

# INTRODUCTION TO MERIT BADGES AT CAMP



*(To be shared with each Scout taking a Merit Badge at camp)*

1. Obtain and read the Merit Badge books prior to coming to camp.
2. Your staff counselor will help you learn and do the things that are required.
3. Some requirements must be completed prior to coming to camp.
4. When the counselor is satisfied that you have met each requirement, he/she will update your record on the merit badge system and a report will be shared with your unit leader when you check out from camp.
5. Partial completions will also be noted on the report.
6. You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated—no more and no less. If it says ‘show’ or ‘demonstrate’, that is what you must do. Just talking about it isn’t enough.
7. **A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF CELL PHONES DURING MERIT BADGE AND CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.**

## Introduction to Prerequisites:

Prerequisites are requirements that cannot be completed at camp due to time constraints, location restraints, or other circumstances. Scouts who do not complete the prerequisites before coming to camp will not complete the Merit Badge at camp. Scouts should read Merit Badge books prior to coming to camp.

## There are three types of prerequisite categories:

### Activity Participation

This is a requirement that asks the Scout to attend an event, activity, or visit a location. Examples would be participating on a sports team, visit your state capital, or take a year of a foreign language. Either a Scoutmaster or parent can verify these with a signed note and proof of the completed requirement.

### Activity Participation with Action

This is a requirement that asks the Scout to do something then have the counselor evaluate it. Examples would be “conduct a home safety audit” or “conduct a home fire drill” or “collect 10 insects and properly identify them” For proving these type of requirements, a note will not do. The Scout should bring with them whatever they needed to do, whether it is a rock collection, a copy of a letter to your congressperson or a budget for three months. Sometimes items are not easily brought, i.e. fish; in that circumstance, a picture of you with the fish is satisfactory with a note from the parent or Scoutmaster.

### Paperwork

This is a requirement that asks you to either write or draw something. Examples would be reports for Environmental Science, drawing a home escape plan, or write a 500-word report on a book about mammals. This paper needs to be brought to camp for the Scout to show to the counselor.

## Merit Badge Fees

Some Merit Badges that require extra materials will have additional fees. Fees will be charged on a unit level and detailed in their invoice.

## A Note on Plagiarism

There are a number of merit badges where the Scouts are required to prepare reports on various topics. Except where the requirements indicate that the paper is to be based on the Scout's own observation and empirical research conducted by the Scout, we anticipate that the Scouts will use published and online resources in the preparation of the reports. The reports which the Scouts prepare frequently are going to approximate the structure and content of the published material. That is permissible. The report is to be in the Scout's own words, thus it is impermissible to simply directly copy material from one or several sources and present that as the report.

# 2020 MERIT BADGE OFFERINGS

Merit Badge	Times Offered	Size	Prerequisites	Minimum Age	Costs
<b>Aquatics – Lakefront</b>					
Canoeing	9, 10, 11, 2:00	20	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
Kayaking	9, 10, 11, 2:00	16	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
Motor Boating	9, 11, 2:00	12	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
Rowing	10:00	12	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
Small Boat Sailing	9, 10, 11, 2:00	8	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
<b>Aquatics – Pool</b>					
Lifesaving	9, 10, 2:00	20	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp, 1a	None	None
Swimming	9, 10, 11, 2:00	20	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp,	None	None
<b>COSA (Camp Outdoor Skills Area)</b>					
Camping	9, 10, 11, 2:00	15	3, 4b, 5e, 8c, 8d, 9	13 Years	None
Cooking	9, 10, 11, 2, 3:00	15	4, 5, 6	None	\$5.00
Emergency Preparedness	9, 10, 2:00	20	1, 2c, 6c, 8b	None	None
First Aid – 2 hour class	9-11, 2-4	12	None	12 Years	\$10.00
Fire Safety	11:00	20	6a	None	None
Geocaching	9:00, 2:00	20	7, 8, 9	None	None
Hiking & Backpacking	3:00	20	Hiking: 4, 5, 6 Backpack: 6b, 9, 10, 11	None	None
Orienteering	3:00	20	Large Time Requirements	None	None
Pioneering – 2 hour class	10-12:00	15	2a	12 Years	None
Search and Rescue	2:00	15	4, 5, 6a	12 Years	None
Traffic Safety	11:00	20	5	None	None
<b>Trail To the Eagle</b>					
Citizenship in the Nation	9, 11:00	16	2, 8	14 Years	None
Citizenship in the World	2, 3:00	16	7	14 Years	None
Communications	2, 3:00	16	5, (3, 8 recommended)	14 Years	None
Personal Management	9, 11:00	16	1, 2, 8a, 8b,8c	14 Years	None
<b>Ecology (be sure to see page 30 for any additional comments)</b>					
Animal Science	10:00	20	6 (Visits)	12 Years	None
Astronomy	9, 10:00	20	4c, 6b, 8 (4c & 6b use forms on webpage)	None	None
Bird Study	9:00	20	None	None	None
Chemistry	2:00	20	7	13 Years	None
Electronics - 2 hour class	2-4:00	8	None	13 Years	\$25.00
Envi. Sci. - 2 hour class	9-11, 2-4	20	None	13 Years	None
Fish & Wildlife Management	2:00	20	5	None	None
Fishing	10, 11, 2, 3:00	20	9 (we do have fish that can be caught)	None	None
Fly Fishing	9, 2:00	8	10 (we do have fish that can be caught)	13 Years	\$6.00
Forestry	9:00	20	5	None	None
Geology	10:00	20	None	12 Years	None
Insect Study	11:00	20	9	13 Years	None
Mammal Study	10, 3:00	20	None	None	None
Mining in Society	9:00	20	5	None	None
Nature	2, 3:00	20	None	None	None
Oceanography	11:00	20	8	None	None
Plant Science - 2 hour class	10-12:00	15	None	13 Years	None
Pulp and Paper	2:00	7	7	None	None
Radio - 2 hour class	9-11:00	15	None	13 Years	None
Reptile and Amphibian	3:00	15	8	None	None
Soil and Water Conservation	3:00	20	None	None	None
Space Exploration	11, 2, 3:00	15	None	None	\$17.00
Sustainability	9, 11:00	20	1 (must be completed before camp), 2, 4, 5	13 Years	None
Weather	2:00	20	2 (family discussion of safety rules)	None	None

