



Scissortail District Roundtable



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Roundtable Commissioner
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Welcome to Roundtable

Pledge of Allegiance

Scout Oath

Scout Law

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation minded.



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Hot Topics

- Merit Badge Updates & Troop Resources
- Fall Camporee, Bill Hensley
- Preventing Theft, Charn Langford



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Safety Moment—



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Safety Moment—

Scouts weather the storm: Merit Badge University faces heat and downpour in Grand Island



Mid-Iowa Council Boy Scouts

July 18, 2021 · 🌐

Mitigwa Scouts safe in storm shelters

Last week a powerful storm moved through **Mitigwa Scout Reservation** and, for the first time, Scouts & leaders took shelter in new storm shelters installed following last year's derecho. More than 200 people sought refuge in the emergency shelters. "This was a dangerous

NEWS

Boy Scouts' preparedness comes in handy during severe weather at camp

by: [Judy Le](#)

Posted: Jun 26, 2015 / 10:14 PM CDT

Updated: Jun 26, 2015 / 10:14 PM CDT

News | Weather

South Korea evacuates thousands from World Scout Jamboree as typhoon nears

More than 1,000 vehicles are moving the estimated 37,000 scouts ahead of the arrival of Tropical Storm Khanun.

HUDSON VALLEY // NEWS

Some Scouts receive medical treatment after frigid West Point Camporee

Scouts Evacuate As Tropical Storm Looms

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Safety Moment—Are you prepared?

At your regular meeting place:

- Do you have a designated shelter area?
- Is it clearly labeled?
- Have you visited it recently?
- Have you communicated the location of the shelter to the leadership team and older Scouts?
- Have you practiced an emergency drill?





Safety Moment—Are you prepared?

In the Out of Doors:

- Have you taken Hazardous Weather Training? At least one leader attending a camp out must have taken this.
- Be sure someone back home knows your exact camping location in case SAR is needed.
- If severe weather is moving in, have someone back home now-casting and be in contact with the camping group.
- Know your escape routes and designated local shelter areas.
- Have sufficient emergency gear—a weather radio, phone battery chargers, first aid kits, blankets, food / water, prescriptions, loud whistle and visual rescue markers.



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Recognition Corner—

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QUARTERMASTER, OR GOLD AWARD?**

<https://auxscout.com/home/resources/eagle-summit-award-quartermaster-and-gold-award-recognition>



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Recognition Corner--Recognitions!



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Upcoming



Wilderness First Aid 31 May-1 June JNSR

IOLS Training 23-24 August JNSR, 8-9 November JNSR

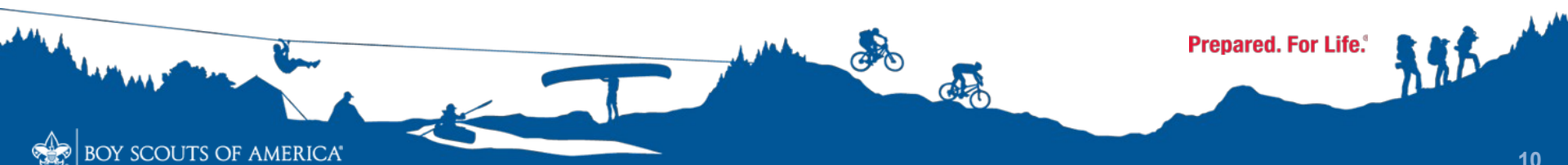
Trainer's EDGE

Wood Badge part 2 5-7 September CGT

Leave No Trace 1-3 August CGT, 10-12 October JNSR

BALOO Training 4-5 October JNSR

NRA RSO Class 9 August Gaylord Scout Center



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Upcoming Events—May, June, July

29 May-1 June **Cub Scout Family Camp & Fish-O-Ree at Williams Scout Reservation**



9-13 June **Adventure on the River - Scissortail District Day Camp**



19 June **Scissortail Eagle Boards of Review**



26 June **Scissortail District Roundtable**



13-19 July **NYLT**



8-10 August **Ma Nu Lodge Fall Experience**



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Upcoming Merit Badge Classes Scissortail Series--Gaylord Scout Center

