

Prerequisites and preparation

for Merit Badge Saturday 2026

Not everything needed to complete a merit badge may be doable on the day of Merit Badge Saturday. To get a merit badge “blue card” signed off as complete by the counselor on the day of the event, some requirements will have to be completed ahead of time. Otherwise, a partial completion will result, and the badge will have to be completed later.

Animal Science

- Optionally a workbook can be started either beforehand or e-mailed after the training: troop447natomas.com/resources/advancement/Merit_Badge_Resources/Animal_Science_MB.pdf
- If you would like to complete the merit badge the date of the event, please print the workbook out and bring it with you.
- Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty (if interacting with animals).
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/animal-science/
- Pamphlet: filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Animal%20Science.pdf

Automotive Maintenance

- Prepare ahead: Requirements 4a–4f, 7
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/automotive-maintenance/
- Pamphlet: filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Automotive%20Maintenance.pdf

Chess

- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/chess/
- Pamphlet: filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Chess.pdf

Coin Collecting

- Prepare ahead: Requirements 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/coin-collecting/

- Pamphlet:
filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Coin%20Collecting.pdf

Communication

- Prepare ahead: Requirements 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4
- These requirements will not be completed at Merit Badge Saturday, and will have to be completed before or after: 5, 8. If you do them ahead of time, please bring appropriate records
- Digital resource guide: www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/communication/
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/communication/
- Pamphlet:
filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Communication.pdf

Cooking

- These requirements will not be completed at Merit Badge Saturday, and will have to be completed before or after: 4, 5, 6
- Please bring \$10 for materials
- Digital resource guide www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/cooking/
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/cooking/
- Pamphlet:
filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_ReqandRes/Pamphlets/Cooking.pdf

Dog Care

Emergency Preparedness

Family Life

Fingerprinting

First Aid

- Must be First Class or above to take this badge.

Geocaching

Health Care Professions

Personal Fitness

Personal Management

- For ages 14 and up.