

Merit Badge College 2017 Descriptions and Prerequisites

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American Business – Mr. Batson

Earning the American Business merit badge can help you learn practical business matters that will be useful throughout your life. Learning how business function will help you understand our society.

Prerequisites: #1, #2 and #3 - Be prepared to discuss and #5 - small business must be started.

American Heritage – Mr. Batson

As Americans we have a very rich heritage. This course will help the scout understand how their own heritage is part of our national heritage.

Prerequisites: #1, #2, #3, #5 Discussions will be further pursued in class.

American Labor - Mr. Heald

The labor movement in America seeks to ensure that the civil rights of laborers are protected in the workplace, especially in regard to wages, hours, and working conditions.

Prerequisites: #1 and #5 They must bring a copy of the merit badge workbook

Citizenship in Community – Mrs. Heald

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.

Prerequisites: #2, #3, #4, They must bring a copy of the merit badge workbook

Citizenship in Community – Mr Daignault

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Prerequisites:

Citizenship in Nation – Mr. Mahaleris

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Prerequisites: Number 2; Do **TWO** of the following: a, b, c, or d. and Number 3

Citizenship in Nation – Mrs. Mooers

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Citizenship in World – Mr. Mahaleris

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

Prerequisites: Number 7; Do **TWO** of the following: a, b, c, d or e.

Citizenship in World – Mrs. Batson

As a scout, and as a citizen, we have an obligation to understand our place in the World. I hope this class will be informative and I also hope it will give everyone a better understand of our important place in the world we live in.

Prerequisites: 1,2, 4a & 4b, & 5b. Be prepared to discuss second part of 2, 4a & 5b

Communication – Mrs. Batson

Communication is what and how we get along in the world. It is the foundation of all of what we do. I hope in this class we can discuss how and why we communicate in the way we do and learn the importance of communication in our lives.

Prerequisites: 2a, 4, 5, 7a,b, or c & 9 (done before class). Be prepared to share. Most items will be done outside of class, but need to be approved by the counselor.

Communication – Mr. Hooper

Communication is what we do everyday using many forms to put out point across, make a statement or to share in joy, sorrow or elation. Listening is a very important facet to communicating, which may or may not be lost in the form you chose to communicate with, come listen, learn and be a better communicator for life.

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Crime Prevention – Mr. Daignault

Preventing crime, which can be as simple as reducing the opportunities for crime to occur, is far less costly than apprehending and bringing legal action against those who break the law and it helps save people from the anguish of being victims.

Prerequisites: A field trip will be required to complete 7b. Call for further information

Disabilities Awareness – Mrs. Talpey

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. This class will give you a better understanding and appreciation of those around you with Disabilities.

Prerequisites: None before the start of class.

Emergency Preparedness – Mr. Gurney

Are you prepared? Do you know what to do in a disaster situation? Learn what you need to know to help yourself, your family and your community in a disaster situation. This badge will teach you how to prepare and carry out disastrous situations safely.

Prerequisites: First Aid MB completed

Energy – Mr. Heald

Saving, producing, and using energy wisely will be critical to America's future. If we are to leave future generations with a world in which they can live as well or better than we have, Scouts and other potential leaders of tomorrow must begin the hard work of understanding energy and the vital role it will play in the future.

Prerequisites: #3 and #7 Must bring a copy of the merit badge workbook

Environmental Science – Mr. Stewart

Explore the world around us by experimenting and recording the results. We will look at plants that you can eat to the environmental laws that help keep us safe. We will conduct experiments and learn from our successes and failures.

Prerequisites: Read the Environmental Science Merit Badge Book, Download the Merit Badge Workbook, Do requirements # 1, 2, 3f (1 or 2).

Resources: <http://www.environmentalhistory.org/> ; <http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0769077.html>

Family Life – Mrs Talpey

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.

Prerequisites: Scouts can preprint the Worksheet and start their home chores once they have registered with the MBC.

AGE PREREQUISITE: Scout must be at minimum **14 years old** to take this Class. It is also recommended that they be a 1st Class scout or higher rank.

Family Life – Mr Ferguson

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Prerequisites: Those who are registered may start keeping track of their 90 days of Home Chores using the worksheet.

Fire Safety – Mr Selwood

Fire Safety merit badge will give the scout a better understanding of working with fire as a tool safely, for camping and other daily activities. Also the role of the fire service to help them to be safe. Field trip will be needed.

Prerequisites: None.

First Aid – Mrs Mooers

Caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care — is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

Prerequisites:

Fish and Wildlife Management – Mr Merrill

If you enjoy wild animals, fishing, and or hunting and trapping, this class will show you what it takes to manage the different species for everyone to enjoy.

Prerequisites: 5 , and 6.

Geocaching – Mr Young

The word *geocache* is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." *Geocaching* describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.

Requirement #7, With parents permission, go to www.geocaching.com type your zip code to locate public geocaches in your area. Pick three they do not need to go out to find one.

Indian Lore – Mrs Drever

American Indians have many different cultures, languages, religions, style of dress, and ways of life. To learn about these different groups is to take an exciting journey of discovery in which you will meet some of America's most fascinating people. Come and take Indian Lore Merit Badge, and share the journey with your fellow Scouts.

Prerequisites: #1-MB Book required, #2-Pre requisites-Do #1, #4H

Law – Mr Petersen

This study of Law begins with the genesis of law, explores its various components, and how it operates in contemporary society.

Prerequisites: None. Be prepared to discuss requirements 1, 2, and 3 at the first session.

Orienteering – Mr Petersen

The study of map and compass, together with the use of the same to follow prescribed routes. This merit badge requires considerable field work which needs to be done outside of, and in addition to, the two classroom sessions.

Prerequisites: None. Prior knowledge of compass use is helpful but not required. Bring a compass to both class sessions

Personal Management – Ms Chesley

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.

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Prerequisites: 2a, 5a,b & c, 8a,b,c,d, 9a,b,c,d,e & 10a & b

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Prerequisites: #1, #2, #3, #10

Plant Science – Mr Stewart

Modern plant science is a broad, multidisciplinary subject with inputs from most other areas of science and technology. Research topics include the study of plant structure, growth and differentiation, reproduction, biochemistry and primary metabolism, chemical products, development, diseases, evolutionary relationships, systematics, and plant taxonomy. Learn the difference between native, cultivated and invasive plants.

Prerequisites: none

Safety – Ms Chesley

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.

Prerequisites: 1c,d,& e, 2g, 4,5,6 & 8

Scouting Heritage – Mr Ferguson

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge will learn the various roles that scouting's founding fathers played in the development and growth of the programs and events we now have. As well as acquiring a greater appreciation for the role they play in the present and future growth of scouting.

Prerequisites: #2, #4 (Bring proof of attendance), #6 (Bring collection to class on 3/25/17), and #7 (Bring equipment for game to Session 2 class on 4/29/17).

Soil and Water Conservation – Mrs Nadeau

Conservation isn't just the responsibility of soil and plant scientists, hydrologists, wildlife managers, landowners, and the forest or mine owner alone. It is the duty of every person to learn more about the natural resources on which our lives depend so that we can help make sure that these resources are used intelligently and cared for properly.

Prerequisites: Require starting on some as soon as the counselor is contacted.

Sustainability – Mrs Nadeau

Preserving our environment, Recycling, self restrictions, growing your own food, supporting the world ecosystems are all part of Sustaining our world. Come learn your role in helping yourself, family, friends, peers and the neighbors you never met.

Prerequisites: Contact counselor before starting anything on this badge.