

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: <https://troop447natomas.com/resources/advancement/Merit%20Badge%20Resources/Animal%20Science%20MB.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: [Animal Science](#)

Automotive Maintenance

- Prepare ahead: Requirements 4a–4f, 7
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/automotive-maintenance/
- Pamphlet: [Automotive Maintenance](#)

Chess

- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/chess/
- Pamphlet: [Chess](#)

Citizenship in the Community

- Complete what you can of requirements 3, 4, 5, 7a, 7b
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/coin-collecting/
- Pamphlet: [Coin Collecting](#)

Coin Collecting

- Prepare ahead: Requirements 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/coin-collecting/
- Pamphlet: [Coin Collecting](#)

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/citizenship-community/
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community/
- Pamphlet: [Citizenship in the Community](#)

Cooking

- Prerequisites: 4a, 4b (4d–e are optional but do plan to bring pictures if done), 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 7b
- These requirements will not be completed at Merit Badge Saturday, and will have to be completed before or after: 4d–e, 5d–e, 6d–e,
- 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: [Cooking](#)

Dog Care

- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/dog-care/
- Pamphlet: [Dog Care](#)

Emergency Preparedness

- Information from the instructor:
<https://scoutingevent.com/Download/047191175/OR/emergencyprep.pdf>
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/emergency-preparedness/
- Pamphlet: [Emergency Preparedness](#)

Family Life

- Please prepare requirement 6(b) before attending.
- Digital resource guide:
www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/family-life/
- Requirements: <https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/family-life/>
- Pamphlet: [Family Life](#)

Fingerprinting

- Digital resource guide:
www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/fingerprinting/
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/fingerprinting/
- Pamphlet: [Fingerprinting](#)

First Aid

- Must be First Class or above to take this badge.
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/first-aid/
- Pamphlet: [First Aid](#)

Geocaching

- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/geocaching/
- Pamphlet: [Geocaching](#)

Health Care Professions

- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/health-care-professions/
- Pamphlet: [Health Care Professions](#)

Personal Fitness

- Prerequisites: 4a (record result), 5c, 8
- Will not be completed at this event: 7a–d
- Digital resource guide:
www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/personal-fitness/
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/personal-fitness/
- Pamphlet: [Personal Fitness](#)

Personal Management

- For ages 14 and up.
- Digital resource guide:
www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/digital-resource-guides/personal-management/
- Requirements: www.scouting.org/merit-badges/personal-management/
- Pamphlet: [Personal Management](#)