



2026 Advance-O-Ree

Class Catalog

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2026 Advanceoree (Scheduled Classes)



26AD14 Architecture (2015 version)

Architecture is not just the special buildings like cathedrals, museums, or sports stadiums we read about or see on television; it is as normal as the homes, places of worship, schools, and shopping malls where we live, worship, work, learn, and play every day. However, architecture is more than just common shelter; building has always satisfied the human need to create something of meaning. Even the simplest form of architecture is a work of art that requires thought and planning.

8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Brian Keith
Maximum number of participants: 12



26AD9 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.

8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Hal Marshall
Maximum number of participants: 12
 1-4:30 PM **Instructor:** Hal Marshall
Maximum number of participants: 12



26AD15 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.

8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Wes Alost
Maximum number of participants: 12
 1-4:30 PM **Instructor:** Wes Alost
Maximum number of participants: 12



26AD11 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."

8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Ed Bardwell
Maximum number of participants: 12
 1-4:30 PM **Instructor:** Ed Bardwell
Maximum number of participants: 12



26AD23 Crime Prevention (2025 version), Fingerprinting (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.

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.

8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Amber Crafton
Maximum number of participants: 12
 1-4:30 PM **Instructor:** Amber Crafton
Maximum number of participants: 12



26AD12 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.

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8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Ernie Koestner
Maximum number of participants: 25



26AD21 Radio (2026 version)

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 can't reply) as well as two-way radio (where the same person can both receive and send messages).

8:30-4:30 PM **Instructor:** Trey Gwinn



26AD24 Radio (2026 version)

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8:30-4:30 PM **Instructor:** Allen Gwinn
Maximum number of participants: 12



26AD20 Textile (2004 version)

People use countless fibers and fabrics in their everyday lives: clothes, carpets, curtains, towels, sheets, upholstered furniture. Add to that list boat sails, book bindings, bandages, flags, sleeping bags, mailbags, airbags, seat belts, backpacks, parachutes, umbrellas, basketball nets, and more.

8:30-12 PM **Instructor:** Jennifer Scripps
Maximum number of participants: 12