



2026 Merit Badge Mania

Class Catalog

Event Contacts

Name	Title	Phone	Email
Manny Diaz	Merit Badge Mania Chair		Dcmeritbadgemania@gmail.com
Daniel Murphy	Program Admin.	214-902-6714	daniel.murphy@scouting.org
George Munoz	Program Executive	469-579-6896	george.munoz@scouting.org



Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM10 Camping (2024 version)

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/herself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.

8-5 PM **Room:** WH201 **Instructor:** Mohammod Shaikh
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #3a; #4a; #4b



26MM3 Citizenship in the Community (2016 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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH211 **Instructor:** Shannan Crider
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH211 **Instructor:** Shannan Crider
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: Pre-work: 2a(1-4), 2b, 7a, 7b, 8
Covered during class: 1, 5, 6
Not covered but needs to be done to complete: 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 4c, 7c
Post Work:
Not needed to complete as planned:

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.



26MM4 Citizenship in the Nation + American Heritage

Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his/her 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.

As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens, be 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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH215 **Instructor:** David Freeborn
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH215 **Instructor:** David Freeborn
Maximum number of participants: 15

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College

Prerequisites: All Scouts must bring pen and paper.

Citizenship in the Nation

Pre-work: 6; 7a-d; 8

Covered during class: 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4c

Not Covered but needs to be complete: none

Post work:

Not needed to be complete as planned: none

American Heritage

Pre-work: 3a, 3c

Covered during class: 1, 2a, 2b, 3b, 4a, 4c, 5c, 6

Not covered but needs to be done to complete: none

Post Work: none

Not needed to complete as planned: 2c-d; 4b, 4d-e; 5a-b

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.



26MM22 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 their willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.

8-5 PM

Room: WH217 **Instructor:** Eva Xu

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Bring pen, paper, device to access internet.

Pre-work:

Covered during class: 1, 2, 4a, 4c, 5a-c, 6a-b, 7a

Not covered but needs to be done to complete:

Post Work: 3a, 3b, 7(needs to do one of: b,c,d, or e)

Not needed to complete as planned: 4b

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM32 Collections (2021 version)

Collecting can be an educational and financially rewarding pastime: Collectors must educate themselves about a specific subject, be able to tell which items are worth preserving, how to catalog and organize their collection, and how to evaluate the value of items.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH133 **Instructor:** Lynn Gibson
Minimum Age: 12
Minimum Rank: Scout
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #1; #4c; #5e



26MM6 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."

8-12 PM **Room:** WH219 **Instructor:** Linda Hermann
Minimum Age: 13
Minimum Rank: First Class
Maximum number of participants: 15
 1-5 PM **Room:** WH219 **Instructor:** Linda Hermann
Minimum Age: 13
Minimum Rank: First Class
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #2a; #3; #4



26MM1 Cooking (2024 version)

The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH273 **Instructor:** Bryan Lundell
Maximum number of participants: 15
 1-5 PM **Room:** WH273 **Instructor:** Bryan Lundell
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: Bring device to access myplate.gov.

Pre-work: 2c
 Covered during class: 1a-e, 2a1-5, 2b, 2d, 2e, 3a-c, 7
 Not covered but needs to be done to complete: 4a-e, 5a-h, 6a-f
 Post Work:
 Not needed to complete as planned:

Guide:
 Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.
 Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.
 Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.
 Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.
 Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM27 Crime Prevention (2025 version)

Preventing crime, which can be as simple as reducing the opportunities for crime to occur, is far less costly than apprehending and bringing legal action against those who break the law and it helps save people from the anguish of being victims.

8-12 PM	Room: WH111 Instructor: Amber Crafton Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM	Room: WH111 Instructor: Amber Crafton Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: #4b; #4c



26MM34 Cycling (2025 version)

Since 1911, hundreds of thousands of Scouts have made the most of their two-wheel adventures by earning the Cycling merit badge. Whether you just got your first bicycle or have been cycling for years, you will learn more about your bike and what it can do by working on the requirements for this badge.

8-12 PM	Room: WH275 Instructor: Tory Rahman Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM	Room: WH275 Instructor: Tory Rahman Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: #1a; #1b; #1c



26MM7 Emergency Preparedness (2018 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.

8-5 PM	Room: WH277 Instructor: Ryan Steele Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: #3c; #9c
--------	--



26MM18 Engineering (2024 version)

Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.

8-5 PM	Room: WH105 Instructor: Thomas Reph Maximum number of participants: 15 Prerequisites: Bring a calculator, pencil, pen, paper.
--------	---

Pre-work:
 Covered during class: 1, 2, 3, 4a-e, 5, 6b, 6d, 7, 8, 9
 Not covered but needs to be done to complete:
 Post Work:
 Not needed to complete as planned: 6a, 6c, 6e, 6f, 6g

Guide:
 Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.
 Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.
 Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.
 Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.
 Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM9 Environmental Science (2023 version)

While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH279 **Instructor:** Jennie Sawyer
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH279 **Instructor:** Jennie Sawyer
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #6a; #7a; #10



26MM23 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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH281 **Instructor:** Guy Bradley
Minimum Rank: First Class
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH281 **Instructor:** Guy Bradley
Minimum Rank: First Class
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: Pre-work:
Covered during class: 1, 2, 6a, 7
Not covered but needs to be done to complete: 3, 5a-c,
Post Work: 4, 6b(1-7).
Not needed to complete as planned:

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.



