

Spring into Summer Merit Badge Fair - Session Expectations and Prerequisites (updated May 21) - Early Preview for planning purposes. Final session expectations and pre-reqs will be sent to registered participants before the event

Eagle-Required Merit Badges	
Citizenship in the Community	Session Expectation: • This session is designed for Scouts that have completed requirements on their own and are ready to discuss with a merit badge counselor. Requirements #4bc, #5, and #7c must be approved by a merit badge counselor prior to completion and may be done after the session. • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/citizenship-in-the-community.pdf
Citizenship in the World	Session Expectations: • Pre-reqs: Review, prepare, and be ready to discuss requirements #1 through #6 ○ #2: Scouts should be ready to discuss comparisons of two countries of their choosing ○ #3: Scouts should pick and be ready to discuss a (a) current world event and (b) foreign country of their choosing • Pre or post work: #7 • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-world/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/citizenship-in-the-world.pdf

Citizenship in Society	Session Restriction: A partially completed blue card (digital or physical) is required. This special session is for Scouts who were working on this now discontinued merit badge and need help finding a counselor to help complete the merit badge by the end-of-2026 deadline. Scouts may only earn this Merit Badge if at least one requirement was started and completed before Feb 27, 2026. Session Expectations: • TBA • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-society/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/citizenship-in-society.pdf
Family Life	Session Expectations: • We will cover requirements #1, #2, #7, counselor approval for #4, and discuss how to approach other requirements • Scouts are expected to schedule a follow up meeting to discuss requirements #3-6 • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/family-life/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/family-life.pdf
Personal Management	Please carefully read this message from the Merit Badge Counselor: "This Eagle-required badge is often one of the last badges a scout will earn. Younger scouts will benefit from waiting to start this badge until they're a little older, when financial planning is more relevant and the concepts are easier to understand. In this session, scouts will learn about and discuss deep financial literacy topics such as credit, loans, interest rates, investing, insurance, etc. This badge also has significant homework requirements: scouts will be tasked to create a budget then track their income & expenses over a period of 13 weeks, plan and track their time management over the course of a week, create a written project plan, and make a plan for a large family purchase. I have provided a few resources to help scouts work through these homework requirements: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/xi5nccyi9su4lfe57q134/AOBhEbXhyqaNasKsEAO1Uyg?rlkey=hiwvye23wahe78jxizq6lcjbu&st=7w980x1e&dl=0 "

General Interest Merit Badges

American Business	Session expectations: • Pre-reqs: Review, prepare, and be ready to share or discuss requirements #1-4 • Pre or post work: requirements #5-6 • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/american-business/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/american-business.pdf
Disabilities Awareness	Session expectations: • Pre-reqs: Review, prepare, and be ready to share or discuss requirements #1-4 • Pre-work: Requirement 5 • Post work: A Zoom call can be arranged after the session for any missing requirements. • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/disabilities-awareness/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Disabilities-Awareness.pdf
Dog Care	Session expectations: • TBA • Scouts may not bring their dogs. We will have a dog on-site. • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/dog-care/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/dog-care.pdf
Genealogy	Session expectations: • Review, prepare, and be ready to discuss requirements #1, #4 (see note for 4c), #5, #8 • Pre-reqs: #2, #3, #6, #7, and #9 • Requirement #4c note: Scouts need to bring a COPY of a genealogical document that supports an event (e.g., a birth certificate) and not the original itself. • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/genealogy/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/genealogy.pdf

**Digital
Technology
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Please carefully read this message from the counselor:

"Digital Technology Merit Badge: From Abacus to AI

Step into the world of bits, bytes, and bots! In this fast-paced clinic, Scouts will explore how digital technology has transformed from steam-powered mechanical engines to the cutting-edge worlds of Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Computing. We'll dive into how computers "talk" using binary, the secrets of data encryption, and how to stay safe in an increasingly connected world. Expect a session full of humor, interactive games, and hands-on learning that proves technology is more than just the phone in your pocket, it is the engine of the future. Come prepared to collaborate, play, and earn!

Consent by Parent or Guardian:

By enrolling in this session, the parent or guardian provides consent for the Scout to use internet search engines, access reference sites (such as Reuters Intellectual Property), and utilize standard productivity software including word processors, spreadsheets, and presentation tools to complete merit badge requirements during the clinic.

Session Requirements:

1. Device: Please bring a fully charged laptop or tablet, along with its charging cable.
2. Connectivity: Scouts will need a device capable of accessing the internet during the session.
3. Required Software: Ensure Scout's device has the following productivity tools installed or accessible: a word processor (e.g., Google Docs, Word), spreadsheet software (e.g., Sheets, Excel), and presentation software (e.g., Slides, PowerPoint).

Pre-requisites (To be completed at home):

- We have many fun activities planned, so we need everyone to arrive prepared! Please complete the home-based requirements listed below before the session. Don't forget to bring your signed Blue Card and your finished workbook so we can sign off on your hard work.
- Requirement 1 (Digital Safety): View the Personal Safety Awareness "Digital Safety" video (with your parent or guardian's permission). Personal Safety Awareness "Digital Safety" video (<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/scouts-bsa/>) “

Digital Technology (continued from previous page)	• Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/digital-technology/ • Pamphlet can be found here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/Pamphlets/Digital%20Technology.pdf • Scouts may find this 2024 workbook helpful (add requirement #4d and note that you'll need to update with the new 2026 requirements for #9): http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/digital-technology.pdf
Photography	Session expectations: • Pre-reqs: Requirement #1b - View the Personal Safety Awareness "Digital Safety" video. • Scouts are expected to 1) bring a digital camera, cell phone, or tablet that can take a photograph and 2) bring a laptop, cell phone, or tablet for editing photos and creating an electronic presentation. • Requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/photography/ • Scouts may find this workbook helpful: http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/photography.pdf