MICHIGAN CROSSROADS COUNCIL - MERIT BADGE MANIA 2026

January 10, 2026

Wayne County Community College District – Downriver Campus

21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Brad Alderman, Event Chair

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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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/27/2025 : Online Registration Closes at https://scoutingevent.com/272-MBMania
- 01/10/2026 : 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. Remember to follow SAFEguarding Youth 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.

7:00 - 7:30 AM	Merit Badge Counselor registration in Atrium
7:30 – 8:00 AM	Troop Registration in Atrium ***Troop Representative Only***
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Session #1
9:35 AM – 11:05 AM	Session #2
11:05 AM – 11:50 AM	Lunch – Each unit / participant should plan their own lunch
11:55 PM – 1:25 PM	Session #3
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Session #4
3:00 PM	*Scouts taking Space Exploration MB should meet in the Atrium for rocket launching*

Registration & Payment

Payments & Refunds

All registrations must be completed online at https://scoutingevent.com/272-MBMania before the registration 11:59 PM on December 27, 2025. Registration and payment cannot be accepted at the event. Registration is not confirmed until payment to the Michigan Crossroads Council has been processed. The Michigan Crossroads Council refund policy will be followed.

Program

A SCOUT IS PREPARED.

Merit Badge Mania is not a "merit badge mill" Scouts must be prepared for the classes that they sign up to take. Due to limited seats, please don't sign up for a class that you do not intend to attend. The counselors at Merit Badge Mania are qualified and knowledgeable in their subject matter. They look forward to working with Scouts from around the council and even around the country every year at Merit Badge Mania.

Unit leaders should discuss the prerequisite requirements for each merit badge with their Scouts and ensure they are complete prior to the event. For most classes at Merit Badge Mania, if the prerequisites are complete, the remaining requirements will be completed during the class session, and the Scout should be able to complete the 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.

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 the 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. Class schedules can be adjusted 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. Generally requirements are updated on January 1 of each year, with an announcement on or around December 1 of the previous year. 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. All merit badge books are now available online at https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/ 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.

Midway

There will be Midway displays in the atrium 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.

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 areas are the common areas with tables near the atrium and along the east hallway.

Lunch

Merit Badge Mania will NOT be providing lunch for participants but we have set aside a lunch period 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.

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. Some classes may require specialized items, for example Artificial Intelligence will require a device that Scouts can use to interact with Scoutly, the AI ScoutBot.
- ✓ Merit badge book – each Scout should have their own copy with them in the room (digital copies are acceptable). Don't forget that these can now be downloaded free from https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/
- ✓ 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 and will be forwarded to counselors and staff. Please be sure to follow all SAFEguarding Youth 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. A digital copy is acceptable as well.

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/partials 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. This is the same system that is used for MCC summer camps.

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. The Unit Representative will be responsible for keeping these forms on site throughout the day for their unit's participants.

Each unit will assign an adult to be the Unit Representative who will check in their unit. They will receive a 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, have their health forms verified, and submit the college insurance form. **Please have your Scouts wait in one of the wings as a unit 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 North, **W**est or **S**outh, followed by the room number. Rooms 200(+) are located on the second floor. EPAC rooms are located in the **E**ast hall near the **P**erforming **A**rts **C**enter on both the first and second floors.

Unit Representative Responsibilities

There MUST be at least one adult representative per unit who remains onsite for the **ENTIRE** event. Please be sure that the unit 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. (Those taking Space Exploration will need to stay later for the rocket launch outside.)
- 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.

Conduct & Discipline

Code Of Conduct

The Scout Oath, The Scout Law and the Outdoor Code shall be the code of Merit Badge Mania. Scouts, Leaders, and all others in attendance 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. Please report all property damage to the staff in the atrium.

Uniforms

The uniform is an important part of Scouting. It helps build spirit in the patrol, the unit 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 allows us to identify participants more easily.

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

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 or suspicious behavior or individuals 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.). Unit representatives should BE PREPARED to stay after the event to ensure that all youth in their unit have been picked up.

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

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.

