



Merit Badge University

Class Catalog

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Merit Badge University (Scheduled Classes)

MBU49 BS106 Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training - 1/17/26 BSMC

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:** Adam Boggs

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Maximum number of participants: 32

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MBU50 BS107 Troop Committee Challenge - 1/17/26 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: \$12.00

Maximum number of participants: 12

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MBU7 Camping - 1/17/26 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: \$12.00

Minimum Age: 11

Minimum Rank: Scout

Maximum number of participants: 16

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

Prerequisites: #8d,9

Bring Pack packed for a weekend

MBU8 Chemistry - 1/17/26 BSMC



Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen - but can be proven to exist - and you become a chemist.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: Complete Req. #4a before class

Bring one empty 2 liter bottle without label. Bring Lunch

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MBU62 Citizenship in Society - 1/17/26 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.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Maximum number of participants: 12

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

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 - 1/17/26 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: \$12.00

Minimum Age: 11

Maximum number of participants: 25

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

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



MBU11 Citizenship in the Nation - 1/17/26 BSMC

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.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Maximum number of participants: 22

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

Prerequisites: Dress for outdoors

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MBU12 Citizenship in the World - 1/17/26 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

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 24

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

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

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



MBU68 Combo - Stamp Collecting, Collections and American Heritage - 1/17/26 - BSMC

Stamp Collecting: The world's most popular hobby, stamp collecting is enjoyed by millions throughout the world. Through this hobby, you can experience history: postage stamps are like tiny windows that introduce the people of the world to the country's leaders, customs, history, products, and environment.

Collections: 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.

American Heritage: Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has lead to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: Collections - Scouts need to bring Requirements #1 (short written report or outline of their collection) and #5b (2 groupings from their collection).

Stamp Collecting - Requirement #7 and #8 should be done prior to Merit Badge University.

Bring your collections, workbook and pen or pencil.



MBU15 Communication - 1/17/26 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: \$12.00

Maximum number of participants: 13

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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

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MBU69 Entrepreneurship (2014 version) - 1/17/26 - BSMC

By earning the Entrepreneurship merit badge, Scouts will learn about identifying opportunities, creating and evaluating business ideas, and exploring the feasibility (how doable it is) of an idea for a new business. They will also have the chance to fit everything together as they start and run their own business ventures.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 10

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

Prerequisites: Scouts should at least have earned their First Class Rank prior to coming to Entrepreneurship merit badge class.

Please bring the Entrepreneurship merit badge book to class

Start reading the MB book and begin lessons 1-3 prior to Merit Badge University



MBU26 First Aid - 1/17/26 - USC School of Medicine Greenville

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: \$12.00

Minimum Age: 10

Maximum number of participants: 25

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NOTE: Time: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm - Class has been moved to Buncombe Street Methodist Church



MBU65 Game Design - 1/17/26 - BSMC

Whether it's capture the flag on campouts, tic-tac-toe in the lunchroom or World of Warcraft back home, virtually every Scout plays games. Scouts can earn a merit badge for playing games - and for creating their own.

The Game Design merit badge teaches planning and critical-thinking skills, while introducing Scouts to an industry that's bigger than Hollywood.

8-5 PM

Instructor: Laura Lucsky

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Minimum number of participants: 4

Maximum number of participants: 16

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MBU29 Law - 1/17/26 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: \$12.00

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.

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MBU35 Metalwork - 1/17/26 - 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: \$12.00
Minimum Age: 12
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026
Prerequisites: Wear working clothes, add'l fee TBD



MBU36 Personal Fitness - 1/17/26- BSMC

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:** Chris Foy
Additional Fee: \$12.00
Minimum Age: 10
Maximum number of participants: 12
Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026
Prerequisites: #7 & 8 to complete MB



MBU51 Personal Management - 1/17/26- 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: \$12.00
Minimum Age: 12
Maximum number of participants: 22
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MBU37 Photography - 1/17/26 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 **Instructor:** Joshua Poeta
Additional Fee: \$12.00
Minimum Age: 10
Minimum number of participants: 4
Maximum number of participants: 15
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Prerequisites: Class will be 8:30am - around 2:00pm

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

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MBU70 Programming - 1/17/26 - BSMC

Programming merit badge will take you "behind the screen" for a look at the complex codes that make digital devices useful and fun.

8-5 PM

Additional Fee: \$12.00

Minimum number of participants: 2

Maximum number of participants: 12

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Prerequisites: Bring a laptop and watch the safety videos (Requirement #1)

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/programming/>



MBU38 Public Speaking - 1/17/26 - 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: \$12.00

Minimum Age: 10

Minimum number of participants: 3

Maximum number of participants: 10

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

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 - 1/17/26 - 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: \$12.00

Minimum Age: 11

Minimum number of participants: 5

Maximum number of participants: 15

Sessions: Session 1: January 17th, 2026

Prerequisites: 10a-2pm, bring lunch.