

Merit Badge Midway

Event Dates

Friday, March 13, 2026
Saturday, March 14, 2026

Registration Information

- **Attendee Registration:** Open now
- **Class Registration Opens:** February 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM
- **Registration Closes:** March 6, 2026 at 11:59 PM

Event Chair:

Heather Palmer

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Event Schedule

Friday – March 13, 2026

- **Check-in:** 5:00 – 6:00 PM
- **Session 1:** 6:00 – 7:00 PM
- **Session 2:** 7:05 – 8:05 PM
- **Session 3:** 8:10 – 9:10 PM

Saturday – March 14, 2026

- **Check-in:** 7:30 – 8:15 AM
- **Session 4:** 8:30 – 9:30 AM
- **Session 5:** 9:35 – 10:35 AM
- **Session 6:** 10:40 – 11:40 AM
- **Lunch:** 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM
 - *Lunch is not provided*

- **Session 7:** 1:20 – 2:20 PM
 - **Session 8:** 2:25 – 3:25 PM
 - **Session 9:** 3:30 – 4:30 PM
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Locations

Primary Location

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

501 East Saint Joseph Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Off-Site Class Locations

- **Automotive Maintenance**
Top Gear Auto Repair
2930 Campbell Street, Suite 2
Rapid City, SD
 - **Farm Mechanics**
Bierschbach Equipment
3030 N Plaza Drive
Rapid City, SD
 - **Lifesaving**
Sturgis Recreation Center
1401 Lazelle Street
Sturgis, SD
 - **Plumbing**
Midwest Mechanical
3536 Elgin Street
Rapid City, SD
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Participant Fees

- **Youth:** \$20.00

- **Adults:** \$5.00
- **Merit Badge Counselors:** \$5.00

We welcome all **registered Scouts BSA** to Merit Badge Midway.

Preparation & Expectations

Scouts are expected to **Be Prepared** for Merit Badge Midway.

- The best preparation is **reading the Merit Badge book prior to attending.**
- Class sessions focus on requirements Scouts have already read.
- Not all merit badges will be completed during the event.

Some classes have **prerequisites and/or post-requirements.**

If prerequisites are not completed prior to the event, the Scout will **not receive full credit** and must follow up with a registered Merit Badge Counselor.

Scouts with **partial merit badges** should bring:

- Their blue card
- Documentation of completed requirements

Limited counselors may be available for partials. If a specific badge is needed, contact the Event Chair in advance.

Check-In Procedures

- **Check-in Location:** Classroom Building
- Attendees may begin check-in at **5:00 PM Friday.**
- Please do **not enter the Classroom Building prior to that time.**

At check-in, the **Scoutmaster or a designated unit representative** will receive a packet containing:

- Individual Scout class schedules
 - Event information
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Registration Guidelines

- **One registration per unit** is required.
 - Scouts registered individually will be combined with their unit.
 - Classrooms will be assigned prior to the event.
 - Schedules will be provided by event staff.
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Attendance & Supervision

- All youth and adults must be **registered with Scouting America**.
 - Units must maintain **two-deep leadership** at all times.
 - All policies in the **Guide to Safe Scouting** must be followed.
 - Units must clearly identify:
 - A primary unit contact
 - Drop-off and pick-up plans for youth
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Blue Cards

- **Paper blue cards will not be provided.**
 - Blue cards can be printed from the registration system:
 - Located under the **Reports** tab.
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Uniforms

- Scouts should wear the **Field Uniform (Class A)** unless otherwise specified in the class guide.
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Lunch Information

- **Lunch will not be provided.**
- An extended lunch period is scheduled.

- **Room 204E/W** will be available for Scouts and leaders to gather.

Some classes extend over lunch and have specific instructions outlined in the class guide.

How to Register Scouts

- Pre-register Scouts **before class registration opens**.
- Scouts should review the class guide and select:
 - First, second, and third choices
- Classes fill quickly; alternate choices help registration staff.

Once registered:

- Scouts should begin working on prerequisites immediately.

A **Prerequisite Sign-Off Form** must be:

- Completed prior to the event
 - Signed by a unit leader
 - Turned in to the instructor or registration table on-site
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Waitlists

- Always select the **waitlist** if the desired class is full.
 - Waitlists are reviewed and updated regularly.
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Changing Classes

Scout safety depends on knowing where Scouts are always.

- Any class changes must be approved at the **registration table**.
- The Scout **and a unit leader** must be present.
- If approved, Scouts will receive a **signed class change slip**.
- This slip must be given to the instructor.

⚠ Scouts attending a class **without a signed slip** will **not receive credit**.

Merit Badge Conduct & Credit

- Scouts must be prepared, participate, and follow instructions.
- Counselors may deny credit if a Scout:
 - Is unprepared
 - Causes disruptions
 - Does not follow the Scout Oath and Law

Counselors volunteer their time and deserve respect.

Merit Badge Midway Rules

We are guests at the School of Mines and off-site facilities. Continued use of these locations depends on respectful behavior.

Please review these expectations with your unit:

- Follow the **Scout Oath and Scout Law** at all times.
- Dispose of trash properly.
- Remain only in designated class areas.
- Adults are expected to assist with youth supervision.
- Electronic devices are not permitted during class unless authorized.
- Scouts should bring:
 - Water bottle
 - Notebook
 - Writing utensil
 - Any class-specific materials

Counselors reserve the right to withhold credit for disruptive behavior.