Merit Badge	Times Offered	Size	Prerequisites	Minimum Rank	Costs
<b>Extreme Sports/Tower</b>					
Athletics	9:00	20	3, 5, 6b	None	None
Climbing	9, 10, 11, 2:00	12	None	12 Years	None
Cycling	9:00	16	7A (b, c) or 7B	None	None
Game Design	11, 2:00	16	None	None	None
Golf ** 2Hours on Tuesday	10:00	8	8 (outpost on Tues. you will miss 11AM class)	None	\$17.00
Personal Fitness	9, 10, 11:00	20	1b, 8, 9	None	None
Sports	10:00	20	4, 5	None	None
<b>Handicrafts</b>					
Art	2:00	20	6, 7	None	\$4.50
Basketry	9, 3:00	15	None	None	\$8.00
Chess	9, 10, 11:00	16	None	None	None
Composite Materials	2:00	15	4	12 Years	\$7.00
Fingerprinting	9:00	25	None	None	None
Graphic Arts	11:00	15	5b, 6	None	None
Leatherwork	9, 10, 11, 2, 3:00	20	None	None	\$8.00
Metalworking	9, 10, 11, 2, 3:00	12	Fireman Chit Card	12 Years	\$6.50
Painting	9:00	15	None	None	None
Pottery	2, 3:00	12	7	12 Years	\$8.00
Sculpture	10, 11:00	6	None	12 Years	\$11.00
Signs, Signals and Codes	2:00	15	7	None	None
Theater	10:00	10	1	None	None
Welding	9, 10,11, 2, 3:00	10	7a	13 Years	\$8.00
Woodcarving	10, 11, 3:00	16	Totin' Chip Card	12 Years	\$4.00
<b>Frontier Trading Company (FTC)</b>					
American Heritage	10:00	20	3c	None	None
FTC Program	3:00 – 5:00	10	None	14 years	None
Indian Lore	10, 11:00	20	None	None	\$9.00
Scouting Heritage	2:00	20	5, 6	None	None
Textiles	9:00	20	6	None	None
Wilderness Survival	9, 11, 2:00	15	Bring personal survival kit	13 Years	None
<b>Shooting Sports</b>					
Archery	9, 10, 11, 2, 3:00	16	Bring State laws if out of Ohio (1c)	None	\$4.50
Rifle Shooting	9, 10, 11, 2, 3:00	16	Bring State laws if out of Ohio (1d)	12 Years	None
Shotgun Shooting	9, 10, 11, 2, 3:00	8	Bring State laws if out of Ohio (1d)	12 Years	\$15.00
<b>Additional Merit Badges</b>					
Automotive Maintenance	2:00	8	2h (bring with you if applicable)	14 Years	None
Bugling/Music	11:00	6	Bug 6, 2 yrs experience, Mus 3	None	None
Crime Prevention	10:00	15	2, 4, 5, 6, 7	None	None
Farm Mechanics	11:00	8	None	14 Years	None
Photography	10:00	12	Bring digital camera	14 years	None
Plumbing	3:00	8	None	14 Years	\$7.00
Public Speaking	2:00	20	Prep for #2	None	None
<b>Older Scout Merit Badge Opportunities</b>					
Aviation	Thurs (meet @ Loftus)	8	Must turn in permission slip	14 years	\$55.00
Horsemanship <b>CAN'T COMPLETE AT CAMP</b>	Tues (meet @ Loftus)	6	11c, 11d Must turn in permission slip	14 years	\$50.00
<b>Non Merit Badge Program Offerings</b>					
Starting Place	Refer to page 40	N/A	None	None	None
Snorkeling	10:00	12	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
Stand-Up Paddleboarding	9, 10, 11, 2:00	12	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
Instructional Swim	3:00	N/A	None	None	None
Mile Swim	4:00	N/A	Able to pass BSA Swimmers' Test at camp	None	None
ATV Adventure (2 Hour Class)	9-11,11-3, 3-5:00	8	Parent Permission	14 years	\$60.00
Mountain Biking	11, 2, 3:00	16	See Extreme Sports Page	None	None
Mountain Boarding	2, 3:00	7	See Extreme Sports Page	None	None
Tread Lightly/Leave No Trace	4-5 Tuesday	20	None	None	None
COPE	Mod. Low, Tues. High 7-9:00	N/A	Minimum of 6 people for low and 8 for high	13 years	None