

Important Class Information & Scheduling Notes

The following information is provided to assist units and families with planning Scout schedules for Merit Badge Midway. Please review carefully, as several classes have special scheduling, lunch, attendance, location, or cost considerations.

Lunch & Attendance Requirements

The following merit badges extend over the lunch hour:

- First Aid
- Nuclear Science
- Emergency Preparedness

Scouts enrolled in these classes will be released during the designated lunch period to eat with their troop.

Important:

Scouts must attend all scheduled sessions for these classes in order to receive credit.

Automotive Maintenance – Lunch Provided

- Automotive Maintenance will have lunch delivered to the class.
 - Scouts registered for this badge will remain with the class during lunch.
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Lifesaving – Split Location Class

The Lifesaving merit badge will be taught in two separate parts on Saturday:

- **Sessions 4–6 | 8:30 AM – 11:40 AM**
 - Location: **Sturgis Pool**
- **Sessions 7–8 | 1:20 PM – 3:25 PM**
 - Location: **South Dakota School of Mines**

Note:

Lunch and transportation details for Lifesaving are still being finalized. Updated information will be communicated once confirmed.

Pre- & Post-Requirements

A separate document outlining exact pre- and post-requirements for merit badges will be released by: **Friday, February 6**

Please watch for this document prior to registration.

New Merit Badges Offered in 2026

The following merit badges will be included in the catalog prior to class registration opening on February 20:

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- **Sessions:** 7–8
- **Time:** 1:20 PM – 3:25 PM
- **Age/Rank Restriction:** None

Cybersecurity

- **Sessions:** 4–6
 - **Time:** 8:30 AM – 11:40 AM
 - **Age/Rank Restriction:** None
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Classes with Additional Supply Fees

The following merit badges have an additional supply cost:

- **Automotive Maintenance:** \$7.00
- **Chemistry:** \$5.00
- **Composite Materials:** \$7.00
- **Electricity:** \$10.00
- **Electronics:** \$11.00
- **Farm Mechanics:** \$5.00

- **Lifesaving:** \$15.00 *(This is the maximum anticipated cost and may be adjusted as final details are confirmed.)*
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Classes with Extended or Adjusted Timeframes

The following classes extend beyond standard session blocks as currently listed in the catalog. The following merit badges will be updated in the catalog prior to class registration opening on February 20:

- **Camping**
 - 8:30 AM – 11:40 AM (Sessions 4–6)
- **Crime Prevention**
 - 2:25 PM – 4:30 PM (Sessions 8–9)
- **Electronics**
 - 8:30 AM – 11:40 AM (Sessions 4–6)
- **Emergency Preparedness**
 - 8:30 AM – 2:20 PM (Sessions 4–7)
- **First Aid**
 - 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (All day Saturday)
- **Nuclear Science**
 - 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM (All day Saturday)
- **Public Health**
 - 8:30 AM – 11:40 AM (Sessions 4–6)
- **Railroading**
 - 6:00 PM – 8:05 PM (Friday only – 2 sessions)