**Beaver Valley District**

**Merit Badge University**



**Scouts BSA Units**

**December 07, 2024**

**North Way Christian Community Church**  
**300 Brighton Ave Ate #101**  
**Rochester, PA 15074**

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Registration Info

Scouts BSA Troop

Youth: $5

Volunteer Staff: FREE

Required Paperwork to Bring

Youth

All youth participating will need an up-to-date Part A/B medical form.

All youth participating will need to bring a filled out and signed prerequisites form for EACH merit badge they are attending.

Adults

All adults participating will need an up-to-date Part A/B medical form. If an adult is NOT registered, but is volunteering, they must bring a copy of their current YPT and as well as copies of the PA required clearances.

Preparation and Prerequisites

* Scouts are encouraged to obtain and read the current merit badge book or use All Merit Badges A-Z | Boy Scouts of America (scouting.org).
* Scouts may print the corresponding worksheets to use as a tool to organize notes and document their work. [Merit Badge Worksheets (usscouts.org)](http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp)
* To earn the merit badge(s), Scouts need to complete all prerequisites and show proof of completion. Prerequisites and proof required will be listed in the class schedule and sign up.
* Scouts should bring the following items to the Merit Badge University:
  + A Scoutmaster signed MBC Prerequisites Form for each merit badge.
  + A Scoutmaster signed and filled out blue card for each merit badge.
  + Any merit badge worksheets, prerequisites work and proof.
  + Pen/pencil(s) and spare paper.
  + A packed lunch and refillable water bottle.
  + Up-to-date health forms.
* Scouts must be prepared to discuss and demonstrate all requirements.
* Scouts are encouraged to wear their official BSA uniform along with appropriate footwear.

Cancelation/Class Change Policy

**All Merit Badge Day registrations are final. There are NO refunds for cancellations. If a Scout can no longer attend, he/she will forfeit their registration fee. There will be NO credits for future events and NO registration transfers to other Scouts. There are also NO class changes once you register. Be sure to review all prerequisites and double check that your Scout needs/wants the merit badges you sign him/her up for BEFORE you register.**

Event Schedule

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| 7am to 7:45am | Check-In @ Front Lobby |
| 7:45am to 8am | Flag Ceremony @ Sanctuary |
| 8am to 12pm | Merit Badge Session |
| 12pm to 1pm | Lunch (Bring Your Own) |
| 1pm to 5pm | Merit Badge Session |
| 5pm to 6pm | Clean Up |

Event

Check-In

All youth and adults will be required to check in upon arriving. Please make sure to have all your paperwork ready.

Flag Ceremony

Everyone attending will meet in the Sanctuary for the Flag Ceremony. We will ask that some Scouts volunteer for this.

Merit Badge Session – AM

All merit badge sessions will begin at 8am in their designated rooms. Some Counselors may end the session early, in which youth are allowed to be in the lobby. Please remember to be quiet for everyone else that remains still in session.

Lunch

Please remember to bring your own lunch, as we will not have anything there for youth and adults to eat.

Merit Badge Session – PM

All merit badges sessions will begin at 1pm in their designated rooms. Some Counselors may end the session early, in which youth are allowed to be in the lobby. Please remember to be quiet for everyone else that remains still in session.

Clean Up

Everyone, both youth and adult, are required to help with cleaning up and putting the church back the way it was before we entered. Every Counselor will be provided a picture of their room at the beginning of the day, and are responsible for putting it back the way it was found. We will also need to vacuum the rooms, and wipe down anything that needs it.

Merit Badges

Family Life – 2 Sessions, Sanctuary

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max  
1pm to 5pm – PM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Craig Valent, BSA# 12737530, [craigvalent@gmail.com](mailto:craigvalent@gmail.com), Monaca, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Requirement 3 – Bring a chart or record showing 5 chores or duties that you completed over a 90-day period. You do not need to complete every task every day.

Requirement 4 – Complete a project or “big chore” for your family. Things like cleaning out the garage, helping a sibling with a science project, or a yard work project. Make it something more than a daily chore.

Requirement 5 – Complete a project with your entire family. These can be big things that need done around the house: decorating for the holidays, fall yard clean up, or even a community service type event completed as a family.

Requirement 6 – Plan for and participate in a family meeting. Be sure to discuss the following: how the Scout Oath and Law impact your family, dangers and addictions that could impact your family, adolescence and safe sex, finances, any family crisis that needs to be discussed, how technology impacts your family, and etiquette/manners.

Citizenship in the World – 1 Session, Pre-K Room

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Jonn Pavolko, BSA# 132775399, [jpavolko@gmail.com](mailto:jpavolko@gmail.com), Beaver, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Requirement 3 – Come prepared with your selections of current world events and foreign county events.

Requirement 4 – Come prepared with your selections and be prepared to present to the group.

Requirement 5 – Be prepared with 5 different types of governments and where they are being used.

Requirement 7 – Come prepared with your selections and be prepared to present to the group.

Citizenship in the Nation – 1 Session, Pre-K Room

1pm to 5pm – PM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Jonn Pavolko, BSA# 132775399, [jpavolko@gmail.com](mailto:jpavolko@gmail.com), Beaver, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Requirement 1 – Be prepared for a discussion and answer the questions asked.

