

The Mountain Empire District
Merit Badge College
at
Wytheville Community College
Saturday, February 21, 2026
Alternate Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

The Mountain Empire Merit Badge College will be conducted at Wytheville Community College on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration will be in Galax Hall from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony at 8:30 a.m. The program activities will start at 9 a.m. in Galax Hall, Fincastle Hall, Galax Hall, Smyth Hall and Carroll Hall.

Registration:

Pre-registration is a necessity as it is the only way we can properly plan for food and ensure a quality event. Counselors who are graciously donating their time to this event must also have time to prepare to make their classes meaningful and memorable for our Scouts. Registration will be online via BlackPug.

Meals:

Lunch (pizza, cookies and drinks) is provided by the Mountain Empire District. We will not be able to accommodate special arrangements for food allergies or dietary needs. If your scout has a specific dietary need, please plan to provide your own lunch and snacks.

Parking:

Parking is on campus between Galax and Smyth Halls. See campus map.

Award Activities:

Scouts may earn up to two merit badges. NOTE: Some merit badges have pre-requisites.

Schedule:

Time	Event
8:00 - 8:30	Registration (Galax Hall)
8:30 - 8:45	Opening Ceremony (Galax Hall)
9:00 - 12:00	Session I (Individual classrooms)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (Galax Hall)
1:00 - 4:00	Session II (Individual classrooms)
4:15 - 4:30	Closing Ceremony (Galax Hall)

Merit Badge	AM/PM/All-Day	Instructor	Special Notes / Pre-Requisites
First Aid	All-Day	Jean Pierce	
Citizenship in Society	All-Day	Scott Thayer	Must have a parent or other responsible adult per scout Please bring requirements #2, 6a, 6b, 8
Nuclear Science	All-Day	Justin Goodnite	Recommended for 7 th graders or older
Chess	All-Day	Casey McKenna	
Cybersecurity	AM	Billy Chandler	Maximum Capacity: 15 Please complete Requirement #1a ("Digital Safety" video) prior to the event
Art	PM	Billy Chandler	Maximum Capacity: 20 Bring a smart device (phone or tablet) with permission from a parent/guardian; install a drawing app such as ibisPaint, Sketchbook, Procreate Also bring a sketchbook, drawing pencil, soft white eraser, pen, colored pencils (optional), watercolor paint set Requirement #6 must be completed prior to the class or afterwards
Dog Care	AM	Sarah Henderson	Please bring requirements #8, 9 Requirements #4, 5 must completed after the class. For those requirements they must have consistent access to a dog for 2 months (to log daily care and to train and demonstrate obedience training).
Veterinary Medicine	PM	Katie Miller	
Health Care Professions	AM	Misty	
Law	PM	Denise Cook	Please bring requirement #4
Arrow of Light	AM	David Montang	
Trail to First Class	PM	David Montang	