



Merit Badge University 2025

Class Catalog

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MBU49 BS106 Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training - 1/18/25 BSMC (suspended)

BS106 Scoutmaster Position-Specific Trainin

The instructor's guide below is intended to be used by trainers leading Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training. The course will provide Scoutmasters with the basic information and tools they need to lead successful Boy Scout troops. Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters who complete this course, Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, and Youth Protection Training are considered "trained" for those positions. There is no change to the My.Scouting Tools code (S24) for the course.

8-5 PM

Instructor: Bill Mulligan

Additional Fee: \$25.00

Minimum Age: 18

Maximum number of participants: 32

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MBU50 BS107 Troop Committee Challenge - 1/18/24 BSMC

BS107 Troop Committee Challenge

The Troop Committee Challenge is designed for troop committee members and becomes the course (along with Youth Protection training) troop committee members need to be considered "trained." The instructor's guide below is for trainers to conduct the course for troop committee members.

8-6 PM

Instructor: Tim Poole

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 18

Maximum number of participants: 12

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MBU7 Camping - 1/18/25 BSMC

Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.

8-5 PM

Instructor: David Prince

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 11

Minimum Rank: Scout

Maximum number of participants: 16

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Prerequisites: #8d,9

Bring Pack packed for a weekend



MBU62 Citizenship in Society - 1/18/25 BSMC

"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law," said Roger Mosby, president and chief executive officer of The Boy Scouts of America. "This merit badge aligns with both the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which encourage Scouts to respect the beliefs of others, to be kind and courteous, and to help other people at all times."

The Citizenship in Society merit badge is the latest initiative as part of BSA's ongoing commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. Developed by BSA's Office of Diversity and Youth Development Office, with input from a dedicated group of Scouting volunteers, BSA youth and professional staff, the merit badge pairs Scouts with merit badge counselors who will help guide Scouts on their journey of self-discovery and facilitate discussions as Scouts seek to further understand the diverse world we live in.

"The Citizenship in Society merit badge is an important initiative to help Scouts learn about the diverse identities we each possess, understand different perspectives and experiences, and promote good citizenship in society," said Elizabeth Ramirez-Washka, chief diversity officer and vice president of diversity & inclusion, Boy Scouts of America.

The new merit badge complements existing merit badges, such as the American Cultures, Citizenship in the Community, Disability Awareness and American Heritage merit badges, which require Scouts to learn and grow their understanding of diverse perspectives and spur positive action.

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8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 14

Minimum Rank: Star

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: What do the scouts need to bring? Pen, walking shoes, outdoor jacket (we'll do a walk around downtown)

What scouts need to do on their own prior to MBU: The following requirements must be completed outside of the class: 3a, b; 4a, b, c, 7a, b, c; 8. If scouts complete their portion prior to the class, Mr. Burns would be happy to help with the "discuss with your counselor" portion with them and their parents (or another adult) at the end of class.

Pack a lunch

This class is expected to be completed by 2pm - 3pm



MBU10 **Citizenship in the Community - 1/18/25 BSMC**

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.

8-3:30 PM

Instructor: Matthew Burns

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 11

Maximum number of participants: 25

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NOTE: Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



MBU11 **Citizenship in the Nation - 1/18/25 BSMC (suspended)**

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.

8-3:30 PM

Instructor: Edward Mercer

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 22

Sessions: Session 1: January 18th, 2025

Prerequisites: Dress for outdoors

NOTE: Time: 8:30 - 4:00 pm



MBU12 **Citizenship in the World - 1/18/25 BSMC**

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.

8-3:30 PM

Instructor: James Crisp

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 24

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Prerequisites: Bring Workbook, writing utensils and device for playing Kahoot. Be sure to research the subject you are assigned. This will be subject matter from 2 or more requirements.

