**Program area notes**

**General note:** Many merit badges now require investigation into careers and hobbies in that field. We will make every effort to facilitate the completion of this requirement, but resources may be limited in a camp environment. We recommend that Scouts take a bit of time to dig into this requirement prior to arriving at camp. We would all prefer to be doing active fun things at camp instead of online research! We do not expect extensive essays, but some notes would be welcome so that the requirement can be completed and signed off by the instructor.

All merit badge requirements can be found here: https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/

**Range and Target Sports:** Scouts should plan to spend time during open range to complete the target accuracy requirements

**Aquatics:** ALL aquatics badges require you to take the swim test beforehand. With the exceptions of Brown Sea Swim and Instructional Swim, Scouts will need to pass the “Swimmer” requirements to be able to complete the full badge. Also… bring a swimsuit.

**Skilled Trades:** Please wear sturdy shoes and long pants

**Class-specific information Camp Buffalo Summer Camp Classes**

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| **Class** | **Prerequisites to be completed prior to camp** | **Merit Badge requirements that cannot be completed at camp** | **Notes** |
| ATV | Must be 14 years old  Online Course complete  Waiver signed |  | Need to wear sturdy footwear that covers the ankle and long pants |
| EAGLEQUEST | | | |
| Disability Awareness |  | Req 2, half of 4a |  |
| Emergency Preparedness | Completed First Aid Merit Badge | Req 3 must be done with family | The family disaster kit for 3c can be completed and brought to camp to be reviewed and marked complete  Work on Req 10 recommended, but not required |
| First Aid |  | Req 15 |  |
| Movie making |  |  | Need to bring a device that can take digital video (Camera, phone, tablet), plus cables for file transfer if necessary |
| Photography |  |  | Need to bring a device that can take digital photos (Camera, phone, tablet) plus cables for file transfer if necessary |
| HANDICRAFTS | | | |
| Art |  | Req 6 |  |
| Music |  | Req 3 |  |
| OUTDOOR SKILLS | | | |
| Camping |  | Complete with your troop or patrol: 4b, 5e, 7b, 8d, 9a, 9b, 9c |  |
| Cycling |  | Parts of Req 6 | The longer riding requirements can be completed by participating in the appropriate ride at the Buffalo Stampede, Oct 25, 2025. Register here: https://scoutingevent.com/162-99906 |
| Geocaching |  | Req 9 |  |
| Orienteering |  | Req 7, 9 & 10 |  |
| Wilderness Survival |  | Req 5 |  |