

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
***MERIT BADGE COLLEGE***



TAKING PLACE AT  
KING'S COLLEGE  
WILKES-BARRE, PA  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM



**Early Registration Deadline: December 13, 2017**

**Registration Fee: \$30.00 prior to December 13th  
\$40.00 after December 13th  
(Lab fees are extra.)**

**Important: No registrations will be accepted after December 29th.**

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

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**Registration fee includes lunch, light breakfast and blue cards. 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.**

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***Important:***

- **Class registration as well as requirements and pre-requisites for all Merit Badge College classes are online at [www.nepabsa.org](http://www.nepabsa.org).**
- 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 BSA 2017 Requirements Book.
- **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 Wednesday, January 3.**
- **A Scout completing a pre-requisite needs to understand that a written response must be in his 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.**
- Partials will be issued for incomplete work.
- **Some badges require travel off the King's 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) he is attending. (Be aware that the NEPA Scout Shop is closed December 22 through January 1)

**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 Class Listing ~ 2018

Difficulty rankings are on a scale of 1-5 with 5 being the most challenging.

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Class Length	Session(s)
Architecture	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Automotive Maintenance	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 6 pm
Chemistry	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Chess	2	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm
Citizenship in the Community	5	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Citizenship in the Nation	5	6 hours	9 am - 4 pm
Citizenship in the World	5	6 hours	9 am - 4 pm
Coin Collecting (limit 12/class)	2	2 hours	2 pm - 4 pm; 4 pm - 6 pm
Collections	2	2 hours	4 pm - 6 pm
Crime Prevention	2	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm
Dentistry (limit 12/class)	3	4 hours	9 am - 1pm
Digital Technology	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Disabilities Awareness	2	2 hours	2 pm - 4 pm; 4 pm - 6 pm
Electricity**	3	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm
Electronics * (limit 12/class)	4	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm
Emergency Preparedness	4	6 hours	9 am - 4 pm
Engineering*	4	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm
Fingerprinting	1	2 hours	9 am - 11 am; 11 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 4 pm; 4 pm - 6 pm
Game Design (limit 12/class)	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Home Repairs	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Indian Lore	3	2 hours	11 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 4 pm; 4 pm - 6 pm
Law	3	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Lifesaving	5	6 hours	11 am - 6 pm
Metalwork ** (limit 12/class)	2	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 6 pm
Mining in Society	4	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Moviemaking (limit 10/class)	3	6 hours	9 am - 4 pm
Personal Management	5	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 6 pm
Programming	4	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm
Radio	3	2 hours	2 pm - 4 pm
Scholarship	1	2 hours	9 am - 11 am; 11 am - 1 pm; 2 pm - 4 pm; 4 pm - 6 pm
Scouting Heritage	3	2 hours	2 pm - 4 pm
Sports	1	2 hours	2 pm - 4 pm; 4 pm - 6 pm
Swimming	4	6 hours	11 am - 6 pm
Traffic Safety	2	4 hours	9 am - 1 pm
Veterinary Medicine (limit 12/class)	3	4 hours	2 pm - 6 pm

\* Requires an additional \$20.00 Lab Fee

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If you are a Boy Scout or 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 thirty-five 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, 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](http://www.nepabsa.org)) and navigate to the Merit Badge College page.**
- 3. Complete the online 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)***
- 4. Select your class choices and alternate class choices in the appropriate section. *(The sooner you sign up, the more likely you will receive your first choice of classes. Alternates will be used only in the case where classes have become filled. You will receive a final confirmation email once the registrar processes your application with your final schedule.)***
- 5. At this point, you may ask a parent to pay for your registration online using the secure credit card or PayPal option OR you may print your completed registration form and return it as soon as possible to the Council Service Center along with all fees made payable to:**

*Northeastern PA Council, BSA, 72 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA 18507*

**Your enrollment is NOT COMPLETE until the completed registration form is received accompanied by the appropriate fees, either via the online payment option, or by submitting to the Council Service Center.**

When completing your application, please be sure to select your preferred class schedule along with alternate class choices as listed on the registration form. All attempts will be made to satisfy your preferred choices, but **class availability will be determined on a first come, first served basis determined by the date your completed, paid application is received online or at the Service Center.** If none of your choices are available, you will have the opportunity to select a new class schedule or receive a refund of your registration fees.

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. Registration fees are non-refundable after December 13, 2017.**

***Please note:*** Some badges require travel off the King's 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!

For any questions, call the Scout Service Center at 570-207-1227 extension 234 or 225.



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