

Merit Badges

Not all merit badges are the same. Some are more difficult than others. We believe that if a difficult merit badge is started at too young of an age it could lead to the loss of a scout in the program. Our goal is just opposite of that. That is why a comprehensive list of merit badges has been developed according to difficulty and when it's recommended that a scout should work on merit badges. This comprehensive list is not meant to deter any participation of any merit badge at any stage in advancement but is designed to make a scout's life easier by not choosing a difficult badge too early. Any scout can actively start any merit badge at any age, but it doesn't mean that they should. There will be ample time to complete a multitude of merit badges while attending Camp Tesomas due to the facilities they have on site. We highly recommend taking advantage of those opportunities when given a chance. Historically, Troop 427 has offered a 2-week summer camp opportunity at Camp Tesomas every third year. While we will be on Camp Tesomas grounds, we do not participate in Camp Tesomas activities for the first week. We will be hard at work working on four merit badges. When looking at the list of merit badges you will find those four listed with an asterisk next to them. Those will be the focus of week one and is the best time for a scout to start those merit badges.

As you're looking at this list there are a few colors to distinguish. Any of the colored ones are Eagle required. Those that are **Purple**, **Brown**, or **Green** means that a scout can choose to complete one of those of a similar color.

Rules of merit badges.

- Any scout can start a merit badge at any level of advancement.
- Any scout has until they are age 18 to complete a merit badge.
- A registered merit badge counselor for any must be contacted prior to starting a merit badge. Except for Camp Tesomas or district sponsored Merit badges.
- Each merit badge will have its own counselor that can be found through Scoutbook.
- 14 badges are deemed Eagle required as to complete a scout's journey.
- Most importantly, Have fun!

The Breakdown

	<u>Tenderfoot</u>	<u>Second Class</u>	<u>First Class</u>	<u>Star</u>	<u>Life</u>
1	Animal Science	Animation	American Cultures	Chemistry	American Business
2	Art	Archery	Architecture	Citizenship/Community	American Heritage
3	Aviation	Astronomy	Automotive maintenance	Family Life	American Labor
4	Basketry	Athletics	Backpacking	Geology	Archeology
5	Bird Study	Camping*	Canoeing	Jouranlism	Communications
6	Bugling	Citizenship/World	Citizenship/Nation	Metalwork	Drafting
7	Chess	Climbing	Composite Materials	Nuclear Science	Lifesaving
8	Coin Collecting	Digital Technology	Electronics	Robotics	Medicine
9	Collections	Emergency Preparedness	Engineering	Scholarship	Model Design and Drafting
10	Cooking*	Energy	Enviromental Science	Scuba Diving	Personal Management
11	Crime Prevention	Entrepreneursip	Graphic Arts	Search and Rescue	Whitewater
12	Dentistry	Farm Mechanics	Hiking	Traffic Safety	
13	Disabilities Awreness	Fish & Wildlife Management*	Home Repairs	Welding	
14	Dog Care	First Aid	Kayaking	Wood Working	
15	Electricity	Forestry	Oceanography		
16	Fingerprinting	Game Design	Pioneering*		
17	Fire Safety	Horsemanship	Plumbing		
18	Fishing	Indian Lore	Programming		
19	Fly Fishing	Inventing	Small Boat Sailing		
20	Gardening	Landscape Architecture	Soil & Water Conservation		
21	Geneology	Law	Space Exploration		
22	Geocaching	Leatherwork	Theater		
23	Golf	Mammel Study	Wilderness Survival		
24	Insect Study	Mining in Society	Citizenship/Society		
25	Music	Motorboating	Sustainability		
26	Nature	Movie Making	Cycling		
27	Painting	Orienteering			
28	Pets	Plant Science			
29	Personal Fitness	Public Health			
30	Painting	Public Speaking			
31	Photography	Pulp and Paper			
32	Pottery	Radio			
33	Railroading	Rifle Shooting			
34	Reading	Rowing			
35	Reptile and Amphibian Study	Safety			
36	Salesmanship	Scouting heritage			
37	Sculture	Shotgun Shooting			
38	Skating	Signs, Signals, and Codes			
39	Snow Sports	Surveying			
40	Sports	Swimming			
41	Stamp Collecting	Truck Transportation			
42	Textile	Vetinary Medicine			
43		Water Sports			
44		Weather			
		Wood Carving			