

2026 Battlefield Merit Badge College



FREEDOM VALLEY CHURCH

3185 YORK RD

GETTYSBURG PA 17325

MARCH 14 & APRIL 11

8:30AM - 4:00PM

Introduction

Welcome to 2026 Battlefield Merit Badge College, presented by Battlefield District, New Birth of Freedom Council.

It is our hope that this event will provide a great opportunity for Scouts to experience a quality merit badge program in a classroom setting. Merit badges were carefully selected to offer Scouts a variety of Eagle required and elective merit badges while focusing on what could be successfully offered in this format.

This is a TWO-DAY event, and Scouts **MUST** attend the same class both sessions, as well as complete any assigned requirements between sessions to finish each merit badge.

Registration

Registration should be completed in Tentaroo, at nbf.tentaroo.com. The registration fee is \$10 for each Scout, regardless of how many merit badge classes they choose to sign up for. Scouts may sign up for as few as one or as many as four classes. Online registration must be completed by February 28. There is no charge for parents or leaders who wish to accompany their Scouts, but some of our classrooms may have limited space to accommodate guests. We are unable to offer any refunds due to missed classes.

Lunch

Everyone is encouraged to bring a bagged lunch to eat on site. Scouts (and adults) have the opportunity to pre-purchase hot bagged lunches for \$6 each when registering ahead of time through Tentaroo, if they would prefer. **No Scout will be permitted to leave and then return during the event, including over lunch.** Please do not plan to go anywhere offsite to get food. A limited selection of drinks and snacks may be available for purchase onsite from our host. Anyone who has a food allergy concern should reach out to the Event Chair for guidance before purchasing meals.

Uniform

All Scouts are expected to wear full Field (Class A) uniform throughout the day. It may be a good idea to wear an Activity uniform shirt underneath in case that is better suited for a specific activity.

Pets

Our host facility does not allow pets in the building, and your pet will not have a good time locked in your car all day. Please do not bring any animals with you to the event, except service animals.

Accommodations

Freedom Valley Church is an accessible facility, and any second-floor classrooms can be reached from the elevator. If you have specific accessibility concerns, or feel you may need additional assistance, please reach out to the Event Chair.

Check-In

Upon arrival each day, Scouts will need to check in at the registration table in the lobby where they will receive a printed copy of their individual schedule, any pre-purchased meal tickets, and an event patch.

Schedule

There is no organized opening or closing to this event. Scouts are encouraged to arrive at least 20 minutes before their first class to complete the onsite check in and should plan to leave as soon as their last class is over.

8:30am	2:00pm	Participant Registration Open
9:00am	10:30am	Period 1
10:30am	12:00pm	Period 2
12:00pm	12:30pm	Lunch Break
12:30pm	2:00pm	Period 3
2:00pm	varies <4:30pm	Period 4

Some period 4 classes will be longer or shorter than others. Please see the individual class listings to confirm the anticipated completion time.

Merit Badge Blue Cards

Physical merit badge blue cards will not be provided, but it will be possible to log in to Tentaroo after the event has concluded to print completed or partial blue cards, requirement reports, etc. An email will be sent once all records have been entered to let all registered attendees know the cards are available to print.

Event Contacts

Event Chair Matt Phillips Battlefield District Commissioner (717) 813-4931 phlipnull@gmail.com	Event Administrator Barbara Hanna Battlefield District Executive (717) 620-4524 barbara.hanna@scouting.org
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Merit Badge Courses

Before registering for specific classes, each Scout should meet with their Scoutmaster to discuss which merit badges would be most beneficial for their advancement journey. While none of our courses will require Scouts to complete requirements prior to the first session, most will require at least some work to be completed between the first and second session. Details of exactly what will need to be completed will be given by the counselor during the first session. The goal of the event is to have everyone complete the merit badges they register for, but that will require Scouts to be active participants in both sessions and complete all assigned work between the sessions. Even if both of those things happen, it is still possible that a Scout may not be able to finish a merit badge by the end of the second session. Many counselors may be open to finishing the badge with the Scout at a later date, but we cannot guarantee badge completion during the Merit Badge College.

Life to Eagle Seminar

We are pleased to be able to offer a Life-to-Eagle seminar during Period 1 of our March session. Scouts participating in the Merit Badge College who wish to attend should add this class to their schedule when they register for their other classes. Parents are encouraged to attend this class with their Scouts. We will also be opening this class up to any other Scouts who wish to attend, through a separate registration process.

Class Schedule

NOTE: Subject to change, please see Tentaroo for final class schedule.

Period 1 9:00am – 10:30am	<i>Life to Eagle Seminar (March session only)</i> Artificial Intelligence * Citizenship in the Community Crime Prevention Dentistry * First Aid
Period 2 10:30am – 12:00pm	* Citizenship in the Community * Citizenship in the World Electricity Photography Programming Public Health
Period 3 12:30pm – 2:00pm	* Citizenship in the Nation Digital Technology * First Aid Plumbing * Sustainability
Period 4 2:00pm –	* Citizenship in the Nation * Citizenship in the World Coin Collecting * Emergency Preparedness Radio

* Eagle Required



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Merit Badge College Menu

Choice #1

Beef BBQ

Chips

Apples Sauce

Water

Choice #2

Chicken BBQ

Chips

Apples Sauce

Water