**2025 FORT STEUBEN EXPERIENCE SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGE**

A fun, hands-on recognition for adult leaders at The Fort Steuben Experience (June 5–8, 2025).

**Purpose**

Give adult leaders a fun way to sharpen skills, serve camp, and connect with fellow Scouters—while earning a special award unique to FSE 2025.

**Why Participate?**

• Sharpen your Scouting know-how and leadership.

• Enjoy a relaxed yet engaging atmosphere with fellow leaders.

• Take on fun challenges at camp and build lasting connections.

• Earn a unique Fort Steuben keepsake—and a delicious Sunday breakfast!

**Who Can Participate?**

All adult volunteers: Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, or any adult who wants to join in.

**How It Works**

• Complete 8 Total Requirements

• Pick activities from the four categories below.

• Each category offers simple ways to engage in leadership, service, and Scouting fun.

• Track Your Progress

• Get a Scoutmaster Merit Badge Card from the Trading Post.

• Have a staff member initial your card after each completed activity.

• Earn Your Badge

• Turn in your completed card (8 requirements) by Sunday afternoon.

• Receive your Scoutmaster Merit Badge Patch & Certificate at the Closing Ceremony.

**Categories & Activities**

**1. Leadership & Service (Choose 2)**

1. Attend the Pre-Camp Leaders’ Meeting

• Stay informed on schedules, safety, and event details.

2. Teach a Scouting Skill

• Demonstrate a core skill (fire-building, knots, first aid, etc.) to a youth patrol.

3. Assist with a Camp Service Project

• Join trail maintenance or campsite improvement efforts.

4. Lead a Youth Leadership Workshop

• Host a short session in your unit’s campsite on teamwork, communication, or problem-solving for older Scouts in your troop. You may also invite adults from other units to bring their Scouts if they’d like.

5. Judge a Scout Cooking Challenge (In-Campsite or In-Unit)

• Sample dishes and select winners during a Dutch Oven or patrol cook-off held right in your campsite or with your unit.

6. Participate in the Scavenger Hunt

- Help beautify the camp! Participate in the Clean-up Scavenger Hunt by collecting trash on the list and presenting your collection at the end of camp and/or present at least 10 items found on the Miscellaneous List.

**2. Outdoor Skills & Challenges (Choose 2)**

7. Scoutmaster Open Shoot

• Show off your accuracy at the range.

8. Dutch Oven Cook-Off

• Display your outdoor cooking prowess.

9. Dirty Jobs Demo

• Get hands-on with welding, plumbing, or home-repair skills.

10. Escape Room Challenge

• Sign up for the escape room with your fellow adult leaders. The escape room will be open to Adult Leaders select days at 2:00 during Siesta

**3. Scout Spirit & Camaraderie (Choose 2)**

11. Unit Flag Ceremony

• Help raise or lower the flag in your unit’s campsite.

12. Late Night at The Lantern

• Join the Scoutmaster Cracker Barrel for snacks and fellowship.

13. Lead a song or perform a skit.

• Perform for your Scouts at a campfire or during mealtime.

**4. Mentorship & Engagement (Choose 2)**

14. Mentor a New Leader

• Coach a first-time adult on a Scouting skill or tradition.

15. Attend the FSE Sunrise Chapel Service

• Encourage at least 50% of your unit’s Scouts to attend as well.

16. Be a guest speaker

- Coordinate with the Program Director to speak at a MB class that relates to your profession, passions, or hobbies. Show Scouts what they can do with the skills they are learning,

17. Attend the Logan Honors Ceremony

• Support a special event celebrating Scouting leadership.

Completion & Recognition

• Turn in Your Card: Submit it at the Trading Post by Sunday afternoon.

• Receive Your Award:

• Scoutmaster Merit Badge Patch & Certificate at Sunday’s Closing Ceremony.

• Special Steak & Egg Breakfast: All who earn the badge are invited to a Sunday breakfast with steaks grilled to order by Vice President of Membership Dr. Vincent Kolenich and Vice President of Properties Peter Ehni.

Bonus Awards

• Iron Scoutmaster: Complete all 17 requirements.

• Master Craftsman: Best hands-on demonstration at the Dirty Jobs area..

• Top Chef: Best overall Dutch Oven dish.

• Ultimate Scout Leader: Most outstanding leadership and enthusiasm.

- Litter Gitter: Collect the most litter from the Scavenger Hunt

- ScavengMaster: Collect all items on the Misc List of the Scavenger Hunt