

Merit Badge College 2026

Prerequisites

American Cultures:

Come prepared with your choice of three different racial, cultural or ethnic backgrounds, one of which is your own background. Be prepared with examples of what make them unique and different. There are a lot of presentations (speaking) involved in this merit badge.

Animal Science: none

Chemistry: complete 4a, 6a and 6b, 7 and 7b (anyone of the four choices

Chess: Chess set

Citizenship in the Nation: 5 and 7

Communications: none

Cybersecurity: 1a and 2a

Dog Care: 1

Electronics: none

Disability Awareness:

2. Visit an agency that works with people with physical, mental, emotional, or educational disabilities. Collect and read information about the agency's activities. Learn about opportunities its members have for training, employment, and education. Discuss what you have learned with the counselor.

4. Option A. Visit TWO of the following location and take notes about the accessibility to people with disabilities. In your notes, give examples of five things that could be done to improve upon the site and five things about the site that make it friendly to people with disabilities. Discuss your observations with your counselor. (a) Your school (b) Your place of worship (c) a scouting event or campsite (d) a public exhibit or attraction (such as a theater, museum or park)

7. Name five professions that provide services to people with disabilities. Pick one that interests you and find out about the education, training, and experience required for this

profession. Discuss what you learn with your counselor and tell why this profession interests you.

Family Life:

1. Prepare an outline on what a family is and discuss this with your merit badge counselor. Tell why families are important to individuals and to society. Discuss how the actions of one member can affect other members.
2. Prepare a list of your regular home duties or chores (at least five) and do them for 90 days. Keep a record of how often you do each one of them. Discuss with your counselor the effect your chores have on your family.
3. Complete with project ideas for requirements 4 & 5. Prepare a meeting agenda that includes the following topics, review it with parents or guardians, and then carry out one or more family meetings. Discussion of each of these subjects may carry over to more than one family meeting.
 - a. How living the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law contributes to your family life
 - b. The greatest dangers and addiction family youth in today's society (example, include the use of tobacco products, alcohol, or drugs and other items such as debts, social media, etc.)
 - c. Understanding the growing-up process and how the body changes, making responsible decisions dealing with sex.
 - d. Personal and family finances
 - e. A crisis in your family
 - f. The effect of technology on your family
 - g. Good etiquette and manners

First Aid:

Demonstrate to your counselor that you have current knowledge of all first-aid requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First-Class ranks

Do the following:

- a. Prepare a first-aid kit for your home. Display and discuss its contents with your counselor
- b. With your adult leader, inspect your troop's first-aid kit. Evaluate it for completeness. Report your findings to your counselor and Scout leader.
- c. Identify the location of the AED at your school, place of worship and troop meetings, if one is present.

Law:

1. Interview completed. **This class is being taught by Attorney Robert (Bob) James.**

Orienteering:

1. Study First-aid basics
2. If possible, visit an orienteering event and take notes for requirements 7.

Personal Management:

1. Final class at Unified Bank, lower-level conference room, 201 South Fourth Street, Martins Ferry, OH 43935 on April 18, 2026, from 11am-2pm. **Lunch will be provided by Unified Bank. This class is taught by Michael Goclan, Senior Commercial Bank Executive and Stacy Carpino Retail Banking Executive of Unified Bank.**

Photography:

1. Bring a camera
2. 5b, 5d or 5e
3. 7c (This will need counselor's approval before being completed.)

Programming: none**Sustainability:**

1. Read over book

Scholarship:

1. *Letter from principal (3)*
2. *Bring a report card or have access to your online dashboard*

Truck Transportation:

1. 4a-e
2. 6
3. 7

Veterinary Medicine:

1. 6a and 6b will need done before the March MBC

