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# MERIT BADGE MANIA 2025

## LOCATION

Wayne County Community College District  
Downriver Campus  
21000 Northline Road  
Taylor, MI 48180

## FEES

- Scouts - \$25 (includes patch) – Take up to 4 Merit Badge classes
- Leaders - \$10 (includes patch) – Take up to 4 enhanced learning classes
- American Red Cross CPR - \$40 (includes patch) – Become certified in American Red Cross CPR, also includes up to 2 additional enhanced learning sessions.

## IMPORTANT DATES

*Some merit badges have early due dates for prerequisites, please check for this in the summary of each.*

- 12/22/2024 : Registration Cutoff Date – No Exceptions
- 01/04/2025 : Merit Badge Mania Event Date

## INTERNET REGISTRATION AND UPDATES

All registrations must be completed on the Michigan Crossroads Council Website, there will be no on-site registration the day of the event. Merit Badge completions and partials will be uploaded through the registration site after the event. It may take up to 3 weeks after the event for all data to be uploaded. Physical "Blue Cards" will not be used at Merit Badge Mania. Please send all questions to [mcc.merit.badge.mania@gmail.com](mailto:mcc.merit.badge.mania@gmail.com). Remember to follow YPT guidelines for youth emailing adults and copy another registered leader or parent on all communications between youth and adults.

## GENERAL SCHEDULE

The following times are subject to change. Please consult the latest schedule posted on the MBM web site. The class schedule matrix is appended to this document.

7:00 - 7:30 AM	Merit Badge Counselor registration in Atrium
7:15 - 7:45 AM	Troop Registration in Atrium <b><i>Troop Representative Only</i></b>
8:00 am – 9:25 am	Session #1
9:30 am – 10:55 am	Session #2
11:00 am – 11:40 am	Lunch
11:45 am -1:10 pm	Session #3
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm	Session #4

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## REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

### PAYMENTS

All registrations must be completed online at <https://scoutingevent.com/272-MBMania> before the registration 11:59 PM on December 22, 2024. Registration and payment cannot be accepted at the event. Registration is not confirmed until payment to the Michigan Crossroads Council has been processed.

### REFUNDS

The Michigan Crossroads Council refund policy will be followed. Please contact the council office for more information.

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## ***A SCOUT IS PREPARED.***

Merit Badge Mania is an opportunity for Scouts to meet with qualified counselors and earn merit badges needed for rank advancement. Each merit badge class has a limited number of seats. Please make sure Scouts are completing their prerequisites before arrival at Merit Badge Mania and not assuming to get a "free pass" when they arrive at class, all requirements will need to be completed before the merit badge will be approved by the counselor. If they do not complete the prerequisites, the counselor WILL NOT sign off on that particular item and the Scout will go home with a partial. Some merit badges have "post-requisites" that will need to be submitted to the counselor after the event in order to earn the completed badge.

Scoutmasters are encouraged to meet with the Scout prior to the event to review and sign off on the "Initial Unit Leader Signature" in Scoutbook. Please remember this is encouraged, but no longer a requirement per the Scouts BSA Guide to Advancement.

The classes at Merit Badge Mania are designed to let the Scout leave with a completed merit badge. The goal is to have no partials at the end of the day (unless post-requisites are required). In order to accomplish this, prerequisites have been assigned.

## RIGHT TO LIMIT OR CANCEL CLASSES

We reserve the right to limit registration for Merit Badge Mania or for any course. We also reserve the right to cancel courses or activities as needed. Although we do not anticipate the need to do this, there are limits on the number of participants we can accommodate. Courses may be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances; we will make every effort to place the Scout into another class.

## FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

We have established class size limits to ensure a quality experience for your Scouts. Class attendance must be registered using our official website. Many classes fill up quickly, so the sooner you register and enter schedules, the better opportunity your Scouts will get the classes they want. Register all of the classes for each Scout during the registration process. You can come in and adjust the schedule if the Scout changes their mind until the registration is closed. **There is NO Wait List for this event.** Please remember that due to limited class sizes, Scouts that register but don't show up have blocked a seat for another Scout. Please be courteous.

