



Pine Hill Merit Badge College

Class Catalog

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Merit Badge College - Pine Hill (Scheduled Classes)



PHSC28 American Heritage (2014 version)

Every Scout swears to an oath that includes duty to his country. A better understanding of American heritage, the ways in which the past has lead to our present nation, is key to truly knowing what it means to be an American.

9-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Paul Kaufman
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: #4



PHSC54 Astronomy (2022 version)

In learning about astronomy, Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.

1-8 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Mark Brody
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: Prerequisites: A. Go to: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Astronomy.pdf> and print a copy of the Astronomy Worksheet and bring to class
B. Requirement 4C - Sketch the Big Dipper
C. Requirement 9 - Research career opportunities in Astronomy
D. Requirement 8 - Completion of ""Star Party"" at MBC is weather dependent



PHSC43 Citizenship in the Community (2016 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.

9-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Ed Siecienski
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #2a; #2b; #3a; #3b; #4a; #4b; #5; #6; #7a; #7b; #7c; #8



PHSC7 Citizenship in the Nation (A)

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

9-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Nancy Angelucci
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: Prerequisites 5, 6, 7, 8



PHSC67 Citizenship in the Nation (B)

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

1-5 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Ed Siecienski
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 5, 6, 7, 8

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PHSC39 Citizenship in the World

Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already a citizen of the world. How good a citizen each person is depends on their willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions and concerns of the people in other countries.

1-5 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Paul Kaufman

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Come prepared to discuss requirements: #1,#2,#4,#5,#6. Complete #7



PHSC50 Communication

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."

1-8 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Dave Wark

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Prepare #1c, #2a or #2b, #3 and present during class. complete #4,#5,#6,#7 and be ready to present during class. Class will plan / prep and conduct campfire program Saturday evening.



PHSC57 Digital Technology (2023 version)

Technology has come a long way since Computers merit badge was first introduced in 1967. This badge will teach Scouts about technology in the digital age.

9-10 AM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Dave Salow

Maximum number of participants: 15

11-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Dave Salow

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #5, #6



PHSC29 Disabilities Awareness (2021 version)

Look around at the Scouts in your unit, the members of your sports teams, and the kids in your class - you will see that each person has their own personalities, distinct interests and ideas, different physical features, and different strengths and needs.

9-11 AM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Daniel Pelaez

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites:#2,#3,#5,#7



PHSC40 Emergency Preparedness

Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about discipline and planning. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.

9-5 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Dustin Tarditi

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #1,#2b,#3a,#3b,#3c

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PHSC58 Engineering (2024 version)

Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.

9-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Dave Wark

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #1, #2, #3, #5, #9. Plan to Present and Share. All other Requirements will be completed in class.



PHSC15 Family Life (A 2023 Version)

The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever before. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families.

1-3 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Nancy Angelucci

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Be prepared to discuss (#1,#2;#6a,#7) #3,#4,#5,#6 must be done by the scout. Follow-up with Counselor will be required.



PHSC52 Family Life (B 2023 version)

The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever before. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families.

1-3 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Daniel Pelaez

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Be prepared to discuss (#1,#2;#6a,#7) #3,#4,#5,#6 must be done by the scout. Follow-up with Counselor will be required.



PHSC59 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.

7-8 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Craig McGettigan

Maximum number of participants: 30

Prerequisites: None



PHSC44 Fish & Wildlife Angler Program

Come learn about the Scouting Angler program, led by the Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) program and recognized by the Complete Angler Recognition for Scouts. Scouting America's Complete Angler Award Honors Scouts who earn all three fishing-related merit badges: Fishing, Fly-Fishing, and Fish & Wildlife Management. The goal is to provide quality fishing experiences, encourage participation in the Fishing Merit Badge, and use fishing to recruit and retain Scouts.

7-8 PM

Days: Su Fr Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill

Maximum number of participants: 75

Prerequisites: For Adults and Scouts.

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PHSC60 Fish and Wildlife Management (2025 version)

Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife - both animals and fish - with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.

11-12 PM **Days:** Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill
Maximum number of participants: 20
3-4 PM **Days:** Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #5,#6,#7,#8 (Classroom Only)



PHSC61 Fishing (2021 version)

In Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell offers this advice: "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself. A tenderfoot [beginner] who starved on the bank of a river full of fish would look very silly, yet it might happen to one who had never learned to catch fish."

9-10 AM **Days:** Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill
Maximum number of participants: 20
1-2 PM **Days:** Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #7,#9,#10 (Classroom Only-No Fishing)



PHSC62 Fly Fishing (2024 version)

Fly-fishing is a specialized form of fishing that combines skill and artistry. Because it is so rich with tradition, it is a passion for millions of people. The beauty of the water, the solitude, and the skills that the sport requires have made fly-fishing very important in the lives of many notable people.

10-11 AM **Days:** Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill
Maximum number of participants: 20
2-3 PM **Days:** Sa **Instructor:** Ian Gill
Maximum number of participants: 20
Prerequisites: #6,#8,#10,#11 (Classroom Only - No Fishing)

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PHSC63 Orienteering (2013 version)

Orienteering, the use of map and compass to find locations and plan a journey, has been a vital skill for humans for thousands of years. Orienteering is also a recognized sport at the Olympic Games, and thousands of people participate in the sport each year in local clubs and competitions.

9-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Craig McGettigan

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: Read Merit Badge Book and be ready to explain requirements #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 Print a page of control description symbols and jot the plain-English meaning next to each. Bring that sheet.

Make a one-page notes sheet with: In your own words, define magnetic declination. Then look up the current declination for the town where you live as of December 6, 2025, and write it down.

Finally, explain why the date matters when you use declination.

A list of 5 terrain features and 10 map symbols you can ID.

A short first-aid checklist for the items above.

Fill in any Orienteering MB worksheet sections for Reqs. 1–6 and bring it. Gear checklist:

Baseplate compass (Silva/Polaris style is perfect). If you don't have one, email me and I'll bring a loaner.

Clothes/shoes you can move in—we'll be outside.

Water bottle, small notebook, and a pencil.



PHSC18 Personal Management

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.

1-3 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Mark Reifsnyder

Maximum number of participants: 15

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #3a; #3b; #3c; #3d; #3e; #31; #3g; #3h; #4a; #4b; #4c; #4d; #4e; #5a; #5b; #5c; #5d; #5e; #51; #6a; #6b; #Be; #6d; #7a; #7b; #7c; #7d; #7e



PHSC64 Radio (2017 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).

10-12 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Richard Lawn

Maximum number of participants: 10

1-3 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Richard Lawn

Maximum number of participants: 10

Prerequisites: None



PHSC65 Rifle Shooting (2025 version)

Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices.

9-5 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Paul Beckwith

Maximum number of participants: 16

Prerequisites: None

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PHSC66 Safety (2024 version)

Knowing about safety helps Scouts to make the right choices and to take the best actions to avoid accidents by making informed choices in their everyday activities and to respond appropriately during an emergency situation.

1-5 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Craig McGettigan

Prerequisites: None



PHSC55 Sustainability (2024 version)

Sustainability Merit Badge.

3-5 PM

Days: Sa **Instructor:** Nancy Angelucci

Maximum number of participants: 20

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: #7,#8,#9