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HIDDEN VALLEY MERIT BADGE CHOICES

INDIVIDUAL ADVANCEMENT

(Refer to Merit Badge Schedule on next page)

This year's Hidden Valley merit badge class schedule is very similar to last year's. Monday and Tuesday will consist of the same two merit badge blocks, whereas Wednesday and Thursday will consist of two different merit badge blocks. In total, 4 merit badges can be earned in this class time. Some merit badges and programs, such as Frontier! and Lifesaving, may take up two blocks. These programs will run Monday through Thursday. Merit badges printed in **bold** are new this year. When choosing merit badges, check the schedule and try not to choose badges that conflict with each other. If in doubt contact Mr. Scott for help.

2026 – Merit Badge / 1st Year / Special Interest Schedule

(If in doubt about what merit badges to choose, consult with your Scoutmaster.)

New Scouts should include Frontier! on their schedule!

Choose your top 4 preferences for merit badges, plus an extra back-up choice. In most cases you will get your first choices, the extra choice is in case a class fills up or is canceled.

If a class runs all week, list it in both Mon/Tues and Wed/Thurs spaces.

MON/TUES BLOCK 1: _____ **WEDS/THURS BLOCK 1:** _____

MON/TUES BLOCK 2: _____ **WEDS/THURS BLOCK 2:** _____

BACK-UP CHOICE: _____

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE OF MERIT BADGE CLASSES

Merit Badge Program Schedule

Bold indicates new offering in 2026

* Indicates a program for older scouts (14+)

| PROGRAM SCHEDULE | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| MAIN WATERFRONT | | | | |
| BLOCK 1 | SWIMMING | | | |
| | SWIM INSTRUCTION | | SWIM INSTRUCTION | |
| | LIFESAVING | | | |
| BLOCK 2 | SWIMMING | | | |
| | LIFESAVING | | | |
| CHASE WATERFRONT | | | | |
| BLOCK 1 | SMALL BOAT SAILING | | | |
| | KAYAKING & KAYAKING BSA | | KAYAKING & KAYAKING BSA | |
| | ROWING | | MOTORBOATING* | |
| BLOCK 2 | CANOEING | | | |
| | KAYAKING & KAYAKING BSA | | KAYAKING & KAYAKING BSA | |
| | MOTORBOATING* | | ROWING | |
| SCOUTCRAFT | | | | |
| BLOCK 1 | COOKING | | COOKING | |
| | CAMPING | | CAMPING | |
| | ORIENTEERING | | SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND CODES | |
| BLOCK 2 | PIONEERING | | | |
| | WILDERNESS SURVIVAL | | | |
| | GEOCACHING | | FISHING | |
| Range Activities | | | | |
| BLOCK 1 | ARCHERY | | ARCHERY | |
| | RIFLE | | | |
| | SHOTGUN | | SHOTGUN | |
| | | | PISTOL (All Day Wednesday) | |
| BLOCK 2 | ARCHERY | | ARCHERY | |
| | RIFLE | | | |
| | SHOTGUN | | SHOTGUN | |
| | | | PISTOL (All Day Wednesday) | |
| EMERGENCY SKILLS | | | | |
| BLOCK 1 | FIRST AID | | | |

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BLOCK 2 | EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS | SEARCH AND RESCUE |
| ECOLOGY | | |
| BLOCK 1 | ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE | |
| | ASTRONOMY | MAMMAL STUDY AND NATURE |
| | WEATHER | OCEANOGRAPHY |
| BLOCK 2 (EVEN WEEKS) | ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE | |
| | FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT | FORESTRY |
| BLOCK 2 (ODD WEEKS) | ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE | |
| | SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION | GEOLOGY |
| HANDICRAFT | | |
| BLOCK 1 | ART | BASKETRY |
| | CHESS | SCULPTURE |
| | WOODCARVING | LEATHERWORKING |
| BLOCK 2 | GAME DESIGN | WOODCARVING |
| | BASKETRY | LEATHERWORKING |
| | SCULPTURE | CHESS |
| FRONTIER | | |
| BLOCK 1 | FRONTIER! (FIRST YEAR PROGRAM) | |
| BLOCK 2 | FRONTIER! (FIRST YEAR PROGRAM) | |
| STEM | | |
| BLOCK 1 | WELDING | WELDING |
| | ROBOTICS | |
| | SPACE EXPLORATION | ELECTRICITY & ELECTRONICS |
| BLOCK 2 | WELDING | WELDING |
| | ROBOTICS | |
| | SPACE EXPLORATION | ELECTRICITY & ELECTRONICS |
| COPE | | |
| BLOCK 1 | CLIMBING* | COPE* |
| BLOCK 2 | | |
| FARM | | |
| BLOCK 1 | HORSEMANSHIP AND ANIMAL SCIENCE | HORSEMANSHIP AND ANIMAL SCIENCE |
| BLOCK 2 | | |
| ATV | | |
| BLOCK 1 | ATV* | ATV* |
| BLOCK 2 | | |
| FOXFIRE | | |
| BLOCK 1 | METALWORK | METALWORK |
| BLOCK 2 | | |
| TRADING POST | | |
| BLOCK 1 | | SALESMANSHIP |
| BLOCK 2 | SALESMANSHIP | |