



Northern Lights Council • 2026 Merit Badge College

Saturday, April 11, 2026

North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)
811 6th Street North • Wahpeton, ND

SCOUTS BSA LEADERS GUIDE

Welcome to our **newest** Council Merit Badge Event! NDSCS in Wahpeton provides an outstanding setting for Scouts to gain real, hands-on experience from experts in their fields. This event is a great opportunity for Scouts to explore topics they're passionate about while learning from knowledgeable instructors.

Scouts should plan to wear their Class A uniform and bring a writing utensil to most classes; however, badges such as Welding and Farm Mechanics may require alternate clothing. Please note that some merit badges have pre-requisite requirements. Scouts who wish to complete the entire merit badge during the event must bring verification of any completed pre-requisites. Any updates or changes will be added on the registration site and emailed to registered participants. Blue cards will be provided to the registration contact after the event via Blackpug. You will receive an email when they are ready to view.

Questions? Please contact **Jefri Jones** at jefrij@outlook.com or at (701) 373-1420.

SCOUTS BSA EVENT SCHEDULE

| Start | End | Event | Location |
|----------|----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM | 8:45 AM | Registration Open | Stern Cultural Center (Building 3) |
| 8:45 AM | 9:00 AM | Opening Session | Stern Cultural Center Auditorium |
| 9:00 AM | 11:30 AM | Morning Classes | Various Locations |
| 11:30 AM | 12:30 PM | Lunch | Wildcat Dining Room |
| 12:30 PM | 3:00 PM | Afternoon Classes | Various Locations |
| 3:00 PM | 3:30 PM | Departure | |

PARKING

Parking is available on the **north** side and **east** side of the Stern Cultural Center, as well as north of Old Main (#1) and Horton Hall (#2). No parking passes are required, as ticketing will be suspended that day. See the map on the registration site for info.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All Scouts must pre-register for their classes using the online registration system. Depending on availability and scheduling, Scouts may register for either one or two classes. Some classes run only in the morning or afternoon, while others last all day. Walk-in registrations **will not** be accepted. Registration closes at the end of the day on Saturday, April 4. Please make sure all families in your troop are aware of this, as we cannot accommodate any registrations after this date.

ADDITIONAL FEES & CLASS NOTES

Scuba BSA: \$75 (payable during online registration)

Welding: \$15 (payable during online registration)

Shotgun Shooting: \$15/round (pay cash at range)

*You may require multiple rounds to meet requirements!
Guns are provided; no personal firearms allowed. Bring eye/ear protection and your own transportation to Head of the Red Gun Club (3208 State Hwy 9, Breckenridge, MN).*

PAYMENTS

All Scouts must pay online before their classes are booked. The cost to attend is **\$25** for youth and **\$20** for adults, which covers patches, program supplies, and lunch. To help with planning, a **\$5 late fee** will be added to any sign-ups received after March 1. Scouts who register before March 1 are guaranteed a patch at the event, and those who register later may receive their patch in the mail after the event.

SCOUTS BSA MERIT BADGE & ACTIVITY OFFERINGS

| HALF-DAY (MORNING) | HALF-DAY (AFTERNOON) | ALL DAY | |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Disabilities Awareness | Disabilities Awareness | Artificial Intelligence | Emergency Preparedness |
| Fire Safety | Fire Safety | Automotive Maintenance | First Aid |
| Swimming | Lifesaving | Citizenship in the World | Farm Mechanics |
| SCUBA & Snorkel BSA | Plumbing | Communication | Personal Management |
| Welding | Welding | Dentistry | Public Health |
| Plumbing | | Drafting | Surveying |
| | | Electricity | Shotgun Shooting |