## EAGLE MERIT BADGES

As with all merit badges, please make sure the Scout is prepared and is at the maturity level needed for that particular subject. Many Eagle required badges at MBM will be taught over 2 or more class periods. Merit Badge Mania no longer limits merit badges by rank or age, although we ask that leaders, Scouts, and parents decide what is appropriate for each Scout.

## MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

Merit badge requirements are revised from time to time. Merit Badge Mania will use the latest requirements as specified in the most recent publication of the official Scouts BSA Requirements, Guide to Advancement or any update issued by the National Council on changes. Be certain the Scouts of your unit understand their obligation to fulfill the latest requirements and are in possession of the latest edition of merit badge books. We suggest you look at the link on the website

(<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges.aspx>) for the most current merit badge requirements. Some merit badges require Scouts to contact the counselor prior to Merit Badge Mania, if listed in the prerequisites. Other merit badges require only at-Mania counseling to successfully fulfill all the necessary requirements provided the appropriate prerequisites are done. Check the prerequisites for each Scout to determine what requirements should be completed before attending Merit Badge Mania. In all cases, please make the prerequisites available to your Scouts when you register them so that they have adequate time to complete the requirements. Scouts should also be aware if the Merit Badge requires post-requisite follow up after the in-person event.

Many Merit Badge Mania Counselors will be available by e-mail, telephone and personally to advise the Scout needing post-Mania counseling. The merit badge counselor will provide the information, if needed.

## CONCERNS

In the past, Counselors have expressed concerns that:

- *Scouts attending class were not in proper uniform.*
- *Scouts failed to show up for their class/classes.*
- *Many Scouts lacked preparation for the merit badges they sought (prerequisites).*
- *Many Scouts never bothered to obtain a copy of the merit badge book.*
- *Many Scouts “wandered” into a class for which they were not registered.*

To help remedy these concerns, please address the above with your Scouts before Merit Badge Mania and be advised that:

- *All Scouts must be enrolled for the merit badges they seek.*
- *No Scout will be allowed to “wander” into a class for which they have not been previously enrolled.*
- *Please work with your Scouts to register and prepare them appropriately.*
- *Consider your Scouts’ schedule carefully so changes are not needed later. It is unfair to the Scout that had to take their second choice class because the first choice was full and suddenly someone decides to change classes and a later registering Scout gets the slot.*

## MIDWAY

There will be Midway displays in the hallways that will have sponsors that will answer questions concerning upcoming Scout opportunities like the National Jamboree, STEM events, council programs and much more that Scouts, leaders, and adults can stroll by during the day.

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# FOOD & LUNCH

## CLASSROOM REFRESHMENTS

*Only water will be allowed in the classrooms, except the computer labs. No food will be carried into the classrooms other than the designated lunch areas.*

## LUNCH

Merit Badge Mania will NOT be providing a lunch for participants but we have set aside a lunch period (11:00 am to 11:40 am) for Scouts to eat their lunch that they have brought for themselves. There are many fast-food restaurants in the area. There are vending machines at the college, but we cannot guarantee they will be operational or stocked. Please Be Prepared with a refillable water bottle.

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# WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

## CLASS PASS

*NOTE: The instructor has the option of asking a Scout to leave if it is determined that the Scout does not have all the materials needed to actively participate in the class (i.e. no prerequisites)*

Prepared prerequisites and the merit badge book are required for entry into a class. The Scout Motto is BE PREPARED. "I forgot it" or "I did not get one" are not acceptable excuses. It is the Scout's responsibility to have:

- ✓ Official BSA Field Uniform (Class "A" Uniform) is highly encouraged, this allows our staff to easily recognize Scouts on the campus.
- ✓ Pens, Pencils, Paper, loose-leaf binders and any other school supplies needed for advancement and merit badge classes.
- ✓ Merit badge book – each Scout should have their own copy with them in the room (digital copies are acceptable).
- ✓ Completed prerequisites, including any projects, collections, or items that must be presented.

