the disciplines of multisport.

(d) Sign up for and participate in a sanctioned multisport event in your area.

(e) Volunteer at a local multisport event, running race, biking event, swim meet, or adaptive sporting event.

26FC71 1-4 PM
BRNG 1206
Amber Brad
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4

26FC149 1-4 PM
Anderson Plumbing
Zane Anderson
Days: Sa



Plumbing with Anderson 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

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heating, and many other purposes.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Anderson Plumbing, 733 Navco Dr, Lafayette, IN

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Anderson Plumbing, 733 Navco Dr, Lafayette, IN

26FC81 1-4 PM

D.A. Dodd
Rob Anthrop
Days: Sa



Plumbing with DA Dodd

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.

Maximum number of participants: 21

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at DA Dodd 2335 S 30th Street Lafayette IN,47909

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at DA Dodd 2335 S 30th Street Lafayette IN, 47909

26FC190 1-4 PM

ARMS 1021
Melissa Dotson
Days: Sa



Psychology Test Lab

This badge takes you on an exciting journey to understand how psychology impacts everyday life and leadership. You'll learn about famous psychologists and their contributions, create and perform a skit showing psychology in action, explore mental health and resilience, and track your own activities and emotions to see how they shape your well-being. Along the way, you'll practice empathy, reflect on the Scout Oath and Law, and even design your own pledge to inspire hope and support in your community. Finally, dive into career paths in psychology and discover what it takes to succeed in this fascinating field. Expand your mind, build resilience, and make a difference-start your Psychology Badge adventure today!

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 4a & 7

These test lab requirements are available for Scouts until December 31, 2026. At that time, these requirements will disappear and the surveys will be closed.

What is the Test Lab?

The Scouts BSA Test Lab is an exciting way to help in the development of fun and interesting new topics unique to the Scouts BSA program. The requirements for each badge have the look and feel of merit badges, but instead of a printed pamphlet, you will find links to digital resources to help you complete the requirements.

What to do

You must work with a registered adult volunteer of your choosing. After completion of all requirements, you must take a short survey which will lead you to a certificate of completion.

If enough surveys show Scouts enjoyed these potential new badges, we hope to introduce them as official merit badges in the future. If you complete a Test Lab badge and it becomes an official merit badge, you will be credited with having earned that badge!

Test Lab Rules

1. Any registered adult can work with Scouts on these potential new badges.
2. Badges will have a clearly stated time period by which all requirements must be completed.
3. After the expiration date, the badge will be removed from the Test Lab and the National Council will evaluate if the subject should be added as a new merit badge.
4. When all requirements are finished successfully, a survey will be available to gather opinions on the badge. Scouts will then be able to access the certificate of completion

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which must be signed and dated by the registered adult they have worked with.
5. Should the badge be approved as a new merit badge, Scouts can be credited as having earned that badge if they present their signed and dated certificate to their unit.
6. Scouts completing the requirements after the expired time period will not be recognized as having earned the badge.

Please send any questions regarding the Scouts BSA Test Lab to testlab@scouting.org email icon.

26FC84 1-4 PM
BRNG 1238
Lorraine Stiger
Days: Sa



Public Health

The field of public health deals with maintaining and monitoring the health of communities, and with the detection, cure, and prevention of health risks and diseases. Although public health is generally seen as a community-oriented service, it actually starts with the individual. From a single individual to the family unit to the smallest isolated rural town to the worldwide global community, one person can influence the health of many.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5

26FC88 1-4 PM
B050A
Alex Woods
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites,

This class is taught in both Train Room: B050A, in the basement of the Purdue Memorial Union and GRIS 126.

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26FC92 1-4 PM
BRNG B268
Brad Thompson
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video: <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC95 1-4 PM
BHEE 226
Donna Merchant
Days: Sa



Salesmanship

By studying salesmanship, Scouts can learn self-confidence, motivation, friendliness, and the persistence necessary to overcome obstacles and solve problems. Sales can offer a challenging and rewarding career for those who enjoy interacting with people from all walks of life.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5

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26FC194 1-4 PM
BRNG 1245
Kathy Smith
Days: Sa



Scholarship

Working on the Scholarship merit badge provides Scouts with a great opportunity to become more successful in school. They will learn how to improve their skills in the classroom, develop good study habits, and master techniques for writing reports and taking tests.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1,2,3, and 4 before and be ready to discuss 2-4.

