

2025 MERIT BADGE COLLEGES (updated 11/21/2025)

Merit badge colleges are attended on your own. They are not troop lead events, though if many scouts attend the same event you can look for carpooling opportunities. Remember to print your merit badge books, open and TAKE blue cards for each merit badge, and complete your prerequisites!

1. **Susquehanna Council Merit Badge College at Penn College**

Saturday February 14, 2026

Registration free of \$50 covers lunch, MB session materials, and a patch

Early Registration: This time-limited window with special access opens on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at 9:00 am and ends on Wednesday, 11/26/25 at 9:00 am when normal registration is open.

Click here for [EARLY REGISTRATION DIRECTIONS](#)

Scouts in the Susquehanna Council may also register through the normal registration opportunity that starts on 11/26/25 at 9:00 am and ends on Monday, February 2, 2026. Access to normal registration will be through the council's website.

OLD LINK not updated yet <https://www.scoutingevent.com/533-MBC2025>

2. **Minsi Trails Merit Badge College**

December 13, 2025

2025 Monroe Merit Badge College

East Stroudsburg University

8:00 AM ET to 5:30 PM ET

<https://scoutingevent.com/502-MMBC2025>

3. **Scouting America, Del-Mar-Va Council**

[Elkton Merit Badge College](#)

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Registration opens October 25th.

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Note that Session #2 conflicts with the Susquehanna Council MBC.

The cost is \$10. Scouts can register for up to four merit badges

[This is the link.](#)

6. NBOF Pioneer District STEM Merit Badge College at Messiah University

Session #1: Saturday, January 17, 2026 and Session #2: Saturday, February 7, 2026. Scouts will start merit badges at Session #1 and then return to complete them at Session #2.

Registration fee is likely \$25 and typically includes lunch both days and a patch.

Old link (new one not yet posted)

wbirthoffreedom.org/districts/pihttps://neoneer/events-pio/spring-events/

7. TBD Likely in January

27th Annual Merit Badge College at Johnson College of Technology: 3427 N. Main Ave. Scranton, PA 18508

Old link (new one not yet posted)

<https://www.nepabsa.org/content/122176/Merit-Badge-College>

8. Columbia - Montour Council Merit Badge College at Central Columbia Middle School

TBD Likely Saturday, January 31, 2026 or Saturday, February 1, 2026

Registration fee: \$35.00 (before Jan. 1, 2026); \$40 (after Jan. 1, 2026)

Old link (new one not yet posted): [Merit Badge College](#)

9. Laurel Highlands Council Merit Badge College at California University of Pennsylvania

Saturday, March 7, 2026

250 University Ave, California, PA 15419

<https://scoutingevent.com/527-102356>

10. Cradle of Liberty Council Merit Badge University:(North of Philadelphia)TBD Likely in March (two sessions)

Old link (new one not yet posted)

<https://scoutingevent.com/?OrgKey=BSA525&calendarID=548972>

11. PA Dutch Council/Iron Forge Merit Badge College at Bayshore Scout Reservation(Harrisburg/Hershey area)

160 Moonshine Rd. Jonestown, PA 17038

Saturday April 18, 2026 (but lists April 25th elsewhere)

<https://padutchbsa.org/>

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