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MBC1 **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.
Linked Requirements: American Business
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 2a,3(all), 5,and 6a or 6b
Please be ready to discuss all requirements
a current workbook for this merit badge can found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/American-Business.pdf

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MBC3 **Animation (2015 version)**



Computer or traditional animation tasks that will test a Scout's creativity, artistic skills, and storytelling abilities.
Linked Requirements: Animation
Notes and Prerequisites: Current workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Animation.pdf

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4 periods

MBC48 **Artificial Intelligence**



The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Merit Badge introduces Scouts to the fundamentals of AI and automation through hands-on activities and real-world examples.
Additional Details: https://shacbsa.org/Data/Sites/1/media/advancement/merit-badge-worksheets/artificial-intelligence-worksheet-2025.pdf

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10-05-2026
4 periods
Min. Age: 13

MBC6 **Chess (2013 version)**



Chess builds critical thinking, forward thinking, and proper sportsmanship in young people.
Linked Requirements: Chess
Notes and Prerequisites: Current workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Chess.pdf?_gl=1*1k4cb2c*_ga*MTE4OTgwMTc3OS4xNzk0MzE4NTg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3OTQ0MTYzODEkbzYkZzEkdDE3OTQ0MTY2MDEkajYwJGwwJGgw*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3OTQ0MTYzOTUuY2owa2NxaWF3ZGR4YmhkdWFy

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MBC7 **Citizenship in the Community (2025 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.
Linked Requirements: Citizenship in the Community
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs #2,3 4, 5, 7, 8 Come prepared to discuss all requirements
Current Merit Badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Citizenship%20in%20the%20Community.pdf?_gl=1*1bmhfai*_ga*MTE4OTgwMTc3OS4xNzk0MzE4NTg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3OTQ0MTYzODEkbzYkZzEkdDE3OTQ0MTY3NTkkajI2JGwwJGgw*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3OTQ0MTY

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MBC8 **Citizenship in the Nation (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.
Linked Requirements: Citizenship in the Nation
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 5, 7(do two of a-d), 8
Come prepared to discuss all requirements
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-Nation.pdf

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3 periods

MBC10 **Citizenship in the World (2016 version)**



Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already citizens of the world. How good a world citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.
Linked Requirements: Citizenship in the World
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 3, 7(do two a-e)
Come prepared to discuss all requirements
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Citizenship-in-the-World.pdf

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3 periods

MBC12 **Collections (2021 version)**



Collecting can be an educational and financially rewarding pastime: a collector must educate himself about a specific subject, be able to tell which items are worth preserving, how to catalog and organize his collection, and how to evaluate the value of items.
Linked Requirements: Collections
Notes and Prerequisites: Come prepared with the following
Prerequisite 1
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Collections.pdf

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2 periods

MBC13 **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."
Linked Requirements: Communication
Notes and Prerequisites: Come prepared with the following
Prerequisites 1a, 1b, 2a, 3(written only), 4, 5, 7, 8
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Communication.pdf

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3 periods

MBC49 **Competitive Gaming (2026 version)**



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.
Linked Requirements: Competitive Gaming
Notes and Prerequisites: pre req requirements number 1,3,5,6,7

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4 periods

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MBC46 **CPR and 1st aid Certification**



Complete hands-on CPR and basic First Aid training leading to certification through the course provider. Ideal for leaders who need certification or want greater confidence responding to emergencies during meetings, activities, and outings.

