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Saginaw Valley State Merit Badge College (Scheduled Classes)

SVSU78
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American Business (2019 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #5; #6a; #6b

SVSU75
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



American Indian Culture (2024 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #2.; #5a.; #5b.

SVSU1
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

Eric Sansburn



American Labor (2016 version)
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: 25

SVSU3
Morning Session 09:00-04:00 PM

Abby Hoskey



Animation (2015 version)
In Animation merit badge you'll learn how to create animations, the ways in which animation is used and the fun and exciting career opportunities in animation.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU4
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Architecture (2015 version)
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 form of architecture is a work of art that requires thought and planning.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #1a; #1b; #5

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SVSU5
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

Pam Anzicek



Art (2014 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #5a; #5b; #5c

SVSU2
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Artificial Intelligence (AI) (2025 version)
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: 25

SVSU79
Morning Session 09:00-04:00 PM



Automotive Maintenance (2026 version)
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: 25

SVSU7
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Basketry (2015 version)
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: 25

SVSU8
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

Roger Pihlaja



Chemistry (2025 version)
Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen-but can be proven to exist-and you become a chemist.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU9
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM



Chess (2026 version)
Chess is among the oldest board games in the world, and it ranks among the most popular games ever created. Chess is played worldwide-even over the Internet. Players meet for fun and in competition, everywhere from kitchen tables and park benches to formal international tournaments.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #6

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SVSU10
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Citizenship in the Community 1 (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #3(a); #3(b); #4(a); #4(b); #4(c); #5; #7(a); #7(b); #7(c); #8

SVSU11
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Citizenship in the Community 2 (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #3(a); #3(b); #4(a); #4(b); #4(c); #5; #7(a); #7(b); #7(c); #8

SVSU13
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Citizenship in the Nation 2 (2022 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #5; #6a; #6b; #6c; #6d; #6e; #6f; #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #8

SVSU12
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Citizenship in the Nation 1 (2022 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #5; #6a; #6b; #6c; #6d; #6e; #6f; #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #8

SVSU14
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Citizenship in the World 1 (2016 version)
Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already a citizen of the world. How good a 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: 25
Prerequisites: #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #7e

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SVSU15
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Citizenship in the World 2 (2016 version)
Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already a citizen of the world. How good a 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: 25
Prerequisites: #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #7e

SVSU16
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Collections (2021 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU17
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Communication (2014 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2a; #2b; #4; #5; #7a; #7b; #7c; #8

SVSU18
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

Michaela Witgen



Composite Materials (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #4(a); #4(b)

SVSU19
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Crime Prevention (2025 version)
Preventing crime, which can be as simple as reducing the opportuntities 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.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU20
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Cybersecurity (2025 version)
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: 25

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Dentistry (2025 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #3; #4b; #4c; #7

SVSU22
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Digital Technology (2026 version)
Comprehend how electronic devices work and how to use them effectively with the Digital Technology Merit Badge. Scouts will give a brief history of the changes in digital technology and discuss how technology today compares with the technology available to previous generations-all while imagining what kinds of devices might be available to them in the future.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #1; #6(a); #6(b); #6(c); #6(d); #6(e); #6(f); #6(g); #6(h)

SVSU23
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

Christin Hardy



Disabilities Awareness (2021 version)
Understand various disabilities and how they affect your friends, family, and community members with the Disability Awareness Merit Badge. Scouts will learn about the experiences of someone with a disability, explain the significance of disability etiquette, and how it may differ depending on the specific disability.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #7

SVSU25
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Drafting (2025 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #6; #7a[1]; #7a[2]; #7a[3]; #7b[1]; #7b[2]; #7b[3]

SVSU26
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM



Electricity (2025 version)
Learn why electricity plays a significant role in the economy and how energy consumption impacts our daily lives with the Electricity Merit badge. Scouts will demonstrate how to respond to electrical emergencies, explain how a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips, and complete an electrical home safety inspection. The Electricity Merit Badge is an excellent opportunity for Scouts to learn how to read an electric meter and determine their household's energy cost from meter readings.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #2; #8a; #8b; #8c; #9a; #9b; #9c; #9d

