

Scouts BSA Merit Badge Information

By participating in our Scout Day programs, those at the Scouts BSA level can accomplish the following requirements:

- American Heritage Badge: 1, 2a, 2b, 3b, 4b, 4d, 6
- Citizenship in the Nation Badge: 1, 2a, 2d, 4, 5, 6, 7
- Law Badge: 1, 2b, 2c, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

The following requirements are **not offered** as part of our Scout Day programs, but are necessary for completing the merit badges:

- American Heritage Badge: 3a, 3c, 5
- Citizenship in the Nation Badge: 3, 8
- Law Badge: 11

In order to earn complete merit badges, scouts must work on the above requirements on their own or with their troops. Visit www.scouting.org for more details about these requirements.

Merit Badge Counseling

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the museum's Private Dining Room, located inside the Delegates' Café

The National Constitution Center is happy to provide merit badge counseling as a part of our Scout Day! Members of the museum's education staff are certified to serve as merit badge counselors through the BSA's Cradle of Liberty Council.

During merit badge counselling sessions, counselors will lead scouts in small group discussions, during which they will recap the day's activities, review the merit badge requirements, and assess the scouts' knowledge of the subject matter. Scouts should be prepared to participate actively in these discussions. They are welcome to reference their packets or worksheets during their sessions; these materials will not be collected or graded.

BSA Scouts who participate in our Scout Day programs will be eligible for partial merit badges, unless they have already completed the additional requirements (listed above). Any scouts who have completed these requirements should inform their counselors during their sessions, and be prepared to show/discuss their work.

Additional Information

- A session with a counselor typically lasts about 20 to 30 minutes per badge, but times vary and some sessions may last longer. This does not include wait time. Please account for this additional time when planning your day.
- We have a limited number of merit badge counselors; depending on demand, there may be a significant wait to meet with a counselor.
- Counselors can meet with up to five scouts per session.
- In the spirit of fairness, scouts are seen on a first-come, first-served basis, and we ask that parents and leaders do not attempt to hold spaces in line.
- The National Constitution Center does not provide blue cards.
- Participation in our programs or counseling sessions is not a guarantee that blue cards will be signed. Counselors must feel confident that a scout has demonstrated a firm understanding of the subject matter and has truly completed the requirements.
- Remember, while we are happy to accommodate anyone who wishes to meet with one of our counselors, Scouts are not required to complete this step at our facility. Your troop may have access to counselors for some or all of the badges we offer. Check with your troop leaders for more information.