## PRIOR WORK

*Please be certain that your name, address and Troop number also appears on your work.*

Study the merit badge pamphlet(s) carefully prior to coming to Merit Badge Mania. You should know the information required of you before attending. These classes are to discuss what you have already learned by completing much of the work in advance. If you have questions, contact the counselor in advance. Questions can also be sent to [mcc.merit.badge.mania@gmail.com](mailto:mcc.merit.badge.mania@gmail.com) and will be forwarded to counselors and staff. Please be sure to follow all YPT communication policies when sending emails between youth and adult members.

So that your Scouts receive credit for work already done, any requirements that instruct you to "BRING," "COLLECT," "WRITE," or "DISCUSS" should be brought with you neatly prepared, legibly typed or written and proofed for accuracy. Requirements for activity participation or that require a specific location, or a result that is not transportable, may alternately be certified by a note from your Scoutmaster or parent, unless noted otherwise in the prerequisites.

## EQUIPMENT

In order to Be Prepared for each Merit Badge class, Scouts should have the Merit Badge Booklet for the class they are taking. Although a physical booklet is not required, it is highly encouraged and will make the class session much easier to follow along if each Scout has their own copy.

Given the number of Scouts enrolled in each class, we are unable to provide individually needed equipment. Scouts need to review the requirements for the merit badges they seek and bring whatever special equipment is needed.

## BLACK PUG AND ADVANCEMENT REPORTING

Merit Badge Mania will be utilizing the Black Pug online registration system for registering and reporting completions and partials after the event. Merit Badge Mania staff will need to process all the reports from the Merit Badge Counselors and upload that into Black Pug. We ask that units give the staff 3 weeks to upload all the completions/partial into the system. At that time, the individual registering the Scouts should be able to go back into the system to download the completions / partials or transfer all data into Scoutbook and print blue cards if so desired.

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## ARRIVAL & CHECK IN

**Each unit must provide one (1) copy of the Wayne County Community College form that the college requires to be filled out IN ITS ENTIRETY for their insurance purposes.** The form includes the name and address of EVERYONE in the building. Any person planning on entering the building must be listed on this form. If anyone does not wish to provide this information, they will not be allowed to participate and will have to leave the premises. This is a requirement of WCCCD. **Please have all the forms ready to be turned in at Check In.**

BSA Health Forms, Parts A, B1, and B2, will be required for all participants. Forms must be physically checked during check-in.

Each unit will assign an adult to be the Troop Representative who will check in their unit. They will receive a troop packet with class schedules and patches for each registered participant. **There will be several lines at check-in where the units are sorted numerically. Look for the line where your Troop number falls** and send one representative to pick up your packet. **Please have your Scouts wait in one of the wings as a troop and not in the Central Atrium.** You may tell your Scouts to meet you in the North, East or West hall downstairs or the North or West hall upstairs. Please make sure your Scouts know where to go *before* they get there as the staff will have no idea where you have designated your meeting place. The first session of classes will begin promptly at 8:00 am, please plan to arrive on time.

## PARKING

- All vehicles MUST be parked in the EAST parking lot. After entering the College drive way, follow the road to the RIGHT at the T-intersection.
- Please do not park anywhere there is not a painted parking spot. NO PARKING ON THE GRASS OR SIDEWALKS at any time.
- Vehicles that are improperly parked are subject to towing, at the owner's expense.

## CLASS VENUES

A Wayne County Community College Site map will be available in the Central Atrium. Classrooms are assigned an N(orth), E(ast), W(est) or S(outh). Rooms 200(+) are located on the second floor.

## TROOP REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

There **MUST** be at least one adult representative per troop who remains onsite for the **ENTIRE** event. Please be sure that the troop representative understands this and has accepted the responsibility of your Scouts. The responsible adult leader for your unit should have possession of the health forms and emergency contact information for all Scouts in attendance from your unit.

- Please have it be someone that is not teaching a class so that, in the event of an emergency, we have the least amount of disruption for the Scouts as possible and should have a copy of emergency contact numbers for the Scouts in their unit.
- Make sure an approved adult picks up all Scouts by 3 pm.
- Adults may register online for adult training and informational classes. Adult classes that are offered are similar in style to those that would be offered at a University of Scouting program. Adults may also sit in the back of a merit badge session and observe, serving as a second adult in the classroom.