PREREQUISITES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS ARE UPDATED! MERIT BADGE MANIA IS REQUIRED TO USE THE MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN EFFECT ON 1/10/26.

All Merit Badge Books are now available for download from www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all

AMERICAN CULTURES – JOHN TERAN – JPTERAN8375@YAHOO.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 3, and 5
- Offered in Session 4

AMERICAN HERITAGE – JOHN TERAN – JPTERAN8375@YAHOO.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 3, 4, and 5
- Offered in Session 3

AMERICAN LABOR – JAY BOTTORFF – JSBOTTORFF1@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 2, 7, and 9
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 2

ANIMATION – VICTORIA MCGOW – VICTORIAMCGOW89@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 4
- Offered in Sessions 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

ART – JENNIFER SIEGEL – DJJSIEGEL@YAHOO.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 6
- Offered in Sessions 1, 2, 3, or 4

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE - ERIK MARLIN – ERIKMARLIN@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 7, 8 Scouts will need a device to go online and interact with Scoutly
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 3

CHESS – MARK DENOYER – MAYPO76@COMCAST.NET

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 6a, 6b, or 6c (6c can be completed in class)
- Post Requisites: 6a or 6b of not completed
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY – JOHN TERAN – JPTERAN8375@YAHOO.COM
KOREN MACDONALD – SCOUTS1795@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 with Mr. Teran or Sessions 3 and 4 with Ms. MacDonald (class takes two sessions)

CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION – PATRICK BERRYMAN – PKBERRYMAN@COMCAST.NET

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 5, 6, 7, 8
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD – RICHARD ISAACS – HURON.TRAILS.EBOR@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7
- Offered in Sessions 1 and or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD – DENNIS WAITZMAN – 248-252-8543

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 3a, 3b, 4b, 7, please contact counselor prior to event
- Offered in Sessions 1 through 4 (class takes four sessions)

COLLECTIONS – PHILLIP RUSHMAN – RUSHMANP52@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 4, 5 and 7
- Offered in Sessions 1 and or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

COMMUNICATION – JIM PEDERSON – 313-688-3338
KAREN WANG – KFBWANG@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 3, 5, 8
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 with Ms. Wang or 3 and 4 with Mr. Pederson (class takes two sessions)

CYBER SECURITY – ERIK MARLIN – ERIKMARLIN@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1a, 4e, 5c, 6c, 8, 9
- Read info from all required sites listed in requirements
- Offered in Sessions 2 or 4

DISABILITIES AWARENESS – ANDREW FOUNTAIN – AFOUN1991@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 2

DISABILITIES AWARENESS – TRISHA PARKER – 248-910-0568

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4
- Offered in Sessions 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

DOG CARE – ROB HOMEISTER - RHOMEISTER@ATT.NET

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 4, 8, 9
- Offered in Sessions 3 or 4

ELECTRICITY – RON WATKINS – R.G.WATKINS82@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 7, 8
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 (class takes two sessions)

FAMILY LIFE – MICHELE GRIMBLE – MICHGRIM@NETZERO.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4, 5, please contact Ms. Grimble before starting prerequisites
- Post Requisite: 6b
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 2

FIRE SAFETY – ROB HOMEISTER – RHOMEISTER@ATT.NET

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 5c, 5d, 5g, 8f, 8h, 10a or b
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 2

FIRST AID – MATTHEW GRIMBLE – MATTGRIMBLEPRO@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2b, 14, 15 and be prepared to discuss 12
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

GENEALOGY - FRED FARNELL – MAHICAN78@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4c, 5, 6, 7
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 2

GEOCACHING - THOMAS WILK – TMWILK@ATT.NET

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Post Requisite: Place cache and group find
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 3

GRAPHIC ARTS – VICTORIA MCGOW – VICTORIAMCGOW89@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 6
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 (class takes two sessions)

HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS – LEAH NEHLS – ALILOVE03@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 9
- Offered in Session 2

PERSONAL FITNESS – LISA LUDWIG – LISA.ANN.LUDWIG@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1b, 6, 7, 8, completed health forms
- Offered in Sessions 2 or 4