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4 periods

Fee: 35.00

MBC50 **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.
Linked Requirements: Cybersecurity

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10-05-2026
4 periods
Min. Age: 12

MBC37 **Den Chief Training**



A Den Chief is a Scout, Venturer or Sea Scout assisting a Cub Scout den. But the story is far more important than those words suggest as the Den Chief:
• Serves as a Scouting role model for the Cub Scouts in the den, as well as the entire pack;
• Promotes Scouting in general and the local troop in particular;
• Encourages the transition of Webelos Scouts into Boy Scouting;
• Holds a leadership position in the troop or crew, thus fulfilling an advancement requirement in the unit.
In addition, a trained Den Chief:
• Assists the den leader with planning and conducting den meetings;
• Understands the Cub Scouting program and the differences between Cub Scouts and other Scouting programs;
• Understands the den leader's duties and confidently helps lead portions of the den meeting program;
• Knows a variety of resources for age-appropriate activities for Cub Scouts in the den;
• Brings a repertoire of activities that Cub Scouts enjoy.
This training is designed to build on each of these ideas using a framework that will allow the new Den Chief, or perhaps the experienced Den Chief looking for new ideas, to have fun and learn the role.
Adult leaders need to make sure the role is seen as important and necessary. In agreeing to accept a Den Chief's assistance, they ensure the Den Chief has meaningful opportunities to support the den and assist with activities, to the best of the Den Chief's ability. In this way, the den receives the many benefits of having a Den Chief while the Den Chief has opportunities to
learn and grow as a leader and Scout.
Cubmasters request Den Chief help from Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors or Ship Skippers. These adults need to acknowledge the importance of Den Chiefs before the whole troop, crew or ship and make sure all members understand that the Den Chief holds a leadership position of responsibility.

Added to catalog:
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2 periods

MBC15 **Electricity (2025 version)**



Electricity is a powerful and fascinating force of nature. As early as 600 b.c., observers of the physical world suspected that electricity existed but did not have a name for it. In fact, real progress in unraveling the mystery of electricity has come only within the last 250 years.
Linked Requirements: Electricity
Notes and Prerequisites: Come prepared with the following

Added to catalog:
01-08-2026
2 periods

Prerequisites 2, 5, 8, 9a, 10(do two of a-f), 11
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Electricity.pdf

MBC51 **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.
Linked Requirements: Electronics

Added to catalog:
10-05-2026
3 periods

MBC16 **Emergency Preparedness (2025 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.
Linked Requirements: Emergency Preparedness
Notes and Prerequisites: Come prepared with the following
Prerequisites 1,2, 3(do one of a or b), 9,10

Additional Details: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Emergency%20Preparedness.pdf?_gl=1*1fqolpj*_ga*MTE4OTgwMTc3OS4xNzk0MzE4NTg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3OTQ0MTYzODEkbzYkZzEkdDE3OTQ0MTcxNzAkajQ5JGwwJGgw*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3OTQ0MTYzOTUuY2owa

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4 periods

MBC17 **Family Life (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.
Linked Requirements: Family Life
Notes and Prerequisites: Come prepared with the following
Prerequisites 3,4,5,6
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/family-life/

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3 periods

MBC18 **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.
Linked Requirements: Fingerprinting
Notes and Prerequisites: Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Fingerprinting.pdf

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MBC20 **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.
Linked Requirements: First Aid
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 1, 2, 15(one of a-d)
Current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/First-Aid.pdf

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4 periods

Min. Rank: First Class

MBC43 **Graphic Arts (2012 version)**



The field of graphic arts includes many kinds of work in the printing and publishing industries. Graphic arts professionals are involved in the creation of all kinds of printed communication, from business cards to books to billboards. The scope of printing communications is huge.
Linked Requirements: Graphic Arts
Additional Details: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Graphic-Arts.pdf

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3 periods

MBC22 **Health Care Professions (2021 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.
Linked Requirements: Health Care Professions
Notes and Prerequisites: prereq: 9
Please be ready to discuss all requirements
a current workbook for this merit badge can found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Health-Care-Professions.pdf

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2 periods

MBC59 **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)**

TRAINED TO MAKE A Difference

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) is a foundational, unit-level training program in Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America) designed to teach youth holding leadership positions how to effectively fulfill their roles

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4 periods

MBC52 **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.
Linked Requirements: Law
Notes and Prerequisites: pre reqs requirements 1,4,9,11
Additional Details: https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/law/