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# CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The Scout Oath, The Scout Law and the Outdoor Code shall be the code of Merit Badge Mania. Scouts and Scouters are to respect the privacy of others.

As with other Scouting events, the use of alcoholic beverages, firearms, illegal drugs, marijuana, tobacco, and fireworks are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED!**

Remember that we are guests of Wayne County Community College. There shall be **NO LITTERING** and **NO DEFACING** or **DESTRUCTION** of property in any way.

A Scout whose conduct is not consistent with the Code of Conduct will be referred to their Unit Leader for appropriate disciplinary action. Scouts and units found to be violating the Code of Conduct may be referred to the WCCCD Police Authority on campus and may be asked to leave the program without refund.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE

Each unit and its Sponsoring Organization shall be liable, in the full amount, for theft and/or property damage caused by its Scouts and Scouters. Scouting America and Michigan Crossroads Council does not provide insurance protection to units or sponsoring organizations for theft and/or property damage.

## UNIFORMS

The uniform is an important part of the thrill of Scouting. It helps build spirit in the patrol, the troop and promotes the camaraderie of Scouting. Proper dress affects the appearance of Merit Badge Mania and encourages participants to act in a manner expected of good Scouts. Uniforms will be worn throughout Merit Badge Mania.

The uniform of the day will be the Field Uniform, also known as the Class "A" uniform, for several reasons: one, because it is the right thing to do at a Scout function; and two, because the college is open to the public, it also allows us to keep track of the Scouts more easily.

The Field Uniform consists of the Scout shirt, shorts/trousers, belt and socks.

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## HEALTH & SAFETY

### SECURITY

Wayne County Community College will be open to the public during our event. Please be sure to secure personal effects and valuables. Please be vigilant with your units.

Scouts are expected to be in uniform to help with their identification and safety

Please report any incidents to the Merit Badge Mania registration desk in the Central Atrium.

### FIRST AID STATION

Any and all illnesses or injuries must be reported to the registration desk. Serious illness or injury will be referred for medical attention, as required. All accidents or injuries requiring first aid must be reported at the registration desk.

In all instances involving emergency first aid, the adult leader at the scene shall dispatch a runner to the registration desk for additional assistance. The Health Officer will take charge upon arrival at the scene. Under no circumstances should a seriously injured person be moved without proper assistance.

### DEPARTURES

Please make sure that all youth are picked up by 3 pm at the latest (The exception to this is the Scouts in Space Exploration which should be picked up by 3:30 pm.). Troop representatives should BE PREPARED to stay after the event to ensure that all youth in their troop have been picked up.

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## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

### COATS, BAGS AND STORAGE SPACE

There will be no place to leave coats, bags, etc. Scouts will be expected to carry everything with them from class to class.

### LOST AND FOUND

There will be a lost and found bin at the Merit Badge Mania main desk located at the Central Atrium.

Yours in Scouting,

**Brad Alderman**

Brad Alderman  
Chairman  
Merit Badge Mania



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# MERIT BADGE COURSE PREREQUISITES

***If you are reading this and have not been provided a copy of the Program, Code of Conduct, and What Should I Bring sections of this document, stop and go back to read those sections before continuing.***

*Remember: an easy way to demonstrate completion for many prerequisites is to fill in the merit badge workbooks on [scouting.org](http://scouting.org) and/or [usscouts.org](http://usscouts.org).*

## **AMERICAN CULTURES – JOHN TERAN**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 1, 3, and 5

## **AMERICAN HERITAGE – JOHN TERAN**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 1, 3, 4, and 5

## **AMERICAN LABOR – JAY BOTTORFF**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 1, 2, 7, and 9

## **ART – JENNIFER SIEGEL**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 6

## **AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE - SCOTT KITTLE**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 1, 2a, 2g, 2i, 3 4c-d, 5, 6, 7, 8a-c, 9, 10a-b and 12

## **CHESS - JAMES REPERT**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: Be prepared to discuss / demonstrate requirements 1-5 and play at least 3 games of chess.