26FC111 1-4 PM
ARMS 1028
Cyndi Morgan
Days: Sa



Textile

People use countless fibers and fabrics in their everyday lives: clothes, carpets, curtains, towels, sheets, upholstered furniture. Add to that list boat sails, book bindings, bandages, flags, sleeping bags, mailbags, airbags, seat belts, backpacks, parachutes, umbrellas, basketball nets, and more.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC117 1-4 PM
BRNG 1254
Chad Evans
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC121 1-4 PM
HAMP 2117
Mike (Hoppy) Hopkins
Days: Sa



Wood Carving

As with any art, wood carving involves learning the basics of design, along with material selection and tools and techniques, as well as wood-carving safety. The requirements of the Wood Carving merit badge introduce Scouts to an enjoyable hobby and that can become a lifetime activity.

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Must have Totin' Chip.

All requisites will not be completed during this class; post-requisites will need to be completed and reviewed by the instructor in order to complete this merit badge.

26FC8 2-6 PM
Camp Buffalo
Abby Thatcher
Days: Sa



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.

Maximum number of participants: 8

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Camp Buffalo, 9400 N Boy Scout Rd, Monticello, IN 47960 (Approximately 1 hour away from the Purdue campus)

Class times are: 9 AM-1 PM (Session 1) and 2-6 PM (Session 2)

NOTE: This class runs from 9am-1pm for the AM session and 2pm-6pm for the afternoon session. You only need to take one session.

26FC15 6-9 PM
ARMS 1103
Daniel Dehn
Days: Fr



Backpacking & Hiking Combo

Earning the Backpacking merit badge will be demanding but rewarding. Scouts will learn what equipment to carry on their backs and what knowledge to have in their heads. In addition, Scouts will discover how to protect the environment by traveling and camping without leaving a trace. By mastering the basics of backpacking, Scouts

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will develop an even deeper respect for the outdoors.

Hiking is a terrific way to keep your body and mind in top shape, both now and for a lifetime. Walking packs power into your legs and makes your heart and lungs healthy and strong. Exploring the outdoors challenges you with discoveries and new ideas. Your senses will improve as you use your eyes and ears to gather information along the way.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Backpacking: Ideally Requirements 9-11 are to be completed after the workshop, however they may be done in advance as a pre-requisites provided they fulfill the requirements as written. Scouts should complete Requirements 6b, 8b, 8c, 8d prior to the workshop.

Hiking: Ideally Requirements 3 and 4 are to be completed after the workshop, however they may be done in advance as a pre-requisites.

26FC165 6-9 PM
ARMS 1021
Lori Shull
Days: Fr



Citizenship in the Community with Lori Shull

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 2A, 2B, 3A, 4, 7 and 8 (present in class)

26FC127 6-9 PM
BHEE 222
Cathy Mitchell
Days: Fr



Citizenship in the World with Cathy Mitchell

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3, 4, & 7

*This Merit Badge is recommended for Scouts who are at least First Class or 13 years old.

26FC205 6-9 PM
HMIA
Director Haan Museum of
Indiana Art
Days: Fr



Collections with The Haan Museum of Indiana Art

Discover how collecting can be an educational and financially rewarding pastime with the Collections Merit Badge. Scouts will prepare a brief written report, give a detailed description, and explain the development of their collection while demonstrating the knowledge of preserving and displaying their most prized possessions.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1, 5b, & 7

This class is taught offsite at The Haan Museum of Indiana Art, 920 State St, Lafayette, IN 47905.