Whoever registers the scout will need to watch their email for assignment to be researched so the scout will be equipped with the information they need to be prepared for the class

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MBU14 Coin Collecting - 1/18/25 BSMC

Coin collecting is one of the oldest of all hobbies. Hoards of ancient coins found in excavations indicate that coins were one of the first collectibles. From earliest times, people valued coins not only as a means of trading and storing wealth, but also as miniature works of art.

8-5 PM

Instructor: James Sanders

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 10

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Prerequisites: #6,7,9

dress for outdoors

bring lunch



MBU15 Communication - 1/18/25 BSMC

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."

8-2:30 PM

Instructor: Bill Edge

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 13

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

Req #2b - Bring a Sales Pitch idea

Req #3 - Bring 5 Minute Speech

Cannot complete requirements:

#5 - Attend a public meeting

#7 - Write a letter to newspaper OR Create Website/Blog OR Produce a Newsletter

#8 - Plan & MC Court of Honor OR Campfire OR Worship Service

NOTE: Time: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm



MBU60 Disabilities Awareness - 1/18/25 BSMC (suspended)

Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.

8-5 PM

Instructor: April Lengel

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Maximum number of participants: 15

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MBU21 Emergency Preparedness - 1/18/25 BSMC (suspended)

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.

8-3:30 PM

Instructor: Mary Ruth Ellison

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 20

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Prerequisites: #1,8a

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MBU26 First Aid - 1/18/25 - USC School of Medicine Greenville (suspended)

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.

8-2:30 PM

Instructor: Melissa Poole

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 25

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NOTE: Time: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm



MBU55 Geology - 1/18/25 BSMC (suspended)

Geology is the study of Earth. It includes the study of materials that make up Earth, the processes that change it, and the history of how things happened, including human civilization, which depends on natural materials for existence.

8-5 PM

Instructor: Calista Mayer

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 12

Maximum number of participants: 15

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MBU29 Law - 1/18/25 BSMC

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.

8-5 PM

Instructor: Perry Gravely

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Minimum number of participants: 8

Maximum number of participants: 15

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Prerequisites: Please bring Pen and paper. Scouts will receive instructions prior to class.



MBU35 Metalwork - 1/18/25 - BSMC

Scouts will begin their work on this merit badge by learning about the properties of metal, how to use simple metalworking tools, and the basic metalworking techniques. Then they will practice using these tools and techniques before concentrating on the more intricate skills of one of four metalworking options.

8-5 PM

Instructor: Todd Harris

Additional Fee: \$35.00

Minimum Age: 12

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: Wear working clothes, add'l fee TBD



MBU36 Personal Fitness - 1/18/25 - BSMC (suspended)

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.

8-1:30 PM

Instructor: Scott Williams

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: #7 & 8 to complete MB

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MBU51 Personal Management - 1/18/25 - BSMC

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.

8-6 PM

Instructor: Ralph Dimenna

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 12

Maximum number of participants: 22

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MBU37 Photography - 1/18/25 BSMC

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.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Minimum number of participants: 4

Maximum number of participants: 15

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Prerequisites: Dress for Outside, bring camera or phone you are familiar with
Sketch out a story line that you can show using photos.



MBU38 Public Speaking - 1/18/25 - BSMC

A lot happens during the course of every person's life and your ability to communicate your feelings and ideas is the best way to connect to the larger world. Even if you haven't stood at a podium on the stage and find the whole idea scary, sooner or later, someone is going to ask you to get up and say a few words. If you are prepared, it won't be scary. It can even be fun.

8-11 AM

Instructor: Bill Parker

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 10

Minimum number of participants: 3

Maximum number of participants: 10

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Prerequisites: Bring pen & paper. Please complete requirements #2, #3 & #5 prior to class.

Class is usually completed within 3 hours.

NOTE: Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am



MBU45 Weather - 1/18/25 - Greer SC National Weather Service

Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.

8-5 PM

Instructor: Thomas Winesett

Additional Fee: \$18.00

Minimum Age: 12

Minimum number of participants: 5

Maximum number of participants: 15

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Prerequisites: 10a-2pm, bring lunch.