28 June 9:00am—3:00pm **Railroading Merit Badge**

8 and 15 July 6:30pm **Electricity Merit Badge**

26 July 9:00am—3:00pm **Signs, Signals, and Codes**

6 and 13 August **Electronics Merit Badge**

TBA August **Radio Merit Badge**

13 September 9:00-1:00pm **Automotive Maintenance / Traffic Safety Merit Badges**

8 and 15 October 6:30pm **Space Exploration Merit Badge**

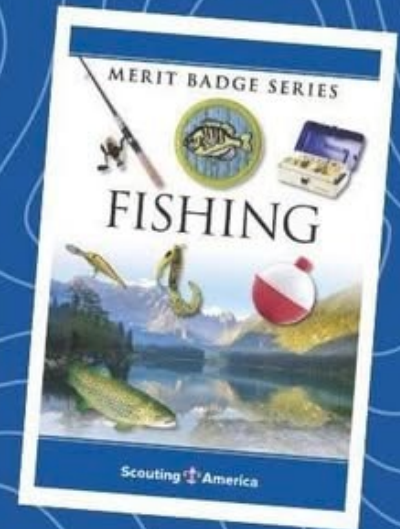
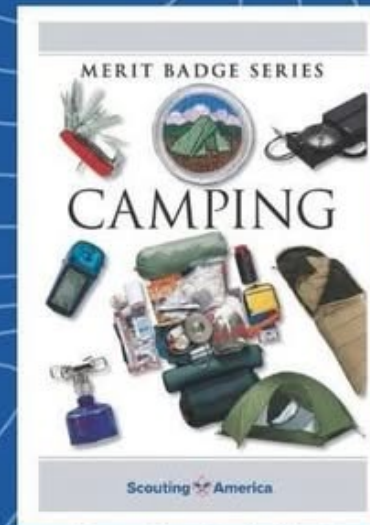
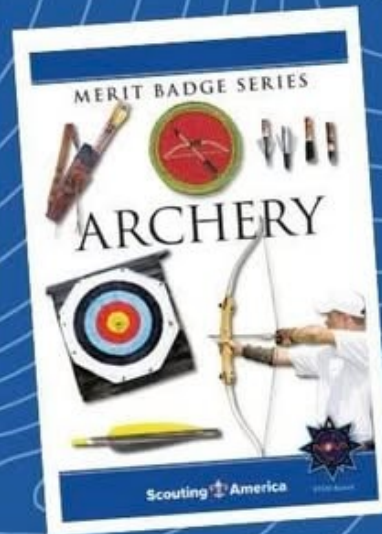
In Process—Weather, Citizenship in the World, Digital Technology Merit Badges





BIG NEWS!

MERIT BADGE PAMPHLETS ARE NOW FREE ONLINE!



www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/

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BSA Test Lab



WELCOME TO
SCOUTS BSA TEST LAB

What Is It?

The Scouts BSA Test Lab is an exciting way to help in the development of fun and interesting new topics and potential new merit badge unique to the Scouts BSA program. The requirements for each badge have the look and feel of merit badges, but instead of a printed pamphlet, you will find links to digital resources to help you complete the requirements.

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab/>

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How Does It Work?

1. Any registered adult can work with Scouts on these potential new badges.
2. Badges will have a clearly stated time period by which all requirements must be completed.
3. After the expiration date, the badge will be removed from the Test Lab and the National Council will evaluate if the subject should be added as a new merit badge.
4. When all requirements are finished successfully, a survey will be available to gather opinions on the badge. Scouts will then be able to access the certificate of completion which must be signed and dated by the registered adult they have worked with.
5. Should the badge be approved as a new merit badge, Scouts can be credited as having earned that badge if they present their signed and dated certificate to their unit.
6. Scouts completing the requirements after the expired time period will not be recognized as having earned the badge.

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Ready to Enter the Test Lab

Scouts can complete these requirements in order to provide feedback and receive a certificate

You decide if this activity becomes an official Merit Badge of Scouting America. By filling out the survey, you vote for or against this becoming a Merit Badge. You can also suggest changes to make the merit badge more engaging. The fate of this potential merit badge rests in your hands. Come back and complete the survey after you finish the requirements to make your voice heard and to get your certificate of completion.



Auctioneering



Wildland Fire Management



Life Skills

<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/test-lab>

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BSA Angler Education Course Online

Online Angling Educator Course \$15
This is a four-hour course held over two days, July 16, 2025, and July 23, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. CST both nights. Must be present both nights for the two-hour duration to complete the course. Graduates will receive a BSA Angling Educator patch.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/online-angling-educator-course>

ANGLING EDUCATOR
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ONLINE CLASS

ANGLING EDUCATOR COURSE

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JULY 16TH AND 23RD
6-8 pm CST

Angling Educator is a four-hour, split between two nights, national training course for Scouters and Scouts age 15+, taught by Scouting America Certified Angling Instructors. The purpose of the class is to prepare program leaders to teach fishing skills, help Cubs complete the new Fishing Adventures at all levels, and to plan and run fishing events for their unit, district, or Council.