Added to catalog:
10-05-2026
3 periods
Min. Age: 13

MBC53 **Military Service & Veterans**



The Military Service & Veterans Badge invites Scouts to explore the values, history, and human stories behind military service. Designed to deepen understanding and foster respect, this badge connects Scouts with the heritage of our Armed Forces and the individuals who have served our nation with courage and commitment.
Notes and Prerequisites: pre req requirement 10
Additional Details: https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-

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MBC44 **Music (2017 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.
Linked Requirements: Music
Notes and Prerequisites: prereq: 3,6(a or b)
be prepared to discuss all requirements during the session
workbook can be found at provided link
Additional Details: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Music%20Bugling.pdf?_gl=1*18ii3yf*_ga*MTE4OTgwMTc3OS4xNzk0MzE4NTg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3OTQ0MTYzODEkbzYkZzEkdDE3OTQ0MTc4OTMkajYwJGwwJGgw*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3OTQ0MTYzOTUuY2owa2NxaWF3ZG

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MBC24 **Personal Management (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.
Linked Requirements: Personal Management
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10
current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Personal-Management.pdf

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4 periods
Min. Age: 13

MBC25 **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.
Linked Requirements: Photography
Notes and Prerequisites: prereq: 7
Please come prepared with a digital imaging device such as a smart phone (Android or iphone are recommended)
current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Photography.pdf

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MBC54 **Psychology**



This badge takes you on an exciting journey to understand how psychology impacts everyday life and leadership. You'll learn about famous psychologists and their contributions, create and perform a skit showing psychology in action, explore mental health and resilience, and track your own activities and emotions to see how they shape your well-being. Along the way, you'll practice empathy, reflect on the Scout Oath and Law, and even design your own pledge to inspire hope and support in your community. Finally, dive into career paths in psychology and discover what it takes to succeed in this fascinating field. Expand your mind, build resilience, and make a difference-start your Psychology Badge adventure today!
Notes and Prerequisites: pre req requirements 2 & 4
Additional Details: https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/psychology/

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MBC55 **Radio (2026 version)**



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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).
Linked Requirements: Radio
Additional Details: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Radio.pdf?_gl=1*653shx*_ga*MTE4OTgwMTc3OS4xNzk0MzE4NTg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3OTQ0MTYzODEkbzYkZzEkdDE3OTQ0MTc5OTMkajUyJGwwJGgw*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3OTQ0MTYzOTUuY2owa2NxaWF3ZGR4YmhkdWFya

MBC47 **Scouting America Outdoor Ethics Orientation**



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Introduces the core concepts of outdoor ethics-including the Outdoor Code, Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly!, and the Land Ethic. Suitable for Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and adult Scouters, especially those serving or planning to serve as unit Outdoor Ethics Guides.

MBC29 **Signs, Signals, and Codes (2015 version)**



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2 periods

American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used language in the United States. The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications. Did you know that some of these have even saved people's lives'
Linked Requirements: Signs, Signals, and Codes
Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 7, 10
current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Signs-Signals-and-Codes.pdf

MBC58 **Sustainability (2024 version)**



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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.
Linked Requirements: Sustainability
Notes and Prerequisites: to be added
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Sustainability.pdf

MBC57 **Theater (2021 version)**



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3 periods

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.
Linked Requirements: Theater
Notes and Prerequisites: pre req requirements 1 & 2
Additional Details: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Theater.pdf

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MBC32



Veterinary Medicine (2006 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.

Linked Requirements: Veterinary Medicine

Notes and Prerequisites: prereqs: 6(do one of a or b)
current merit badge workbook can be found at the provided link

Additional Details: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Veterinary%20Medicine.pdf?_gl=1*1i6zthd*_ga*MTE4OTgwMTc3OS4xNzk0MzE4NTg5*_ga_20G0JHESG4*czE3OTQ0MTYzODEkbzYkZzEkdDE3OTQ0MTgwNzgkajUwJGwwJGgw*_gcl_aw*R0NMLjE3OTQ0MTYzOTUuY2owa2Nx

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