26MM31 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.

8-12 PM **Instructor:** Peter Kurt
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Instructor:** Peter Kurt
Maximum number of participants: 15



26MM28 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.

8-5 PM **Room:** WH116 **Instructor:** Patrick Brady
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #2a.; #2b(1.); #2b(2.); #14.; #15c.

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM29 Genealogy (2023 version)

Exploring your roots - where your family name came from, why your family lives where it does, what your parents and grandparents did for fun when they were your age - can be fascinating. Discovering your ancestors back through history is what genealogy is all about.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH121 **Instructor:** Mark Blackhurst
Maximum number of participants: 15

1-5 PM **Room:** WH121 **Instructor:** Mark Blackhurst
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #3; #6; #7



26MM33 Hiking (2023 version)

Hiking is a terrific way to keep your body and mind in top shape, both now and for a lifetime. Walking packs power into your legs and makes your heart and lungs healthy and strong. Exploring the outdoors challenges you with discoveries and new ideas. Your senses will improve as you use your eyes and ears to gather information along the way.

8-5 PM **Room:** WH265 **Instructor:** Anna Allen
Maximum number of participants: 15



26MM30 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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH123 **Instructor:** John de la Garza
Minimum Age: 12
Minimum Rank: Tenderfoot
Maximum number of participants: 15

1-5 PM **Room:** WH123 **Instructor:** John de la Garza
Minimum Age: 12
Minimum Rank: Tenderfoot
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #9.



26MM2 Personal Fitness (2023 version)

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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH259 **Instructor:** Rebecca Bradley
Maximum number of participants: 15

1-5 PM **Room:** WH259 **Instructor:** Rebecca Bradley
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #1a[1]; #6b

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM8 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.

8-5 PM

Room: WH125 **Instructor:** Tina Aramayo

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: ***Scouts need to bring their own budgeting graphs to discuss in class. This is part of your pre-work***

Pre-work: 1a, 1b2, 10a

Covered during class: 1b1, 1b3, 1c1, 2b1-2, 2d, 3a-h, 4a-e, 5a-f, 6a-d, 7a-e, 10b

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: 2a, 2c, 8a-d

Post Work: 1c2, 9a-e

Not needed to complete as planned:

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.



26MM25 Public Speaking (2003 version)

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.

8-12 PM

Room: WH145 **Instructor:** Dory Petsrillo

Maximum number of participants: 15

1-5 PM

Room: WH145 **Instructor:** Dory Petsrillo

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Pre-work: 1, 2, 4 (these requirements have Scouts prepare for speeches/discussions that will happen during class that day.)

Covered during class: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Not covered but needs to be done to complete:

Post Work:

Not needed to complete as planned:

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM14 Scouting Heritage (2014 version)

Introduces youth to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all - from Scouting's beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH147 **Instructor:** Mike Rose
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH147 **Instructor:** Mike Rose
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #5; #6



26MM21 Signs, Signals, and Codes (2015 version)

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?

8-12 PM **Room:** WH149 **Instructor:** Megan McPhail
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH149 **Instructor:** Megan McPhail
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #3a; #3b



26MM24 Sustainability (2024 version)

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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH160 **Instructor:** Kellie Twiss
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH160 **Instructor:** Kellie Twiss
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: #8a.



26MM12 Theater (2021 version)

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.

8-12 PM **Room:** WH103 **Instructor:** Jana Reph
Maximum number of participants: 15
1-5 PM **Room:** WH103 **Instructor:** Jana Reph
Maximum number of participants: 15
Prerequisites: Pre-work: 1, 2
Covered during class: 3b-d, 4a-f, 5
Not covered but needs to be done to complete:
Post Work:
Not needed to complete as planned: 3a, 3e-j

Bring: paper , pen or pencil.

Guide:

Pre-Work: Scout should complete BEFORE Merit Badge Mania.

Covered during class: planned to be covered in class during Merit Badge Mania.

Post-Work: as planned, Scout will need to complete after class. We will keep recording open for one week after Merit Badge Mania and these requirements should be able to be completed in this time.

Not covered but will need to be done to complete: requirement that is not possible to complete during Merit Badge Mania or one week after. Example: 30-day tracking requirements.

Not needed to complete as planned: requirements that offer several choices. Please select the one (s) that would not be part of your plan to complete the merit badge.

Class Catalog

2026 Merit Badge Mania at Richland College



26MM26 Wood Carving (2015 version)

As with any art, wood carving involves learning the basics of design, along with material selection and tools and techniques, as well as wood-carving safety. The requirements of the Wood Carving merit badge introduce Scouts to an enjoyable hobby and that can become a lifetime activity.

8-12 PM	Room: WH109 Instructor: Jennifer Kurt Maximum number of participants: 5
1-5 PM	Room: WH109 Instructor: Jennifer Kurt Maximum number of participants: 5 Prerequisites: #2a