Troop Self-Assessments

Troop Self-Assessment surveys are short surveys that help your troop understand how well it's doing and where it can improve. They also give helpful tips and resources from Scouting America to make your program better.

Each survey has 9–12 questions and takes about 10 minutes to finish. Troops can use them a few times a year, especially before planning their yearly activities. Leaders like the Scoutmaster and troop committee can also use the results to guide their meetings and decisions.

Troop Self-Assessment Surveys include topics on Membership, Troop Meetings, Activities/Outings, Advancement, Patrols and Patrol Method, Youth Leaders, Scoutmaster Team, Troop Committee, and Troop Administration and Finance.

<https://troopleader.scouting.org/troop-planning/troop-self-assessments>

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Scouting America—Troop Leader Resources



Troop Leader Resource Hub

Your destination for Scouts BSA troop info and planning resources

Topics include Troop and Patrol Structure, Ceremonies, Camping, Hints for New Troops, Advancement, Activities/Games/Challenges, Outdoor Programs, Planning, STEM, Arts, Citizenship, Service Projects, Fundraisers, Recruitment, Courts of Honor, Health and Safety, Sports, Hobbies, Campfire Programs, Etc.

<https://troopleader.scouting.org/>

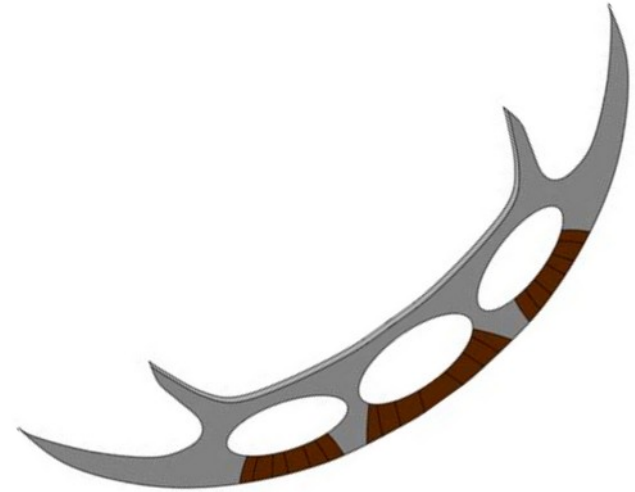
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Hot Topic—Fall Camporee—Bill Hensley

BATTLE OF THE EMPIRES



*IS YOUR UNIT
PREPARED?*

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Hot Topic—Preventing Trailer (and other) Theft

--Charn Langford



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Preventing Trailer Theft

This presentation is not financial advice and represents opinion only

By Charn Langford

May 20th 2025

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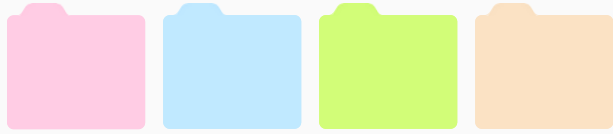
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Trailers in OK are typically not required to be titled or tagged.

Private trailers, such as troop trailers, are only optionally registered with the state. Making the private sale of them easy and simple with no due diligence needed.

Opportunity



The common thief is not planning a heist.

They look for easy targets and will act on a short timeline.



Elements of Security

- Appearance
 - Looks are not usually deceiving. It should look like a pain in the butt to steal and sell your things!
- Layers
 - The more the better. Multiple locks, signage, lighting, fencing.
- Follow Through
 - Register your trailer with state and insurance. Install a tracking device or alarm.

How a Lock Works

- Pins and Needles
- Shackles
- Lock Body



MORE LOCKS

Hitch Lock



Wheel Lock



Ground Chain



Door locks

SECURITY

LOCKS

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TRACKING

Advertise your Troop!



Leave a trace

Engrave VIN or Contact info on the frame or inside

Hide an AirTag or Concealed GPS

GPS units often need a battery but have more features.

- Does your Troop currently employ any of these methods?

Have you ever had a trailer stolen? What were the circumstances?

Do you have any stories to share in relation to towing and trailers?

Thank You

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District Executive's Minute



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Next Meeting Thursday, June 26th 6:00pm.



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Questions and Open Discussion



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