

# Merit Badges and Advancement Opportunities

Advancement is one of the primary reasons young men remain in Scouting. It is a measure of success and achievement in the program. Many merit badge classes cannot be completed during class time alone. Some classes require extra "homework". Scoutmasters are encouraged to consider the amount of work required and only sign Scouts up for no more than four merit badge sessions.

**Merit badge class requests are due in the council office 14 days prior to the start of your week at summer camp.**

**Merit Badge prerequisites will be added in January 2018 pending any updates to the requirements.**

## Rotating Merit Badges

In order to offer a wider variety of merit badges, the following badges will be offered on a three year rotation.

2017/2020	2018/2121	2016/2019
<b>ECOLOGY</b>		
Bird Study	Geology	Plant Science
Weather	Pulp and Paper	Archaeology
Forestry	Soil and Water Conservation	Oceanography
Reptile & Amphibian Study	Public Health	Mining in Society
<b>OUTDOOR SKILLS</b>		
Geocaching	Backpacking	Geocaching
Athletics/Personal Fitness	Safety	Search & Rescue
<b>EAGLE'S NEST</b>		
Signs, Signals, and Codes	Journalism/Photography	Public Speaking

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
8:30-9:20am	9:35-10:25am	10:40-11:30am	1:15-2:05pm	2:20-3:10pm	3:25-4:15pm
<b>ECOLOGY</b>					
<b>*Environmental Science</b>		<b>*Sustainability</b>		<b>*Environmental Science</b>	
Geology	Reptile & Amph. Study	Fish & Wildlife Management	Soil & Water Conservation	Reptile & Amph. Study	Geology
Pulp & Paper	Soil & Water Conservation	Public Health	Public Health	Pulp & Paper	Nature/Mammal Study
<b>AQUATICS</b>					
<b>*Kayaking</b>		<b>*Kayaking</b>		Mile Swim	<b>Swimming</b>
<b>*Lifesaving</b>		<b>*Lifesaving</b>		<b>*Small Boat Sailing</b>	
<b>*Motorboating</b>		<b>*Rowing</b>		Dan Beard Swimming	Dan Beard Swimming
<b>*Canoeing</b>		<b>*Small Boat Sailing</b>			
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Swimming</b>	Dan Beard Boating			
<b>OUTDOOR SKILLS</b>					
Athletics/ <b>Personal Fitness</b>	<b>**Cooking</b>		<b>**Cooking</b>		<b>Camping</b>
Orienteering	Backpacking	<b>Camping</b>	Backpacking	Orienteering	Safety
<b>**Mountain Biking</b>		Geocaching	<b>*Wilderness Survival</b>		<b>*Wilderness Survival</b>
<b>FIELD SPORTS</b>					
Archery	Archery	Dan Beard		Rifle	Rifle
Rifle	Rifle			Archery	Archery
<b>**Climbing</b>			<b>**Climbing</b>		Dan Beard
<b>*Shotgun</b>		<b>*Shotgun</b>		<b>*Shotgun</b>	
<b>HANDICRAFTS</b>					
Woodcarving	Dan Beard Handicraft	Textiles	Basketry	Dan Beard Handicraft	Dan Beard Handicraft
Textiles		Woodcarving	Game Design		
Sculpture		Leatherwork/Art	Sculpture		
<b>EAGLE'S NEST</b>					
<b>*Citizenship in the World</b>		<b>*Cit. in the Nation/Amer. Heritage</b>		<b>*Citizenship in the World</b>	
<b>Emergency Prep.</b>		<b>Communication</b>		<b>Communication</b>	
Journalism/Photography		<b>*First Aid</b>		Journalism/Photography	
<b>STEM AREA</b>					
Space Exploration	<b>**Robotics</b>		<b>**Robotics</b>		Space Exploration
Radio	Chemistry	Electronics	Radio	Chemistry	Electronics
Engineering	Digital Technology	Astronomy	Astronomy	Electricity	Engineering
<b>DAN BEARD AREA</b>					
Tenderfoot A			Tenderfoot A		
Tenderfoot B			Tenderfoot B		
First and Second Class			First and Second Class		