

Class Catalog 11/14/26

First United Methodist Church-2723 N 50th-East doors.



The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Merit Badge

Instructor: Ryan Hicks

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.



CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY MERIT BADGE

Instructor: Faye Oakes

Prerequisites: 3 A & B, 7C

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 Nation Merit Badge

Instructor: Phillip Pickard

Prerequisites: choose one 7A, B or D (C will be completed in class)

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. **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>**



Competitive Gaming Merit Badge

Instructor: Hunter Oakes

Prerequisites: 2 watch video; 2C; 3a, b, c, d, e; 4c; 5c

Where passion for gaming meets leadership, learning, and the future of technology. The Competitive Gaming merit badge introduces Scouts to one of the fastest-growing industries in the world—esports and modern gaming—while reinforcing the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in digital spaces. This badge blends fun, education, personal growth, and real-world career exploration, empowering Scouts to become responsible digital citizens and informed participants in today's gaming culture.



COOKING MERIT BADGE

Instructor: Eric Louderback

Prerequisites: For Cooking, we will not cover 2c, 4def, 5defg, and 6de. These are the actual cooking and evaluations of their cooking requirements.

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.



Crime Prevention Merit Badge

Instructor: Erin Remaklas

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



Cyber security merit badge

Instructor Ryan Hicks

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.



Energy merit badge

Instructor Dave Schmitter

Prerequisites: 4

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.



Environmental Science Merit badge

Instructor: Bryan Welty

Prerequisites: 2 A & B, 11

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



Fingerprinting merit badge

Instructor:

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.



Music Merit Badge

Instructor Danielle Duschene

Prerequisites: 3

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.



Personal fitness merit badge

Instructor Brian Welty

Prerequisites: 2a & 2B - need dates 4a, 4b, 4c 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d 6a,6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 8a 8b

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



Personal management merit badge

Instructor Hillary Liddy

Prerequisites: 1, 2, 8

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.



Photography merit badge

Instructor Faye Oakes

Prerequisites: 1.B; please bring a camera or a device with a camera in it

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.



Plumbing Merit Badge

Instructor Eric Louderback

Prerequisites: 6A 1-6

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.



Salesmanship Merit badge

Instructor: Erin Remaklas

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.



Scouting Heritage

Instructor Phillip Pickard

Prerequisites: 6 & 8

Explore the origins of the Scouting movement by earning the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge. Scouts will learn about the life and times of Lord Baden-Powell, discover how Scouting grew in the United States, and understand how Scouting's programs have developed and adapted over time. **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>**