

Merit Badges

Prerequisites

The following is a list of prerequisites or requirements that must be done prior to camp due to time constraints, people the Scout may need to contact, or facilities unavailable to our camp. There will be no exceptions to the prerequisites. Remember, the Buckeye Council and its staff do not write the merit badge requirements, and we will follow the requirements set forth by the National Scouting office. Most requirements are writing-intensive. Scouts should come prepared to camp with a notebook of some kind in order to effectively complete these requirements. It is strongly recommended that scouts read their merit badge books before coming to camp.

The following requirements listed for each merit badge are accompanied by specific information indicating our requirements for how the prerequisite should be completed. There will be no exceptions to this policy. These requirements must be completed prior to coming to camp and turned in to the counselor no later than Monday's merit badge class:

Art: 7 — Note from the Scoutmaster

Astronomy: 6 — Bring finished sketches to camp.

Bugling: 6 — Note from the Scoutmaster.

Camping: 9A, 9B, 9C — Note from the Scoutmaster.

Chemistry: 7 — Provide appropriate documentation.

Citizenship (Nation): 2 — Bring written reports to camp; 3 — Bring newspaper clippings; 8 — Bring letter and any response.

Citizenship (World): 1, 2 — Bring written answers to camp; 7 — Provide appropriate documentation

Cooking: 3 – 7 - Appropriate documentation and note from Scoutmaster required.

Emergency Preparedness: 1 — Note from Scoutmaster; 2B and 2C — Bring chart and note from parents/guardians; 7 — Provide appropriate documentation; 8C — Bring family emergency kit to camp.

Energy: 4 — Bring report to camp.

Environmental Science: 3E — Bring report to camp.

Fire Safety: 6A, 11 — Bring Reports to Camp.

First Aid: 1 — Note from Scoutmaster; 2B — Bring kit to camp.

Fish and Wildlife Management: 7A, 7B, 7C or 7D — Bring reports to camp (7A, 7B, 7C) or provide appropriate documentation for / photos from your aquarium (7D).

Insect Study: 3, 7 — Provide appropriate documentation.

Lifesaving: 1A — Note from Scoutmaster.

Nature: 4A2 — Provide appropriate documentation (photos and report).

Plant Science: 4, 7A5 — Bring reports and appropriate documentation to camp.

Reptile and Amphibian Study: 8A or 8B — Provide appropriate documentation.

Swimming: 3 — Note from the Scoutmaster.

Wilderness Survival: 5 — Bring to camp.

Native American Cultures (NAC): Write a two-page essay on a topic of your choice from "The Gospel of the Redman," available at your local Council Office or online from the Boy Scouts of America. This essay is a 'summarizing' activity.

P.O.W.E.R.: *Energy*- 4 Bring report to Camp;

- "Appropriate Documentation" may be a report, photo documentation, etc. or a combination of these elements. Be thorough! Use whatever means necessary to show your counselor what you did to complete the requirement(s).
- "Bring to Camp" items are generally judged on the reasonability standard. For example, we don't expect unwieldy items like multiple gallons of water to be brought to camp (as in the Emergency Preparedness prerequisites), but we do expect a quality effort on behalf of the Scouts. For example, for the home first aid kit required for First Aid merit badge, we do not require splints, breathing masks or other large expensive items, but we do expect more than band-aids and gauze. Again, be thorough! Go the extra mile.
- A "Note from the Scoutmaster" is just that — a signed slip of paper indicating the specific requirements completed by the Scout before the start of camp.

There will be no exceptions to the prerequisites!

Special note for participants of the **Leave No Trace** program: prerequisites for Camping and Environmental Science merit badges must be completed in order to fulfill the requirements of the LNT Award.

- **Note:** Be sure to check the newest requirements before beginning work on prerequisites. Ideally, Scouts should purchase Merit Badge books from their local council office long before summer camp in order to work on these requirements and to prepare for camp, as these books may not be available once Scouts have arrived on the reservation.
- **Note:** In order to take waterfront merit badges, a Scout must pass the B.S.A. swimmer test at Sunday check-in.
- **Note:** Be sure to read each requirement carefully to ensure that you are completing your pre-requisites before coming to camp.

MERIT BADGE CLASS SIZES

Due to extremely large class sizes and to be able to thoroughly teach some merit badges, it is necessary to limit the size of some classes. Please note these limits when utilizing the BadgeTracker registration program and have your Scouts plan accordingly.

The Program Director reserves the right to limit the class size of any badge at any time in order to maintain quality control. Scouts are advised to come to camp with alternative selections in mind should their first choice(s) be denied.

BadgeTracker

Scouts will be accepted into all merit badges via prior registration with the Buckeye Council (<http://sevenranges.badgetracker.com>). The camp office will confirm merit badge registration information with all units one week before the troop is to arrive in camp. Arrangements taking place after these deadlines will be made at camp on a first-come, first-served basis. The aim of this trial pre-registration program is to eliminate a major headache of the weekly Sunday leader's meeting - we hope our new developing system will serve you better in the years to come. If you have any questions about BadgeTracker (our web-based system), please contact the Buckeye Council Service Center or the Seven Ranges Camp Office (during the summer camping season). We will be more than happy to assist you in preparing for camp.

Merit Badge Partial

Partials will be accepted by the merit badge counselors, providing that the issuing counselor is registered with your council. The camp staff reserves the right to re-check a Scout on any requirement already completed with another counselor.

Scouts with partials may complete the merit badge "by appointment" with members of the camp staff, but must make the appropriate arrangements by Monday afternoon.

If a Scout has started a merit badge at camp and does not finish it, the Scout must request a partial from his counselor no later than Friday, by noon. If the Scout does not request a partial by noon on Friday, but would still like one, he must contact the Buckeye Council Service Center after the summer camping season is over. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed towards the Buckeye Council Advancement Committee.

Merit Badges Offered by Appointment

Bird Study	Cooking	Plant Science
Bugling	Insect Study	

Special Morning Programs

FROG	9:00-10:45
P.O.W.E.R.	9:00-11:50
Native American Cultures	9:00-11:50
Learner Swimmers	11:00-11:50
Beginner Swimmers	11:00-11:50