Prerequisites: 1, 2a, 2g, 2i, 3 4c-d, 5, 6, 7, 8a-c, 9, 10a-b and 12

### **CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY – JOHN TERAN**

- ☐ You must be well prepared in advance to complete this at MBM.
- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 2, 3, 5, 7, 8
  - Need to bring map of own community that you have marked – Preprint Mapquest or Google Maps do not qualify
  - Structure of city government (Mayor, Supervisor, Council, etc.).
  - # 5 movie must be an individual or group has a positive effect on the community
  - Be prepared to make an oral presentation for #8

### **CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION – PATRICK BERRY MAN**

- ☐ Must have pre-req.'s completed and be prepared to participate
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
  - Demonstrate completion of requirements 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 by writing out.

### **CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD – KEVIN BOWLBY / RICHARD ISAACS**

- ☐ You must be well prepared in advance to complete this at MBM.
- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

### **COLLECTIONS – PHILLIP RUSHMAN**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements (Prerequisites): 1, 4, 5 and 7

### **COMMUNICATION – KOREN MacDONALD**

- ☐ You must be well prepared in advance to complete this at MBM.
- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 1, 2 a or b, 3, 4, 5; 6; 7; and 8
- ☐ Prepare to present requirements 2, 3, 4, and 6.
  - #2a Be ready to show counselor project,
  - #2b Be ready to present to class,
  - #3 Bring an outline of your speech
  - #4 Bring your notes
  - #5 Bring notes from the meeting and documentation of,
  - #6 Bring plan and be prepared to teach,

- #7 Bring print out of letter to editor (a) or print out of web page and html code (b) or print out of flier/newsletter (c),
- #8 Bring written script or troop court of honor and some proof of completion; be ready to tell counselor what happened

#### **DISABILITIES AWARENESS — ANDREW FOUNTAIN**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4 and 5

#### **DOG CARE — ROB HOMEISTER**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10

#### **ELECTRICITY — RON WATKINS**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Prerequisites: 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS — CLARA BEAVER / DAVID THOMPSON**

- You must be well prepared in advance to complete this at MBM.
- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Demonstrate completion of requirements 1, 2b, 2c, 6c, 7, 8, 9
  - #1 you must review your first aid very well prior to the class and be ready to discuss different first aid scenarios)
  - Bring a picture of the family's readiness kit/tube. That way the Scout does not have to bring the actual kit in. (Ref; requirement 9 b, pg. 33)
  - Have an emergency exit plan drawn up on a 8 ½ by 10 piece of paper showing the escape routes that the family members would use to exit the house encase of an emergency and a location that they would gather outside of their house ensure that all family members are accounted for. This needs to be drawn up for each floor. (Ref: requirement 8 b, pages 26-27)

#### **FAMILY LIFE — MICHELE GRIMBLE**

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- Demonstrate completion of requirements 3, 4, and 5.
  - Please contact the counselor at [michgrim@netzero](mailto:michgrim@netzero) before completing requirement 4.
  - Requirements 6b and 7 will need to be completed following the class session and forwarded to the counselor.
  - Please make sure you copy your parent on the email to Mrs. Grumble.

### **FIRE SAFETY – ROB HOMEISTER**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 6, 9, 10, and 11.
  - Do: #6 and conduct your home survey with your parents (have a parents note)
    - #6a. Draw your escape plan and meeting place (bring drawing)
    - #6b Test your smoke alarm (have a parent note)
  - #9a. Demonstrate safe fueling (have a parent note)
  - #9b. Demonstrate safety factors (have a parent note)
  - #10b. Demonstrate setting up campfire (have note from Scout Leader)
  - #10c. Demonstrate using a camp stove and lantern (have note from Scout Leader)
  - #11. Visit a local fire station (before the class) to ID Fire Trucks (have a parent note)

### **FIRST AID – CLARA BEAVER / MATTHEW GRIMBLE**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 1, 5a and 5b, 14

### **GENEALOGY - FRED FARNELL**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 2, 3, 4b, 5, 6 and 7.
  - #5 – Requires a report