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Electronics (2025 version)
The Electronics Merit Badge is a fun, STEM-based merit badge that will inspire Scouts to pursue a possible career in Electronics. Scouts will learn about capacitors, transistors, and resistors while grasping the basic principles of digital techniques and demonstrating how to build a control device circuit. Understand the behaviors of electrons and learn safety precautions when using, building, altering, or repairing electronic devices with the Electronics Merit Badge.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #6

SVSU28
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

Aaron Sofian



Emergency Preparedness (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2(a); #2(b); #2(c); #8(b); #8(c); #8(d); #9

SVSU29
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Energy (2025 version)
Saving, producing, and using energy wisely will be critical to America's future. If we are to leave future generations with a world in which they can live as well or better than we have, Scouts and other potential leaders of tomorrow must begin the hard work of understanding energy and the vital role it will play in the future.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #1a; #4a; #4b; #5a; #5b; #6a; #6b; #6c; #6d; #6e; #8

SVSU77
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM

David Neubauer



Engineering (2024 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU30
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Entrepreneurship (2014 version)
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: 25

SVSU31
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Environmental Science (2025 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #3c; #4a; #4b; #4c

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Family Life 1 (2023 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #3; #4; #5a; #5b; #5c; #6b[1]; #6b[2]; #6b[3]; #6b[4]; #6b[5]; #6b[6]; #6b[7]

SVSU33
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM



Family Life 2 (2023 version)
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.
Prerequisites: #3; #4; #5a; #5b; #5c; #6b[1]; #6b[2]; #6b[3]; #6b[4]; #6b[5]; #6b[6]; #6b[7]

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Farm Mechanics (2009 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #5; #6a; #6b; #6c; #7

SVSU35
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Fingerprinting (2025 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU36
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Fire Safety (2025 version)
The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to uses 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: 25
Prerequisites: #6a.; #6b.

Jake Train

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First Aid (2025 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #1(a); #1(b); #1(c); #1(d); #1(e); #1(f); #1(g); #5(a); #5(b); #5(c); #5(d); #5(e); #7(e)

SVSU38
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM



Fish and Wildlife Management (2025 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU39
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Game Design (2025 version)
Games 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.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #1a; #8a; #8b

SVSU40
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM



Genealogy (2023 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2a; #2b; #3; #4c; #5a; #5b; #5c; #5d; #5e

SVSU41
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM

Christin Hardy



Geocaching (2019 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #8a; #8b; #8c; #8d; #9

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Geology (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #6(a); #6(b)
NOTE: Please bring a small magnifying glass or a loupe

SVSU43
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM



Health Care Professions (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #1(b); #2(b); #3(b); #4(b); #5(a); #5(b); #5(c); #5(d); #5(e); #5(f); #9

SVSU44
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM

Sarah Witgen



Journalism (2024 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2.Option.A.(1); #2.Option.A.(2); #2.Option.B.(1); #2.Option.B.(2); #3(a); #3(b); #3(c); #3(d); #4(a); #4(b); #4(c)

SVSU45
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Law (2025 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #4.; #6a.; #6b.; #7.; #9.; #11a.; #11b.; #11c.; #11d.; #11e; #11f.; #11g.; #11h.; #11i.; #11j.; #11k.

