

MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES (2024)

Merit Badge	Min. Grade Entering in Fall 2024	Requirements	Notes
Art		6	
Astronomy	Grade 8		
Athletics		3, 5	
Automotive Maintenance	Grade 9		
Backpacking		6b, 8c, 8d, 9b, 9c, 9e, 10, 11	
Camping		4b, 5e, 7b, 8d, 9a-b	
Canoeing			Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Chemistry	Grade 9	7a OR 7b OR 7c OR 7d	
Chess	Grade 8		
Citizenship in the Community		3, 4, 7	Offered Trail to Eagle Weeks 4-7.
Citizenship in the Nation		6, 7	Offered Trail to Eagle Weeks 4-7.
Citizenship in the World		7	Offered Trail to Eagle Weeks 4-7.
Climbing	Grade 8		
Communication		5, 8	Offered Trail to Eagle Weeks 1-3.
Cooking		2a, 2c, 4, 4a, 5a-c, 6a-b	Offered Week 7.
Cycling	Grade 8	6	
Emergency Preparedness	Grade 9	1, 2c, 9a-b	
Engineering	Grade 8	4	
Environmental Science	Grade 8		
Exploration	Grade 9		
Fire Safety		6a, 11	Recommended for first year Scouts.
First Aid	Grade 9	5	Must be First Class or higher.
Fishing		7, 9, 10	Fish are not guaranteed to be caught. Fishing poles are available for use at camp.
Geocaching	Grade 9	7, 8, 9	
Hiking		4b-e, 5	Offered Trail to Eagle Weeks 1-3.
Kayaking			Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Lifesaving		2a	Must bring long pants, long-sleeved button-down shirt, shoes and socks that can get wet for clothes inflation. Must be a BLUE swimmer. Must have earned Swimming merit badge.
Metalwork	Grade 8		
Motorboating	Grade 9		CT Safe Boating Certificate (or out-of-state equivalent) required. Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Moviemaking	Grade 8		
Nuclear Science	Grade 9		
Orienteering		7	
Painting	Grade 8		
Paul Bunyan Award		3	
Personal Fitness	Grade 8	1b, 8	
Personal Management		2, 8	Offered Trail to Eagle Weeks 1-3.
Photography		1a	Cyber Chip required (can be done at camp). Scouts should bring their own camera, if available.
Plumbing	Grade 9		
Programming	Grade 8	1a	Cyber Chip required (can be done at camp).
Public Health	Grade 8	7a OR 7b	
Reptile & Amphibian Study		8	
Rowing			Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Scouting Heritage		5, 6	
SCUBA Diving	MUST be 14 years of age or older	2	Must submit a SCUBA specific medical form in addition to regular camp medical form. <u>Must register by July 15</u> . Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Shotgun Shooting	Grade 9		Scouts may need to purchase additional ammunition at the range (\$7 per box of 25 shells)
Signs, Signals & Codes	Grade 8	7	
Small Boat Sailing	Grade 8		Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Space Exploration	Grade 8		
Sports		5	
Swimming			Must be a BLUE swimmer.
Theater	Grade 8	1, 2	
Welding	Grade 9		
Wilderness Survival	Grade 8	5	Should be prepared to build and sleep in a shelter for one night at camp.
Wood Carving		2a	Totin' Chip required (can be earned at camp).
Woodwork	Grade 9	1c	Totin' Chip required (can be earned at camp).