### **GRAPHIC ARTS – VICTORIA MCGOW**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Prerequisites: 6

### **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS – MATTHEW GRIMBLE**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☑ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Prerequisites: 5 and 9; Be prepared to discuss requirement 8

### **JOURNALISM – JOSEPH LEWIS**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Prerequisites: 2, 3, and 4

### **MUSIC – DAVID THOMPSON**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements (Prerequisites): 1, 2, 3 and 4
- ☐ Bring instrument, music and play for counselor

### **PETS – RON WATKINS**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Prerequisites: 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Choose one a thru c). Bring a signed note from your parent of completion of requirement 4.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH - JAMES REPERT**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and the worksheet must be completely filled out
- ☐ Prerequisites: 5 and 7. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1-6 and 8.

### **READING – JENNIFER SIEGEL**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and the worksheet must be completely filled out
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 1, 2 and 4

### **SCHOLARSHIP – TONY WARNER**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
  - #1 – Bring report card
  - #3 – Must bring the note described
  - #4a or b – If Scout chooses 4a, bring material.
  - #5 a or b – Written report for 5a or 5b must be brought to class

### **THEATER – TONY WARNER**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material
- ☐ Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
- ☐ Demonstrate completion of requirements 1, 2, and 3

### **WOOD CARVING – DAVID OAKLEY**

- ☐ Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material

- Print out the merit badge worksheet found at [www.usscouts.org](http://www.usscouts.org) and bring with answers
  - Prerequisites: 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
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## STEM CLASSES

### **NOVA SCIENCE - SHOOT! – MARIA PERALTA & MCC STEM TEAM**

This module is designed to help you explore how science affects your life each day.

Prerequisites: 1, 2, 3A(1)(2), and 4. We will cover the Requirements 3A(3) and 5 and go over the discussions for Requirements 1-6 with Nova Counselors.

### **NOVA ENGINEERING - WHOOSH! – MARIA PERALTA & MCC STEM TEAM**

This module is designed to help you explore how engineering affects your life each day.

Prerequisites: 1, 2, and 4. We will cover the experiments for Requirements 3, 5 and 6 and go over the discussions for Requirements 1-6 with Nova Counselors.

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## YOUTH SEMINARS

### **LIFE TO EAGLE SESSION FOR LIFE SCOUTS**

#### **RANK REQUIREMENTS: LIFE SCOUT**

The process of getting a Scout from Life to Eagle Scout can almost seem as difficult for the troop's Advancement Chair as it is for the Scout.

The Advancement Committee has developed a presentation designed for Life Scouts. This presentation covers the Eagle Scout Rank requirements, the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, the Eagle Scout Rank Application, This course will outline the steps from "Life to Eagle" including the Eagle Scout requirements, service project, rank application, (including the local council processing procedure), Board of Review, and Court of Honor.

### **BSA OUTDOOR ETHICS / LEAVE NO TRACE – OPEN TO YOUTH & ADULTS**

This course is a general introduction to Leave No Trace ethics and skills. The course is designed to help youth and adults at all program levels understand the general principles of Leave No Trace and how to apply them in the general BSA outdoor program. It is also designed to give adult volunteers the confidence to assess youth understanding and skills for purposes of signing off on Scouts BSA rank requirements and Venturing Outdoor Bronze and Ranger Award requirements.

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## ADULT SEMINARS

### **ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

Learn about the advanced training opportunities that are offered by the Michigan Crossroads Council and Scouting America. Learn how vital advanced training is as a leader and how the leadership skills learned will apply to your daily life in and out of Scouting.

## **BOARDS OF REVIEW - PERRY LEONG**

This session is designed for adults in the Scouts BSA program who wants to understand the mechanics around a Board of Review and some of the pitfalls that may arise in a Board of Review. A must for all new Troop Committee members who want to serve on Board of Review.

## **EAGLE PROJECT COACH / MENTOR / PROJECTS - RON VILAG**

This course will outline the steps from "Life to Eagle" including the Eagle Scout requirements, service project, rank application, (including the local council processing procedure), Board of Review, and Court of Honor. We will also cover the role of the "Eagle Mentor." We will touch on everything you and the advancement chair need to know for coaching a Scout from Life rank to Eagle.

