

# Merit Badge Class Catalog

## 1/17/26 Salt Valley District



please note not all badges will be completed in class most have a couple of requirements that will need to be completed before (and bring work with you) or after the class \*



### AMERICAN HERITAGE

**Instructor: Dick Clark**

Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has lead to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American. This is one of the badges listed in the requirements for the America 250 patch - see the requirements here: <https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/programs/title/semiquincentennial-award-patch>



### CHESS MERIT BADGE

**Instructor: Hunter Oakes**

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.



### CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY MERIT BADGE

**Instructor: Blaine Bitterman**

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. This is one of the badges listed in the requirements for the America 250 patch - see the requirements here: <https://www.cornhuskercouncil.org/programs/title/semiquincentennial-award-patch>



### **CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Blaine Bitterman**

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.



### **COMMUNICATION MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Joey Welty**

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."



### **COOKING MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Phil Pickard**

**\*\*\*Please note that the cooking portions will not be done in class and will need to be completed at home and on campouts**

The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.



### **ELECTRICITY MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Eric DuSchene**

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.



### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Bryan Welty**

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.



### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor Danielle DuSchene**

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.



### **GEOCACHING MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Danielle DuSchene**

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.



### **LAW MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Dick Clark**

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.



### **NUCLEAR SCIENCE MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Phil Pichard**

Nuclear science gives us a simple explanation of the natural world. The ultimate goal of nuclear science is to find out if there is one fundamental rule that explains how matter and forces interact. Earning the Nuclear Science merit badge is a chance for Scouts to learn about this exciting field at the cutting edge of science today.



### **PLUMBING MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Eric DuSchene**

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.



### **SAFETY MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Melissa Pruitt**

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.



### **SCHOLARSHIP MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Joey Welty**

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



### **SUSTAINABILITY MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Leslie O'Connor**

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.



### **THEATER MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Hunter Oakes**

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.



### **TRAFFIC SAFETY MERIT BADGE**

**Instructor: Melissa Pruitt**

Staying safe in traffic wherever you live is getting more difficult all the time, as more and more people take to the road. Earning the Traffic Safety merit badge and will give Scouts some crucial tools to stay safer, when driving a car on a highway, riding a bike across town, or jogging across a busy street.