

Pioneering

Pioneering — the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars—is among the oldest of Scouting's skills. Practicing rope use and completing projects with lashings also allow Scouts to connect with past generations, ancestors who used many of these skills as they sailed the open seas and lived in America's forests and prairies.

Bring a signed blue merit badge card and a Pioneering Merit Badge pamphlet that you have read. Bring your Totin' Chip card or proof that you earned it, a pocketknife, any carving knives you have, and a Boy Scout Handbook.

The course is limited to 8 participants. A workbook is available at: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Pioneering.pdf>

We may complete the merit badge, but that depends on the skill of the participants and the weather. Please be prepared to discuss the following requirements: 1a, 1b, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 and to demonstrate requirements: 2a, 2b, 2c, 3, 5, and 8. Requirement 6, 8, 9, and 10 will be performed in class.