

## Winter Merit Badge Day Guide

Saturday, December 16, 2023

8:30 a.m. to noon

at

Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church

3413 Mt Holly-Huntersville Road,

Charlotte, NC 28216

<https://cookschurch.org/>

No camping is involved with merit badge courses offered at this location.

Citizenship in Society and Communication Merit Badge courses are offered at this location on this day.

Scouts may register for only one merit badge course at this location on this day.



Please read this entire Guide before registering.

Counselors expect that Scouts will complete pre-class homework assignments before the merit badge classes begin.

Scouts registering for Citizenship in Society Merit Badge must participate in one virtual, online class session before the class begins on Saturday, December 16. The merit badge counselor will schedule this with Scouts who register for this course.

Map to Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/BXqWsbziCohrBA9q6>

**Age and rank guidelines:** None. Scouts BSA members from any troop in any council are welcome to register and participate. There are no age or rank requirements to participate.

**Registration fee:** \$12.00 plus \$1.00 transaction fee

**Registration opens:** When this announcement is posted.

**Registration closes:** When the class is full or on December 8.

**Maximum class sizes:** 12 Scouts

Links to on-line registration and payment will be posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/winter-camp>

**Parents:** Parents are welcome to attend all sessions.

### **Blue cards**

Before registering for any merit badges, Scouts and parents should read the Blue Card Guide.

### **Partial or Full Completion**

Full completion of many of this merit badge is possible IF Scouts complete homework assignments before and during class. If a Scout does not finish all requirements, the Scout must work with their counselor to list and initial requirements completed on their blue card for later completion with that counselor or with a registered counselor associated with their home troop or a registered counselor identified through Scoutbook. Scouts should follow the buddy system with 2-deep adult leadership for all merit badge counseling sessions.

### **Health forms:**

Mecklenburg County Council does not require Scouts or adults to present health screening questionnaires or Scout Health and Medical Record Forms A, B, or C or Liability Waivers for single day events like this merit badge course.

Infection preventions

Please read the **Infection Prevention Guidelines**.

### **Food and drinks**

Food and drinks are not available for purchase at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church or at the Scout Hut. **Scouts must pack their own snacks and lunches and beverages.** Scouts should not bring nut or sesame seed products because of risk of serious allergies affecting participants and staff. Scouts may drink and eat in the designated area during breaks in the class. Eating or drinking during the class sessions will not be allowed.

Please bring a personal water bottle to maintain hydration throughout the day.

### **Clothing**

Scouts are expected to wear their field uniforms ("Class A" uniforms) to foster discipline and Scout spirit. Neckerchiefs, slides, merit badge sashes, and medals are not expected or required.

Scouts must Be Prepared with layers of clothing, including rain gear.

### **Bad weather**

We will hold this class whether rain or shine. The class will be conducted inside Sunday school classrooms.

**What to bring**

**Scouts should pack** health forms, blue cards, clothing layers, rain gear, **food for snacks and lunch, water**, pen, paper, merit badge homework, EpiPens, asthma inhalers, other medications. To allow hands-free walking, please pack gear in a sturdy day pack, not in a paper or plastic bag or a duffel.

**Cell phones**

**Scouts are not permitted to use cell phones in any way during class** or in small group discussions.

If a Scout chooses to send text messages or talk on their cell phone or check social media during class, they will be expected to loan their cell phone to the instructor or to a parent or to a Scout leader for safe keeping during the rest of the class, to be returned when the activity ends.

**Questions**

For questions about these merit badge courses, please contact one of the Merit Badge Counselors:

Citizenship in Society: Kevin Holland [theholland3@carolina.rr.com](mailto:theholland3@carolina.rr.com)

Communication: Ryka Cartee [rcartee@scsengineers.com](mailto:rcartee@scsengineers.com)

Home-grown Merit Badge Guides contain information on complete, current merit badge requirements, pre-class homework assignments, and resources for answering merit badge requirements.

Please review the [Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Guide](#) or the [Communication Merit Badge Guide](#) to get started on merit badge requirements.