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NOTE: This class is taught offsite at The Haan Museum of Indiana Art 920 State St, Lafayette, IN 47905

26FC181 6-9 PM
BRNG B275
Brad Thompson
Days: Fr



Cybersecurity with Brad Thompson

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 1A

Review Personal Safety Awareness Video:
<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/>

26FC183 6-9 PM
ARMS 3115
Melissa Dotson
Days: Fr



Family Life with Melissa Dotson

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3-5, 6B 1-7

26FC38 6-9 PM
ABE 1164
Roger Tormoehlen
Days: Fr



Farm Mechanics

From the mattock and hoe to the horse and mule, the cotton gin and reaper, the tractor and air seeder - this is the story of farm equipment. Today, most farms are mechanized and farmers can do most of their own maintenance work and make the adjustments needed on their many intricate farm implements.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 5

26FC41 6-9 PM
FORS 217
Megan Gunn
Days: Fr



Fish and Wildlife Management & Mammal Study

Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife - both animals and fish - with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.

A mammal may weigh as little as 1/12 ounce, as do some shrews, or as much as 150 tons, like the blue whale. It may spring, waddle, swim, or even fly. But if it has milk for its young, has hair of some kind, is relatively intelligent, and has warm blood, then it is a mammal.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 30

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Fish & Wildlife: 5 & 6

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26FC45 6-9 PM
IMST
Ben Carson
Days: Fr



Game Design (Friday PM or Sunday AM)

Games also come in almost every shape, size, format, and flavor imaginable. Games can be fast-paced, slow, or anything in between. Some are competitive. Some are cooperative. They may be for individuals, small groups, or thousands of players at a time. They might take seconds to complete or last for years. However you slice it, everyone has played games, and games help make us who we are.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

This class is taught offsite at Imagination Station, 600 N 4th St, Lafayette, IN 47901.

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26FC54 6-9 PM
WAHE
Pam Bowen
Days: Fr



Horsemanship Fri or Sun Class

In addition to learning how to safely ride and care for horses, Scouts who earn this merit badge will gain an understanding of the instincts and behaviors of horses and humane and effective methods for training horses.

Additional Fee: \$95.00

Maximum number of participants: 12

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Scouts must be less than 200 lbs. Scouts should be familiar with all terminology for requirements 2 and 9(a)

This class is taught offsite at Wild About Horses, 6830 IN-25 S, West Point, IN 47992

Please note that this class will be canceled if a minimum of 6 Scouts do not register for the class.

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26FC192 6-9 PM
ARMS 3109
Jillian Ellison
Days: Fr



Journalism (Friday 6-9pm)

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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: No Prerequisites

26FC189 6-9 PM
DHS
Jay Dennison
Days: Fr



Music with Jay Dennison

The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Knowledge of music reading is required Requirement 3 all four options require work done before class

- a. Presentation to class
- b. Have a paper or notes that can be turned in or presented to class
- c. Proof of participation in a school musical organization
- d. Prepare to discuss with class or counselor"

This class is taught offsite at Delphi High School; 301 Armory Rd, Delphi, IN 46923,

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which is approximately 30 minutes away from Purdue University.

NOTE: This class is taught offsite at Delphi High School; 301 Armory Rd, Delphi, IN 46923, which is approximately 30 minutes from Purdue University.

26FC143 6-9 PM
HORT 222
Jamie Reed
Days: Fr



Plant Science

Plant scientists use their curiosity and knowledge to develop questions about the world of plants. Then they try to answer those questions with further observations and experiments in the laboratory and in the field. To earn this merit badge, Scouts will explore three of the most important plant science specialties: agronomy, horticulture, and field botany.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5, 6 and 8

26FC193 6-9 PM
FORS 217
Lauren Toepp
Days: Fr



Reptile and Amphibian Study (Friday 6-9pm)

Kids always have been interested in snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Developing knowledge about these captivating creatures leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife; understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and keeping one as a pet can be a good introduction to natural history; and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 8

26FC97 6-9 PM
BHEE 226
Steve Bowman
Days: Fr



Scouting Heritage

Introduces youth 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.

Additional Fee: \$10.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5, 6, & 8