## **EFFECTIVE TROOP ADVANCEMENT - PERRY LEONG**

This course will outline the steps to developing an effective advancement program within your troop and how to implement it into your program.

## **HIGH ADVENTURE - DIANE LYNN**

Do you want to find out what types of High Adventure camps are available for your Scouts? This seminar will provide you the details around Philmont, Northern Tier, Florida Seabase and the Summit. Learn about council contingents versus individual registration. Learn how to plan for a High Adventure trek for your unit including what training is required for adults and age requirements for your youth. This is a must for any troop wanting to set up a High Adventure for their unit.

## **HIGH QUALITY EVENTS FOR UNITS - DAVID TAMSEN**

An interactive discussion about developing and implementing high quality, fun activities into your troop's annual program.

## **MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR TRAINING - PERRY LEONG**

Take the updated Merit Badge Counselor Training course in person instead of online. This allows you to interact, ask questions, and get the answers and feedback you need to be an effective Merit Badge Counselor.

## **2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE — WHAT IS IT & HOW CAN A SCOUT ATTEND? - MCC JAMBO TEAM**

The National Jamboree is the preeminent Scouting event. This is your opportunity to learn more about this "Once in a Lifetime" event... 20,000 youth, adult leaders, and staff coming together for 10 days in July 2026 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Learn about the activities, comradery, and the MCC experience at the Jamboree.

## **NATIONAL JAMBOREE — WHAT BENEFITS TO HOME UNITS - MCC JAMBO TEAM**

Learn how the National Jamboree benefits home units by creating stronger and more dedicated youth leaders. National Jamborees are great opportunities for youth and their home units. This is your opportunity to learn how the National Jamboree youth experience translates to a home unit.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW — WHAT IS THE OA AND HOW CAN IT HELP MY UNIT? - BRAD ALDERMAN**

What is the Order of the Arrow? How does it serve your unit, the Council, and its camps? Find out how your troop will benefit from the appointment and inclusion of an OA Representative and OA Assistant Scoutmaster. More importantly, how to get Scouts and adults excited by the Honor Society of the BSA and make this a part of your unit to keep older Scouts involved in Scouting America.

## **RED CROSS CPR ADULT AND CHILD — MAX 20 - CORPS V STAFF**

CPR is an open course for all adults. **This class has an additional fee of \$30 per person.**

### **RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS PROGRAM - MIDGE SAVAGE**

Find out everything that you need to know about the religious emblem programs and how to implement them into your unit.

### **SCOUTBOOK FOR SCOUTS BSA - RON WATKINS**

Scoutbook is the advancement software for keeping track of all of your Scout's activity and advancement. This session will be a Scoutbook Overview – The Where, What, Why and How! This course is geared for Scouts BSA Troops.

### **SCOUTING BEHAVIOR - MIDGE SAVAGE**

Learn more about how Scouts each behave differently and how to work with each Scout on an individual basis.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS AND SCOUTING - MIDGE SAVAGE**

The class discusses how Special Needs and Advancement works hand in hand in Scouting. Learn when to utilize "Registration Beyond the Age of Eligibility" along with resources available to assist the unit leader.

### **THE DISTRICT - WHAT IS IT, WHY IS IT THERE, AND HOW CAN I BE PART OF IT? - DAVID TAMSEN**

A discussion about District operations, committees, and commissioners. What is the purpose of the district, who is on the committee, what is a commissioner and how can all of these things help your unit. Also find out how you can be part of the district committee or a commissioner!

### **TROOP MEETING GAMES AND ACTIVITIES – HOW TO MAKE IT FUN! - JACKIE NORIN**

This seminar is specifically geared to the Troops who want to add some pizzazz to their troop meeting by adding games and learning activities. You will learn what patrol competition is and why it is used. Examples of games and activities will be demonstrated for you to use. Come prepared to participate and learn about building teamwork and Scout spirit.

### **YEAR ROUND RECRUITING AND ARROW OF LIGHT TRANSITION - BRAD ALDERMAN**

Learn about new, innovative ways to recruit new youth and adults into your unit. We will also discuss the Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA transition process.