

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council
Boy Scouts of America
MERIT BADGE COLLEGE



TAKING PLACE AT
JOHNSON COLLEGE
SCRANTON, PA
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Early Registration Deadline: Jan 14
Registration Fee: \$30.00 by Jan 14th
\$40.00 after Jan 14th –space permitting
(Lab fees are extra.)

Important: No registrations will be accepted after January 25

Scouts can register for more than one Merit Badge, (not to exceed 8 hours of total class time).

Merit Badge Courses are for First Class Scouts and above OR Scouts who have finished the 7th grade. Every Scout attending Merit Badge College must be currently registered with the Boy Scouts of America. Registration fee also includes lunch, light breakfast and blue cards.

Important:

- **Class registration as well as requirements and pre-requisites for all Merit Badge College classes are online at www.nepabsa.org/mbc**
- For all Merit Badges being completed at Merit Badge College, you must follow the requirements as stated on the website which are taken from the official BSA 2022 requirements found at www.scouting.org
- **All requirements marked in bold type on the website must be completed prior to Merit Badge College. Some work will need to be emailed to the counselor in advance - see specifics online. Badges which require pre-requisites to be emailed in advance are due by 5pm Wed, Jan 25.**
- **A Scout completing a pre-requisite needs to understand that a written response must be in the Scout's own words. A written response involving text a Scout has "copied and pasted" (or otherwise borrowed verbatim from a source) will not be accepted as fulfillment of a pre-requisite.**
- **All written requirements must be typed.**
- Partial awards will be issued for incomplete work.
- **Some badges may require short travel off the Johnson College Campus to other nearby venues to complete requirements.** These "field trips" are chaperoned.
- The Scout Oath and The Scout Law shall be the code of Merit Badge College.
- **Full, Class "A" uniform is required, including scout pants.**
- Any supplies needed for classes, along with any completed work, projects, materials, pre-requisites, verifications, hard copies of email submissions, etc. must be brought with you to Merit Badge College. Be Prepared.
- Each Scout is required to be in possession of the Merit Badge Book for the class(es) being attended.

Attendance is no guarantee of receiving credit for the merit badge(s) attempted at Merit Badge College. All merit badges require active preparation and participation.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Length	Session(s)
American Business	3	2 hours	3 pm - 5 pm
Automotive Maintenance	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Chemistry	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Citizenship in the Community	5	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Citizenship in the Nation	5	6 hours	8:30 am - 3 pm
Citizenship in the World	5	6 hours	8:30 am - 3 pm
Digital Technology	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Disabilities Awareness	2	2 hours	1 pm - 3 pm; 3 pm - 5 pm
Electricity* (\$10 lab fee)	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Electronics* (\$10 lab fee)	4	4 hours	1 pm - 5 pm
Emergency Preparedness	4	6 hours	8:30 am - 3 pm
Engineering* (\$10 lab fee)	4	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fingerprinting	1	2 hours	1 pm - 3 pm; 3 pm - 5 pm
Home Repairs	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Metalwork* (\$10 lab fee)	2	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Mining in Society	4	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Model Design & Building* (\$10 lab fee)	3	4 hours	1 pm - 5 pm
Personal Management	5	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Plumbing	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Programming	4	4 hours	1 pm - 5 pm
Public Speaking	2	2 hours	1 pm - 3 pm
Scholarship	1	2 hours	1 pm - 3 pm; 3 pm - 5 pm
Sports	2	2 hours	3 pm - 5 pm
Welding* (\$10 lab fee)	3	4 hours	8:30 am - 12:30 pm; 1 pm - 5 pm
Woodwork* (\$10 lab fee)	3	4 hours	1 pm - 5 pm
<i>^College Scholarships & Applications Seminar -parents, leaders, Scouts welcome.</i>		<i>2 hours</i>	<i>3 pm—5 pm</i>

If you are a member of Scouts BSA or a Venturer with a rank of **First Class or higher OR have finished the 7th grade**, you are eligible to register for, and participate in, **after discussion with your Scoutmaster**, any of the 25 Merit Badges being offered. Each Scout may register for up to 8 hours of classes.

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Look over the Badges to be offered and the difficulty ratings (Difficulty rankings are on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the most challenging.), then have a discussion with your Scoutmaster about what Badges you would like to attempt. After you both agree on a slate of Badges, go to the next step.
2. With your parent's permission, go to the Council website (www.nepabsa.org) and navigate to the Merit Badge College page.
3. When you click on the 'register' button on the Merit Badge College page, you will be directed to create a login account for the website with Tentaroo.
4. Once your account is created, complete the online Merit Badge College registration form, filling in all fields on the form. *(Please note that the email address you use in the registration section will be the one used to confirm your class choices and to communicate important information to you about Merit Badge College.)*
5. Select your class choices in the appropriate section. *(The sooner you sign up, the more likely you will receive your first choice of classes. If a class is filled and you wish to remain on a "waiting list" for that session, you can select that option. You will receive a receipt email and a welcome message once you complete online application.)*

At this point, you may ask a parent to pay for your registration online using the secure credit card option.

Your enrollment is NOT COMPLETE until the completed registration is received accompanied by the appropriate fees submitted online.

When completing your application, please note that **class availability is determined on a first come, first served basis determined by the date your completed, paid application is received online.** If none of your choices are available, you will have the opportunity to select a new class schedule or be placed on a waiting list for those sessions. Class sizes are limited.

We reserve the right to limit registration for Merit Badge College or for any course. We also reserve the right to cancel a course or activities as needed. **In case any course must be closed or limited, Scouts will be admitted on a first registered and paid, first served basis.** You will be able to login and change your selections up until **January 25**, space permitting. Registration fees are non-refundable after **January 21**.

Please note: Some badges require travel off the Johnson College Campus to other nearby venues to complete requirements. Additionally, some badges require that the pre-requisite work be emailed in advance to the counselor - see the online pre-requisite information for specifics.

Important: Be sure to discuss your merit badge selections with your Scoutmaster **before** you go online to register. Your Scoutmaster should be aware of the badges you are attempting at Merit Badge College in advance and you need to have discussed your merit badge selections with your Scoutmaster before you can register!

^As an add-on, the Council NESAs Committee will be offering a seminar "Eagle Scout Scholarship Opportunities and College/Trade School Application Advice" from 3pm-5pm. This will be facilitated by Dr. Frank Klassner and is ideal for older Scouts who are in high school. Parents, leaders and Scouts are welcome and encouraged to attend (no fee). Dr. Klassner has served on many scholarship committees and will provide advice on finding and applying for scholarships for Eagle Scouts. He will also share advice on writing essays and getting recommendation letters for school applications.

For any questions, call the Scout Service Center at 570-207-1227 extension 234 or 225, or email meritbadgecollege@nepabsa.org