SVSU46
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Leatherwork (2017 version)
Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding.; and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond.
Maximum number of participants: 25

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Moviemaking (2026 version)
Moviemaking is a way to tell stories visually through the art and science of motion picture photography.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #2(a); #2(b); #2c(1); #2c(2); #2c(3); #2c(4); #2c(5); #2c(6); #2d(1); #2d(2); #2d(3)

SVSU48
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Music (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #3(a); #3(b); #3(c); #3(d)

SVSU49
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Personal Management 1 (2019 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #1a; #1b[1]; #1b[2]; #1b[3]; #1c[1]; #1c[2]; #2a; #2b[1]; #2b[2]; #2c; #2d; #8a; #8b; #8c; #8d; #9a; #9b; #9c; #9d; #9e

SVSU50
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Personal Management 2 (2019 version)
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: 25

SVSU51
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Pets (2026 version)
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: 25

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Photography (2024 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #1b; #8

SVSU53
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
Morning Session 09:00-12:00 PM



Plumbing (2025 version)
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: 25

SVSU54
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM

Stan Finch



Programming (2026 version)
Programming merit badge will take you "behind the screen" for a look at the complex codes that make digital devices useful and fun.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #1a; #5a; #5b; #5c
NOTE: Please bring a small computer

SVSU55
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Public Health (2026 version)
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: 25

SVSU56
Afternoon Session 01:00-04:00 PM
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Public Speaking (2003 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2

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Pulp and Paper (2014 version)
Here's an astonishing number to digest. Each person in the United States uses about 700 pounds of paper each year. Paper is everywhere in our lives. Every year in the United States, more than 2 billion individual books, 24 billion newspapers, and 350 million magazines are published on paper.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #7e

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Radio (2026 version)
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 can¹t reply) as well as two-way radio (where the same person can both receive and send messages).
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU59
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Railroading (2022 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #7.Option.A(1); #7.Option.A(2); #7.Option.A(3); #7.Option.A(4); #7.Option.A(5); #7.Option.A(6); #7.Option.A(7); #7.Option.A(8); #7.Option.B.(1); #7.Option.B(2); #7.Option.B(3); #7.Option.B(4)

SVSU60
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Reading (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #1a; #1b; #1c; #1d; #1e; #2a; #2b; #3a; #3b; #3c; #4; #5; #6a; #6b; #6c; #6d; #6e; #7

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Safety (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2(a); #2(b); #3(b); #4(a); #4(b); #4(c); #4(d); #6(a); #6(b); #6(c)

SVSU62
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Salesmanship (2023 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #5a; #5b; #5c; #7a; #7b

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Search and Rescue (2026 version)
A search is an emergency situation requiring a team of trained searchers to locate a missing person. A rescue is an emergency situation where a person's location is known - perhaps having just been found by searchers - and he or she must be removed from danger and returned to safety. By working on the Search and Rescue merit badge, you will learn and practice many skills that may someday save a life.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #4(a); #4(b)

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Signs, Signals, and Codes (2026 version)
The Signs, Signals and Codes merit badge covers a number of the nonverbal ways we communicate: emergency signaling, Morse code, American Sign Language, braille, trail signs, sports officiating hand signals, traffic signs, secret codes and more.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #7; #9(b); #9(c); #10

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Stamp Collecting (2007 version)
The world's most popular hobby, stamp collecting is enjoyed by millions throughout the world. Through this hobby. you can experience history: postage stamps are like tiny windows that introduce the people of the world to the country's leaders, customs, history, products, and environment.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #7e; #7f; #8a; #8b; #8c; #8d; #8e

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Surveying (2024 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #6.; #8.

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Sustainability (2024 version)
Learn to reduce waste and teach sustainable practices to others so you can help conserve Earth's resources with the Sustainability Merit Badge. Scouts will develop and implement a plan to reduce their water usage, household food waste, and learn about the sustainability of different energy sources, including fossil fuels, solar, wind, nuclear, hydropower, and geothermal.
Maximum number of participants: 25
Prerequisites: #2a.; #2b.; #2c.; #4a.; #4b.; #4c.; #6a.; #6b.; #6c.

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Textile (2004 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #2a; #2b; #3a; #3b; #3c; #3d; #3e; #3f; #3g; #6

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Theater (2021 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #1; #2a; #2b; #2c

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Truck Transportation (2006 version)
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: 25

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Veterinary Medicine (2026 version)
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.
Maximum number of participants: 25

SVSU73
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Drew Massey



Weather (2026 version)
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: 25
Prerequisites: #9; #10(a); #10(b)