

Twin Rivers Merit Badge College Leader's Guide



Now is the time to prepare for the Twin River's Merit Badge College at Luther. This year's event will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

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 per scout with the option to purchase lunch in advance. The Luther Cafeteria will be open with buffet-style accommodation at \$13 per person. The Luther Cafeteria is located on the lower level of Dahl Centennial Union. **Please no outside food allowed in the Cafeteria.**

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

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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?

The Luther Cafeteria will be open with buffet-style accommodation at \$13 per person. Luther College is a cashless campus. All purchases must be completed with a card or paid in advance. The Luther Cafeteria is located on the lower level of Dahl Centennial Union.

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 – There is no outside food allowed in the cafeteria.

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 on the day of the event?

No, you cannot. The Registration End Date is firm so that Counselors have time to prepare for their classes and get supplies for the students. 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 from 7:00 AM-8:00 AM in the Valders Hall of Science Concourse (follow the signs)

Park in the Preus Library Parking Lot: 575 Library Street, Decorah, IA 52101

Overflow parking will be in the Decorah City Swimming Pool Parking Lot: 701 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101

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.

What should my Scouts bring on 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.

Agenda

7:00 - 8:00 Check-In/Registration in Valders Hall of Science Concourse

8:00 - 8:20 Opening Ceremony 8:30 -11:30 (depending on chosen schedule) Morning Class Sessions

11:30 - 12:50 (depending on chosen schedule) Lunch – No outside food in Cafeteria please.

1:00 - 4:00 (depending on chosen schedule) Afternoon Class Sessions