Requirement 2 – Be prepared for a discussion.

Requirement 3 – Have answers for the questions asked.

Requirement 4 – Be prepared to discuss.

Requirement 5 – Document what news media you observed and the dates. Have 2 to 5 big topics that appear each day. It doesn’t have to be the same issues for each day. Pick at least 1 issue that impacts you, your family, and community.

Requirement 6 – You are free to make any choice you would like for the speech you want to review. Be ready to answer questions and have good talking points on why you picked that speech and it’s importance to the nation’s history.

Requirement 7 – Whichever of the 2 items you select from the list document the date and location. Be prepared to discuss the impact it had on you.

Requirement 8 – Write a letter to your US Congress representative. Bring a copy of the letter for your discussion. Be prepared to answer questions on why you included the topics in the letter.

Citizenship in Society – 2 Sessions, Playroom Area

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 5 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Stephen Fritz, BSA# 124923943, [sfritz1720@gmail.com](mailto:sfritz1720@gmail.com), Aliquippa, PA

1pm to 5pm – PM Session, Half-Day Class, 5 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Jessica Spitcaufsky, BSA# 133142548, [BVDAdvancmentChair@gmail.com](mailto:BVDAdvancmentChair@gmail.com), Rochester, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11

Scouts must have all requirements completed and written down, and must be ready to discuss. Prerequisites are the same for both Counselors.

First Aid – 1 Session, 4-5 Room

8am 12pm, 1pm to 5pm – All Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Wendy Kline, BSA# 136039539, [kline240@comcast.net](mailto:kline240@comcast.net), Freedom, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 15

Requirement 1 – Scouts will need to supply proof from your Scoutmaster (or ASM) that you have completed the requirement. Just a printout from Scoutbook will work.

Requirement 5 – Scouts will need to supply pictures of their first aid kit and everything inside.

For all other requirements, have written details for explanations and be prepared to discuss.

Sustainability – 1 Session, Backroom #2

8am to 12pm, 1pm to 5pm – All Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – John Onuska, BSA# 1876603, [jnsk5757@gmail.com](mailto:jnsk5757@gmail.com), Beaver, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

Requirement 2 through 6 – Do 1 for each requirement and have them written down and be prepared to discuss.

Requirement 7 – Do 2 for this requirement and have them written down and be prepared to discuss.

Cooking – 1 Session, Toddler Room

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Andrew Doedyns, BSA# 120933612, [andy.doedyns@comcast.net](mailto:andy.doedyns@comcast.net), Beaver, PA

Prerequisites – 1A-B, 2, 3, 4A, 5A-E, 6A-E, 7A, and 8A-C

Take-Homes – 4B, 8D, and 9A-C

Archaeology – 1 Session, Sanctuary

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Jessica Spitcaufsky, BSA# 133142548, [BVDAdvancmentChair@gmail.com](mailto:BVDAdvancmentChair@gmail.com), Rochester, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11

Requirement 3 – Scouts must have 2 other ways to determine age other than what is already listed in the requirement.

Requirement 4 – The presentation must take place prior to this session, and Scouts must provide a written and signed statement (SM or ASM) saying when and where it was completed.

Requirement 7 – Part A: Scouts must present a picture or brochure showing the museum; Part B: Scouts must present a picture of the heirloom; Part C: Scouts must bring in the list.

Requirement 10A – Scouts will go to Penguin Watch – Zooniverse <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/penguintom79/penguin-watch> , create an account (it’s free), and complete their 8 hours there. They must log in each time to make sure the site collects their time and counts. At the end of their 8 hours, Scouts will generate a certificate and bring it to class.

Requirement 11 – Scouts must provide picture proof of either A or B.

Chess – 2 Sessions, 2-3 Room

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max  
1pm to 5pm – PM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Diane Hyziak, BSA# 123760827, [dhyziak@comcast.net](mailto:dhyziak@comcast.net), New Brighton, PA

Prerequisites – Bring a chess set, if available. Have requirements 1 and 2 completed.

Programming – 1 Session, Backroom #1

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 5 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Michael Lipnicky, BSA# 12761983, [mlipnic@gmail.com](mailto:mlipnic@gmail.com), Aliquippa, PA

Prerequisites – 1A, come prepared to discuss 1B through 4C, and 6

Take-Home Requirements – Any work not completed during the class, will need to be completed at home. Options for either in-person or remote finishing will both be made available.

Art – 2 Sessions, K-1 Room

8am to 12pm – AM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Jeffery Jones, BSA# 1871999, [jeffjones.nev64@gmail.com](mailto:jeffjones.nev64@gmail.com), Beaver, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, and 7 – Come prepared to discuss.

1pm to 5pm – PM Session, Half-Day Class, 10 Scouts Max

Merit Badge Counselor – Andrew Miller, BSA# 136682056, [poedba@gmail.com](mailto:poedba@gmail.com), Rochester, PA

Prerequisites – 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7

Requirement 4 – Scouts will be completing A, B, C, and D; however, if there is another medium they wish to work with that is listed they may bring that.

Requirement 6 – Scouts must provide a picture or brochure from the museum that they visited, and be prepared to discuss.