

# ***YORK COLLEGE MERIT BADGE COLLEGE***

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## ***Leader's Guide***

***Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025***



## *Introduction*

On behalf of the YCP Scout Club and Heritage Trails District of the New Birth of Freedom Council, welcome to the York College Merit Badge College at York College of Pennsylvania.

Merit badges are the core of the Scouts BSA program; they encompass different fields that Scouts receive exposure to and may even choose as a lifetime career. We have assembled a dedicated team of York College of Pennsylvania students, teaching faculty, staff, community partners, and Scouters to instruct merit badges.

This event will benefit both the College and Scouting; it will help Scouts earn their requirements and learn from immensely qualified subject matter experts. This event aligns with the College's goals for community engagement in a post-COVID environment, will expose Scouts to what York College has to offer, and may even lead to some Scouts considering enrollment as students when the time comes.

We look forward to hosting you at York College!

## ***Registration***

Registration may be completed at [nbf.tentaroo.com](http://nbf.tentaroo.com). The registration fee for Scouts is \$25 per Scout, regardless of home council. Adults may register for \$12, which covers the cost of lunch. The registration deadline closes on Friday, October 10th, after which Scouts will pay \$25 to register. Scouts may sign up for two merit badges for the day.

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## ***Pets & Animals***

Animals are not permitted on the York College campus outside of Service Animals and Emotional Support Animals.

## ***Accommodations***

Scouts and Scouters should reach out to one of the Event Chairs, Eric Hostler ([ehostler@ycp.edu](mailto:ehostler@ycp.edu)) or Ed Bruder

(ebruder@ycp.edu) in the event they need ADA accommodations, food allergies, or other assistance.

## ***Health & Safety***

There are no COVID-19 masking or social distancing mandates at York College at this time. Nevertheless, it is asked that participants and volunteers feeling under the weather or otherwise experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory/GI diseases stay home.

The York College of Pennsylvania Department of Campus Safety is the primary security and law enforcement agency serving York College. **The emergency number on campus is 717-815-1314.** Within individual classrooms, the landline extension is **x1314**. York College of Pennsylvania has student-run York College EMS Station 17 that will respond to medical emergencies and does not bill for its services.

## ***Uniform Of the Day***

Scouts are encouraged to show their Scout Spirit by wearing their Class A uniform.



# Parking Map



## ***Parking Directions***

Participant Scouts and Scouters will park in the Penn/Beard commuter parking bays (green). It is recommended to enter campus from Springettsbury Ave.

Volunteer counselors will park in whichever Faculty Parking is closest to their merit badge session (yellow). It is recommended to enter campus from Country Club Rd.

Participants and volunteers requiring ADA-accessible parking may utilize whichever ADA-accessible parking is closest to their destination.

## ***Schedule of the Day***

8:00 AM – Check-in at Waldner Performing Arts Center

8:30 AM – Welcome Message in WPAC Theater

9:00 AM – First Merit Badge Class (designated class locations)

12:00 PM – Lunch (Johnson Dining Hall)

2:00 PM – Second Merit Badge Class (designated class locations)

5:00 PM – End of MBC, no organized closing

**Come back next year!**



## ***Check-In & Welcome Message***

Check-in will take place starting 8:00 am at Wolf Hall. Scouts are expected to bring their minor waivers; we will have some on-hand for parents to sign in case they did not bring theirs. Scouts will receive a registration packet with a meal ticket, class location information, event patch, and wristband. Scouts will be expected to keep their wristbands on all day. Scouts participating in the Non-Merit Badge classes (STEM and Outdoor Leadership) will also receive a small gift.

A welcome message will be given in the Waldener Performing Arts Center Theater at 8:30 am. After the welcome message and announcements, Scouts will be dismissed to their classes. York College students will be on hand to guide Scouts to their merit badge sessions.



# ***Merit Badge Class Schedule***

<b>Merit Badge</b>	<b>AM/PM</b>	<b>Building</b>	<b>Room #</b>
Citizenship Community	BOTH	Humanities	204
Citizenship Nation	BOTH	Humanities	205
Citizenship World	BOTH	Humanities	207
Digital Technology	BOTH	Humanities	184
Disabilities Awareness	BOTH	Business	304
Emergency Prep.	BOTH	Business	404
Engineering	BOTH	Business	403
First Aid	BOTH	Business	225
Programming	BOTH	Humanities	185
Public Speaking	BOTH	Business	314
Robotics	BOTH	Business	309
Search and Rescue	BOTH	Business	408
Signs, Signals and Codes	BOTH	Business	310

## ***Additional Class Information***

YCP student volunteers will escort students to and from classes in the morning and to classes in the afternoon. All students are asked to **bring their own device** for each class, preferably a laptop. Wi-Fi information is as follows:

**USERNAME: Merit-Wifi**

**PASSWORD: Merit2025**



# ***Dining Services & Lunch***

Lunch will be provided via a meal-ticket system at Johnson Dining Hall, in the Iosue Student Union. Participants and volunteers will receive a meal ticket upon registration at the beginning of the day and turn it into the staff member at the entrance of the dining hall. Participants will then have access to the all-you-care-to-eat dining hall.

Brunch is served on Saturdays from 10am-2pm. This includes the Pantry, breakfast items on the main Homestyle line, an omelet station open until 1pm, grill, salad bar, and pizza station.



# *Other Amenities*

## **Bookstore**



The YCP Bookstore is located in the lower level of the Josue Student Union. The bookstore sells YCP apparel and college essentials along with offering an ancillary convenience store section. The bookstore will be open from 11am-1pm.



# ***Acknowledgments & Thanks***

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YCP Center for Community Engagement

YCP Department of Campus Safety

YCP Library & Technology Services

YCP Office of Campus & Special Events

YCP Office of Student Activities and Orientation

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