

December 5, 2026
WVU-Parkersburg
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Parkersburg, WV 26104

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December 12, 2026
Boys & Girls Clubs of Parkersburg
1200 Mary St
Parkersburg, WV

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Please Note:

This is a **two-day event**. If we would need to cancel a day due to hazardous weather, a make-up day may be arranged. There are four merit badges that require attending both days, Dec 5 and Dec 12. Please see merit badge offerings for details.

Registration:

COST: Up to $15 - Includes a patch and lunch each day. Please register online.

CLOSES: Registration closes Dec 1, 2026

BE PREPARED -- Please come to the Merit Badge College ready to discuss various topics with your counselor as mentioned in the merit badge requirements.

See prerequisite section on the last page of this guide.

Merit Badges Offered:

Dec 5

AM	PM
Artificial Intelligence	Animation Part 1[2]
Citizenship in the Nation	*Citizenship in Society*[1]
Coin Collecting	Citizenship in the World
Family Life Part 1[2]	Collections
Moviemaking Part 1[2]	Competitive Gaming
Pulp & Paper	Insect Study
Scholarship	*Forestry*
Scouting Heritage	Personal Fitness Part 1[2]
Wood Carving	
ALL DAY	
Communications	
Personal Management	
Sustainability	
Wildland Fire Management	

Dec 12

AM	PM
Camping	Animation Part 2[2]
Competitive Gaming	Artificial Intelligence
Family Life Part 2[2]	*Citizenship in the Nation*
Moviemaking Part 2[2]	*Citizenship in the World*
Public Speaking	Personal Fitness Part 2[2]
Scouting Heritage	*Ecology Related (Nature, Soil & Water, Mammal, Etc.)*
ALL DAY	
Communications	
Personal Management	

*Italicized Merit Badges are for completing partial completions **only** and will not have sign-ups during registration.*

1 – This is a discontinued merit badge. Scouts must have started and completed any requirements for this merit badge before February 27, 2026, and must complete the merit badge before January 1, 2027, to get credit.

2 – These are two-day merit badges. If a scout does not attend both days, there is a high chance they will receive partial completion.

Schedule:

SCHEDULE (DEC 5 AND DEC 12)
Same Schedule Each Day!

8:00 AM	**Check-in**
8:30 - 8:45	**Welcome/Opening**
8:45 - 9:00	**Travel to AM session**
9:00 - 11:45	**AM Session**
11:45 - 12:00	**Travel to lunch area**
12:00 – 1:00	**Lunch**
1:00 - 1:15	**Travel to PM session**
1:15 - 4:00	**PM Session**
4:15 - 4:30	**Closing/Announcements**
4:30 PM	**Dismissal to unit leader**

This schedule is subject to changes based on the weather, host facilities, or other factors. If this occurs, scout leaders will be notified prior to the event.

Rescheduling:

In the event of hazardous weather that makes it unsafe to hold to the event on one or both days, we will notify all scout leaders of any cancelations, delays, or changes to the schedule. Based on availabilities of merit badge counselors and facilities, an additional day may be arranged.

Youth Safety:

Some merit badges may require follow-up contact with merit badge counselors via Zoom or email. To ensure youth safety, please encourage scouts that must follow-up to do so with a second adult included, ideally a parent/guardian or another scout leader.

Prerequisites:

Scouts should be aware of and complete the prerequisites listed below. Additionally, scouts should review merit badge requirements (at https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/) and be familiar with the merit badge contents. Any merit badge **not** listed below does not have prerequisites.

Citizenship in Society - Since this merit badge was discontinued, it can only be completed if the scout has a partial and has completed a requirement before Feb 27, 2026. Must be finished by Dec 31, 2026.

6 With your parent or guardian's approval, connect with another Scout or youth your own age who has an identity that's different from yours. (This means a trait, belief, or characteristic different from you.)

7 Identify and interview an individual in your community, school, and/or Scouting who has had a significant positive impact in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion. If you feel your community, school, or local Scouting group does not have such an individual, then research a historical figure who meets these criteria, and discuss that person with your counselor.

Coin Collecting - Photographs of your collection are nice to have.

Collections - **bring your collection** to the session (if it is a large collection, photographs of the collection).

Communications - If you have it, bring the short speech that you've prepared/given

Family Life – Prepare a list of regular home duties/chores (at least 5) and do them for 90 days. Please start this one and bring your chore tracker showing what you've done so far. Please bring ideas for your personal and family projects. You will need to email the MB counselor any trackers or evidence of projects after the MB college. The merit badge will be earned once all requirements are met and received by counselor.

Insect Study -

4(c) Make a scrapbook of the 20 insects you observe in 4(b). Include photographs, sketches, illustrations, and articles. Label each insect with its common and scientific names, where possible. Share your scrapbook with your counselor. (NB if they have an iNaturalist account with the 20 photos of the insects in 4 different orders then I accept this as the scrapbook).

3(b) Must bring a habitat for raising an insect. A Madagascar Hissing cockroach would be provided, but if preferred, the scout can acquire mealworms/hornworms from a store. Must observe them for one month.

Personal Fitness:

5 Pre-assessment of physical fitness; perform fit tests. Start an exercise log – it will be done for three months. The exercise log will be accepted by email after the event and the merit badge will be earned once that is received.

Personal Management:

2 Track and record actual income, expenses, and savings for 13 consecutive weeks; Scout should at least start the 13 weeks- they will need to email merit badge instructor the final tracker.

8(a-c) Demonstrate understanding of time management (to-do list, 7-day schedule, daily diary).

Public Speaking

4 If they have given a speech at school that meets the specifics of this requirement then, a note from their teacher along with a copy of their speech is acceptable.

Scholarship

1 Do ONE of the following:

(a) Show that you have had an average grade of B or higher (80% or higher) for one term or semester.

(b) Show that for one term or semester you have improved your school grades over the previous period.

3 Get a note from the principal of your school (or another school official named by the principal) that states that during the past year your behavior, leadership, and service have been satisfactory. *If you are home-schooled or your school environment does not include a principal, you may obtain a note from a counterpart such as your parent or guardian.*

5 Do ONE of the following:

(a) Write a report of 250 to 300 words about how the education you receive in school will be of value to you in the future and how you will continue to educate yourself in the future.

(b) Write a report of 250 to 300 words about two careers that interest you and how specific classes and good scholarship in general will help you achieve your career goals.

Wood Carving - Must have Totin' Chit