



2009 Advancement Prerequisites

very important stuff, please read carefully!

Below you will notice a listing of prerequisites for each merit badge/activity. You should pay attention to those that are “Starting Requirements” (SR) and those that are “Prerequisites.”

Starting Requirements (SR)

These are requirements that the Scout needs to complete before taking the merit badge/activity. For example, a Scout must complete Canoeing Merit Badge before starting Whitewater Merit Badge. If the Scout has not completed these Starting Requirements before coming to Tesomas, they will not be able to sign up for the merit badge/activity.

Prerequisites

These are requirements that the Scout needs to complete before camp if they want to complete the merit badge/activity while at camp. For example, a Scout must complete requirements 8 of Weather before coming to Tesomas if they want to complete it while at camp. Prerequisites are shown without the (SR) noting under the Prerequisite column.

Referenced requirements are from the 2009 Boy Scout Requirements book. Merit badge pamphlets may list incorrect requirements so please use this book when inquiring about requirement specifics. The following merit badges have revisions for 2009: Archer, Emergency Preparedness, Indian Lore, Painting and Swimming.

Levels of Difficulty

Listed in parentheses after each merit badge/activity is a letter that indicates its difficulty.

- A - Difficult merit badge/activity, appropriate for older scouts with 3 or more years in Scouting.
- B - Appropriate for advancing Scouts with 2 or more years in Scouting.
- C - Easy merit badge/activity, appropriate for beginning Scouts.

Comments

Comments listed for each merit badge/activity provide additional details that will help you in your planning and preparations.

Completing Requirements After Camp

Some times it's not possible to complete all of the merit badge requirements at camp due to time requirements, approvals and/or proper instruction. As a result, Scouts will receive a partial at camp and are encouraged to find an approved Troop or district counselor to finish at home.

Merit badge/activity	Prerequisites	Comments
Archaeology (A)	None	Req. 4, 10a or 10b can be completed at home.
Archery (B)	None	Practice, limited to 16 Scouts per session
Art (C)	None	None
Astronomy (A)	Req. 6, 7b	Involves written work and night observations
Basketry (C)	None	None
Boardsailing (B)	Be a swimmer (SR)	Not a merit badge
CAMPING (B)	Req. 4b,7b, 8d, 9a, 9b	Most of the written work can be done at home.
Canoeing (B)	Be a swimmer (SR)	Req. 2 (CPR) can be completed at home.
Climbing (A)	None	Recommended for Scouts 13 and older, long pants are recommended, closed toed shoes are required. Limited to 12 Scouts/session.
Composite Materials (A)	None	None
Computers (C)	None	None
Cooking (B)	None	Meets for additional cooking times. Req. 7d must be completed after camp at home.
COPE (A)	None	Recommended for Scouts 13 and older, long pants are recommended, closed toed shoes are required. Limited to 12 Scouts/session.
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (B)	First Aid Merit Badge (SR), Req. 2b, c, 6c	Req. 8c (bring your kit to camp), alternative to Lifesaving.
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE(A)	Req. 3e	Req. 4 can be completed at home, be sure to bring your journal to camp along with your report.

Merit badge	Prerequisites	Comments
Fingerprinting (C)	None	None
FIRST AID (B)	1st Class First Aid requirement	Req. 2d (bring your kit to camp), Req. 3c (CPR) can be completed at home.
Fish and Wildlife Management (B)	None	Bring a fishing rod to camp.
Fire Safety (C)	Req. 6	None
Fishing (C)	None	Bring your gear
Forestry (B)	None	Req. 7 can be completed at home.
Geology (B)	None	None
<i>Indian Lore (B)</i>	None	None
Instructional Swim	None	Not a merit badge
Kayaking (C)	Be a swimmer (SR)	Not a Merit Badge
Leatherwork (C)	None	None
LIFESAVING (B)	Be a swimmer (SR), Req. 1a (SR), Swimming MB (Recommended)	Req. 13 (CPR) can be completed at home. Must bring long pants, long sleeve shirt and belt for disrobe. Alternative to Emergency Preparedness.
Mammal Study (C)	None	None
Model Design & Building (A)	None	Costs \$5
Nature (C)	None	Req. 4 can be started at home.
Orienteering (A)	None	None
Oceanography (A)	None	Req. 8 can be completed at home.
Painting (B)	None	None
Paddle Craft Safety (A)	Be a swimmer and 16 or older (SR)	Recommended for leaders to confidently supervise unit boating activities.
PERSONAL FITNESS (B)	Req. 1, 6, 7, 8	Requires a 12 week fitness program.
Photography (B)	None	Costs \$5; Bring a 35mm camera (film will be provided) or a digital camera.
Pioneering (B)	Req. 2a (SR)	Practice knots
Pulp & Paper (A)	None	None
Reptile and Amphibian Study (C)	Req. 8	Bring journal to camp.
Rifle Shooting (A)	None	Practice, limited to 16 Scouts per session
Rowing (C)	Be a swimmer (SR)	Req. 2 (CPR) can be completed at home.
Sculpture (C)	None	None
Shotgun Shooting (A)	None	Practice, limited to 8 Scouts per session, Cost \$20 (automatically added to unit bill)
Small-Boat Sailing (B)	Be a swimmer (SR)	Req. 1b (CPR) can be completed at home.
Snorkeling (C)	Be a swimmer (SR)	Not a Merit Badge
Soil and Water Conservation (B)	None	Involves written work and a project at camp.
Space Exploration (C)	None	Costs \$5 (do not bring your own rocket or engines)
Sports (C)	Req. 4 (bring a note from coaches)	Req. 5 must be completed after camp.
<i>SWIMMING (C)</i>	Be a swimmer (SR), Req. 3 (SR)	Req. 2 (CPR) can be completed at home. Bring light pants & lightweight long sleeve shirt for clothes inflation. Alternative to Hiking or Cycling.
Swimming & Water Rescue (A)	Be a swimmer and 16 or older (SR)	Recommended for leaders to confidently supervise unit swimming activities.
Weather (B)	Req. 8	Req. 9 can be completed at home.
Wilderness Survival (B)	None	Req. 5 (bring your kit to camp), involves spending a night in an improvised shelter.
Woodcarving (B)	Totin' Chip (SR)	Pocket knives with blades over 3.5" prohibited

CAPS: Eagle Required, **BOLD**: New or returning Advancement, *Italics*: Revised reqs. for 2009.



It is beneficial to have merit badge pamphlets read before coming to camp. Scouts are encouraged to bring the pamphlets with them.