



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: 6

NOTE: Complete Badge



26AD28 Citizenship in the Community (2026 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.

8:30-12 PM

Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Partial merit badge



26AD9 Citizenship in the Nation (2022 version)

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

8:30-12 PM

Instructor: Hal Marshall

Maximum number of participants: 6

1-4:30 PM

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Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Partial Badge



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: 6

1-4:30 PM

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Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Partial Badge



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: 6

1-4:30 PM

Instructor: Ed Bardwell

Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Partial Badge



26AD22 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.

1-4:30 PM

Instructor: Amber Crafton

Maximum number of participants: 6

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Prerequisites: Req 4B and 4C must be completed outside of class
NOTE: Partial Badge



26AD25 Drafting (2025 version)

Drafting is a highly refined form of drawing used to communicate ideas to engineers, architects, and craftspeople. In earning this badge, Scouts learn the importance of accuracy and simplicity in developing a drawing that shows precise details in a simple format

8:30-12 PM

Instructor: Dallas May

Maximum number of participants: 6

1-4:30 PM

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Maximum number of participants: 6

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: bring a laptop and a mouse for Drafting Merit Badge.

NOTE: Complete Badge



26AD26 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.

8:30-12 PM

Instructor: Amber Crafton

Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Complete Badge



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.

8:30-12 PM

Instructor: Ernie Koestner

Maximum number of participants: 19

NOTE: Partial Badge



26AD24 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: Allen Gwinn

Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Complete Badge



26AD10 Sustainability (2024 version)

Sustainability Merit Badge.

8:30-12 PM

Maximum number of participants: 6

1-4:30 PM

Maximum number of participants: 6

NOTE: Full complete



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: 6

NOTE: Complete Badge