PERSONAL MANAGEMENT – ANDREW JOHNSON – GALEN_50@HOTMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 2, 8, 9
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

PETS – RON WATKINS – R.G.WATKINS82@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Offered in Session 4

PHYSICS (TEST LAB) – MCC STEM TEAM – GREATLAKESSTEMPRESS@GMAIL.COM

- Go to scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/physics for overview and requirements
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7
- Post Requisite: 8
- Offered in Sessions 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

READING – LEAH NEHLS – ALILOVE03@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: None
- Offered in Session 3

SCHOLARSHIP – LEAH NEHLS – ALILOVE03@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: None
- Offered in Session 4

SCOUTING HERITAGE – RICK MEINTS – RMEINTS@GMAIL.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: None
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 or 3 and 4 (class takes two sessions)

SPACE EXPLORATION – ALAN LAWRENCE – 734-552-3069

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 5, 7, 8
- Offered in Sessions 2 or 3 – Must stay after end of session 4 for rocket launch in parking lot

SUSTAINABILITY – TRISHA PARKER – 248-910-0568

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 (class takes two sessions)

VETERINARY MEDICINE – GINA WILK – GINADANGER@YAHOO.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 6a or 6b
- Offered in Sessions 1 or 3

WOOD CARVING – DAVID OAKLEY - OAK2153@YAHOO.COM

- Read the merit badge book and be prepared to discuss the material.
- Prerequisites: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
- Post Requisites: Unfinished projects from class
- Offered in Sessions 1, 2, 3, or 4

STEM Classes

Nova Whoosh! – MCC STEM Team – greatlakesstempress@gmail.com
This module is designed to help you explore how engineering affects your life each day.
Prerequisites: 1, 2, 4
Offered in Sessions 1 and 2 (class takes two sessions)

Youth Seminars

Life to Eagle Session for Life Scouts – Ron Vilag, Mahican District Advancement Chair
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 – Axel Anderson, MCC Outdoor Ethics Committee, Co-Chair
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.

Adult Seminars

Adding Religious Programs to your Unit – John & Midge Savage, MCC Religious Relations Committee

Learn about the religious awards programs that are available to both your Scouts and leaders and how to integrate the programs into your unit's annual program.

Advanced Training Opportunities – Mauri Marshall, Mahican District Training Chair

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.

American Red Cross CPR (adult) – Corps V

This course will fulfill the requirements for the American Red Cross CPR certification; all participants that pass their exam will receive certification. There is an additional fee of $40 for this course that covers the costs from the Red Cross.

Arrow of Light Transition - Brad Alderman, Mahican District Membership Chair

Discuss the process of transitioning Arrow of Light Scouts from the pack to your troop. Learn about the importance of relationships between Scouting units.

Boards of Review - Perry Leong, MCC Advancement Chair

This session is designed for adults in the Scouts BSA program who want 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 the Board of Review.

Camping Considerations for Scouts with Disabilities – Karen Wang, MCC Scouts with Disabilities Committee

Learn about some of the special considerations that you may not have thought of to make your campouts more inclusive to Scouts of all ability levels.

Creating an Inclusive Program for Scouts with Disabilities – Midge Savage, MCC Scouts with Disabilities Committee

How to create a quality program for your unit that includes Scouts of all abilities.

Developing High Quality Events for Units - David Tamsen, Mahican Program Chair

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

Introduction to the Guide to Advancement - Perry Leong, MCC Advancement Chair

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

Life to Eagle Process for Adult Leaders – Mike Osvath, MCC Advancement

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.

Merit Badge Counselor Training - Perry Leong / Mike Osvath, MCC Advancement

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.

What is the Order of the Arrow and How can it help MY unit? – Isabel Alderman, Mishigami Lodge Vice Chief of Program

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. Also learn about some of the changes coming to the OA.

YEAR ROUND RECRUITING - BRAD ALDERMAN, MAHICAN DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Discuss year round, dynamic recruiting programs that have proven effective for units at all levels of Scouting.