

Lakeland Merit Badge College North Iowa Area Community College Leader's Guide 2026



Now is the time to prepare for the annual Merit Badge College hosted North Iowa Area Community College. This year's event will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026

Registration is through the Winnebago Council Calendar page. All classes and options can be found there. Additional information may also be found there.

The cost for this year's Merit Badge college is \$15 for Scouts. Lunch is NOT INCLUDED this year; Scouts and Leaders should plan to bring sack lunches. There are vending Machines on campus. There will be refreshments provided in the morning.

To help your Scouts be successful:

- Prerequisites should be completed BEFORE the day of the Merit Badge College
- Counselors need proof of work completed outside of class, such as a note from a Scoutmaster, or have the Scout bring the actual project
- Counselors will NOT take word that Scouts have already done the work
- Scouts should not expect to receive a completed blue card if they are not participating in class!
- Also, please realize that there are some badges that may not be completed on the day of the event. Important skills are often taught during the class and to expect the Scouts to do major projects without the knowledge is not in the interest of the Scouts and their learning
- BLUE CARDS WILL BE ONLINE THIS YEAR, and will be managed through the Winnebago Council Website

Yours in Scouting,

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FAQ Page

What kind of leadership do we need to supply?

As you might expect, we require two-deep leadership from every Troop who attends the Merit Badge College. We expect that these leaders will be around the whole day. We also ask that you volunteer to help on the day of the event. We need leaders to monitor hall behavior and provide two-deep leadership in the classrooms. This event cannot be successful without your help!

At the end of the day, we will need help returning classrooms to their original configurations and ensuring that all classrooms are left as clean as we found them. Garbage should be in receptacles.

What about lunch?

LUNCH IS NOT INCLUDED THIS YEAR; Participants should plan to bring a Sack Lunch to eat during the event. We are not responsible for money lost in the vending machines.

Scouts and Leaders are expected to clean up after themselves following lunch and before departing for the next class. If you are off-site for a Merit Badge, you should bring your lunch with you, and clean up after yourselves.

Where can I find information about prerequisites?

Prerequisites are listed under each individual Merit Badge. Leaders, please let your Scouts know what the prerequisites are so they may complete them BEFORE the event where possible.

Can I add classes the day of the event?

No, you cannot. The Registration End Date is firm so that Counselors have time to prepare for their classes. With the number of Scouts attending, changing schedules at the last-minute overburdens our volunteer counselors who already have much on their plates to manage for the day.

Where do we check in?

Check-in will take place in the Activity Center at North Iowa Area Community College from 7:15-8:00

What about Blue Cards?

We will be utilizing the online Blue Card System through the Winnebago Council Website. Leaders will be able to check the status of Blue Cards after the system is updated following the event.

What should Scouts wear?

The Class A Scout uniform is the uniform of the day. If a different mode of dress is required, it will be noted in the "Prerequisites" section of the Merit Badge. Oh Look! An Easter Egg! If you've read this far, see Zachary on the day of the event for a teeny tiny gift.

What should my Scouts bring the day of the event?

Please have your Scouts come prepared for the day. They should come with their finished prerequisites, Merit Badge books, worksheets (to help them answer questions), pen and paper, and their Sack Lunch. Scouts may want to bring some funds for vending machines.

Agenda

7:15 - 8:00	Check-In/Registration in Activity Center
8:15 - 8:30	Opening Ceremony
9:00 -12:00 (<i>depending on chosen schedule</i>)	Morning Class Sessions
12:00 - 1:00 (<i>depending on chosen schedule</i>)	Lunch in Activity Center
1:00 - 4:00 (<i>depending on chosen schedule</i>)	Afternoon Class Sessions

Please remind Scouts that no food is allowed in the classroom.

2026 ADDITION:

This year, Denise Wood Will be Hosting leader specific training in the a.m. Class period. For more information, contact Denise Wood – 641-512-7577 <WoodlandFoxes@gmail.com>

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