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Black Hills Area Council

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Black Hills Area Council Office  
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## Merit Badge Midway – Lifeguard Training Leader’s Guide

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This packet contains information on your registration to attend this training. To secure your spot, each individual must complete an online registration and pay all necessary fees before registration closes. **No additional registrations will be made at the event.**

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Registrations will be accomplished using the Black Hills Area Council's Registration System:

[Black Hills Area Council - 2026 Merit Badge Midway](#)

## Key Dates & Event Pricing: \_\_\_\_\_

January 08, 2026	Registration Opens
February 9, 2026	Registration Closes
Lifeguard Participant Fee	\$ 60

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## Important Lifeguard Training Information

### Special Notes:

- 1 This certification **will not be completed** during this weekend. It will require online training, classroom/in-water training during the weekend, and then one final day of training during the staff training week at Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch (MMSR).
- 2 This is a blended learning course meaning there will be online computer work that needs to be completed prior to our first meeting when we start the classroom and in water training. **ONLINE TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE FRIDAY'S IN PERSON SESSION.**
- 3 Participants will receive an email with instructions on how to logon to complete the online training. The goal is to give participants about 30 days to complete the online training.
- 4 Once all online and classroom training have been completed, there will be a written test that you must receive an 80% to pass. The written test will be administered after all online and classroom/in-water training is completed.
- 5 Attendance is required at all sessions to complete the course.
- 6 Lifeguard Participant Fee includes: Facility rental fee, lunch for Saturday and Sunday, and registering the successful completion of American Red Cross Lifeguard certification.

### Sessions:

Friday	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	at South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City
Saturday	8:00 am – 5:00 pm	at Black Hills Area Council Office (basement)
Sunday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	at Black Hills Area Council Office (basement)
*MMSR	Date and time to be determined	

### Session Descriptions:

- Friday – discussion and review of videos
- Saturday – In-water requirements/discussions
- Sunday – Completion of First Aid and CPR/AED portion of training
- \*MMSR – Completion of in-water requirements/discussions and written test

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## **Lifeguard Training Rules:**

We are guests at the Council Office and at the Sturgis Community Center. We, as scouts, are expected to be respectful. We have been using these facilities for several years and want to be able to continue to hold this class at those facilities.

The Scout Oath and Scout Law are to always be followed.

Trash is to be placed in the proper receptacles at the office and community center.

Adults who accompany the participants are expected to assist with the supervision of the youth.

This is a scout event, so electronic devices should not be used during class unless permitted by the instructor.

Participants should bring all appropriate clothing, a water bottle, notebook, and writing device.

## **Health Forms:**

All participants (youth, adult, and staff) are required to bring Parts A & B of the official BSA health form. Health forms will be collected on Friday and returned on Sunday.

## **Youth Protection Training:**

ALL adults and staff attending this event will be required to have youth protection training.

## **Locations Used:**

Black Hills Area Council Office  
144 North St  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Sturgis Community Center  
1401 Lazelle St  
Sturgis, SD 57785

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## **Activity Refund Policy:**

Supplies are purchased in advance based upon projected adult/youth attendance. Last minute cancellations create an overstock of supplies and food that often times cannot be returned. To ensure all refund requests receive uniform treatment, the following refund policy has been established.

- No-shows at activities, those sent home because of misbehavior, and Scouts leaving an activity for non-emergency reasons forfeit all fees and no refunds will be authorized. This applies to individuals and/or Units.
- All cancellations must be in writing and received by the Council office at least five (5) calendar days prior to an activity's start date. Please return request addressed to the Attention of the "Refund Committee".
- If requesting a refund for medical reasons, a doctor's note with contact information must be submitted.
- If requesting a refund for an immediate death in the family, either an obituary or funeral program must be submitted.
- The Unit leader or person in charge of the unit activity must handle all refund requests.
- No requests for refunds will be honored after the event.
- Refunds will be distributed to the individual or unit that made payment on the registration. Refunds will be given in the form of a check made payable to the unit.

**NOTE:** Activity personnel cannot authorize refunds. All refunds require the approval of the Refund Committee which includes the Scout Executive.