

2025 Custaloga Town Merit Badge Matrix (updated 2/14/25)

Locations are subject to change

Difficulty/Maturity: A – New Scout/First Year Camper

B – First Class/Completed at Camp

C – Star/Interest Provoking - may not complete at Camp

D – Life/Challenging – Probably not able to complete at camp





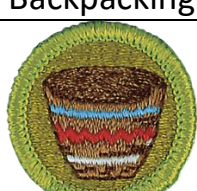
E – Difficult – Cannot be completed at camp

The Scoutmaster should establish the Scout is of proper maturity for the merit badge.

Starting Requirements are needed before work on the other requirements can begin

Pre-Camp requirements need to be completed before coming to camp or a partial will result

Post-Camp requirements need to be completed after returning from camp – a partial will be issued.



Merit Badge	Location	Difficulty/ Maturity	Starting Requirements	Pre-Camp Requirements	Post Camp Requirements
 Archery	Archery	C			
 Art	Handicraft	A		Req. 6	Req. 6
 Astronomy	Nature Lodge	C		Req. 8	Inclement weather could effect completion
 Backpacking	Scoutcraft	E		Req. 9, 10, 11	Req. 9,10,11
 Basketry	Handicraft	A			








 Bird Study	Nature Lodge	C		Req. 5 (Recommended)	
 Camping	Scoutcraft	DE		Req. 8d, & 9	
 Canoeing	Waterfront	B	Req. 2 BSA Swimmer		
 Chess	Sci Tech	B	3		Req. 6b,6c
 Climbing	Climbing Tower	C	3		
 Communications	TBD	C		Req. 4, 5,7	
 Crime Prevention	Sci tech	C		Req. 2,3,10	

 Digital Technology	Sci Tech	C	Req. 1 Personal Safety Awareness	9b	
 Emergency Preparedness	First Aid/BBQ Pit	D	Req. 1 First Aid MB	Req. 3a,3b,3c,8b	
 Engineering	Sci Tech	C		Req. 4	Req. 4
 Environmental Science	Nature Lodge	B			
 Fingerprinting	Sci Tech	A			
 First Aid	First Aid/BBQ Pit	B	Req. 5a, 5b	2a copy of health form, 2b, 15a, 15b	
 Fish & Wildlife Management	Nature Lodge	B			


 <p>Fishing</p>	Boathouse	C			
 <p>Fly Fishing</p>	Boathouse	C			
 <p>Forestry</p>	Nature Lodge	C		Req. 5	Req. 5
 <p>Game Design</p>	Sci Tech	C		Req. 8	Req. 8
 <p>Geocaching</p>	Scoutcraft	E		Req. 7,8,9	Req. 8, 9
 <p>Hiking</p>	Scoutcraft	E		Req. 4,5	Req 4, 5
 <p>Indian Lore</p>	Handicraft	B		Req. 5	

 Insect Study	Nature Lodge	C		Req. 4b,4c 5b (recommended) Req. 3	Req. 3 4b,4c 5b
 Kayaking	Waterfront	B	Req. 2 BSA Swimmer		
 Leatherwork	Handicraft	A			
 Lifesaving	Pool	C		Req. 2 Swimming MB	
 Mammal Study	Nature Lodge	A			
 Nature	Nature	B			
 Orienteering	Scoutcraft	C		Req. 7,8	Req. 7,8,9

 <p>Oceanography</p>	TBD			Req. 8	
 <p>Painting</p>	Handicraft	B			
 <p>Photography</p>	Sci Tech	BC	Req. 1b Personal Safety Awareness		
 <p>Pioneering</p>	Scoutcraft	BC			
 <p>Pottery</p>	Handicraft	B		Req. 7	
 <p>Public Speaking</p>	TBD				
 <p>Pulp & Paper</p>	Handicraft	B		Req. 7	

 <p>Reptile & Amphibian Study</p>	Nature Lodge	BC		<p>Req. 8</p> <p>Req. 9 (recommended)</p>	
 <p>Rifle Shooting</p>	Shooting Range	B			
 <p>Rowing</p>	Waterfront	B	<p>Req. 2 BSA Swimmer</p>		
 <p>Salesmanship</p>	TBD			<p>Req. 5, 6</p>	
 <p>Sculpture</p>	Handicraft	B		<p>Req. 2c</p>	<p>Req. 2c</p>
 <p>Search & Rescue</p>	Scoutcraft	C		<p>Req. 4,6a</p>	<p>Req. 6a</p>
 <p>Shotgun Shooting</p>	Shooting Range	C		<p>Rifle Shooting MB</p>	

 <p>Space Exploration</p>	Sci Tech	BC		Req. 5	
 <p>Sustainability</p>	TBD			Req. 2a (optional)	
 <p>Swimming</p>	Pool	AB	Req. 2 2 nd class req. 7a- 7c, 1 st class req. 9a-9c, & BSA swimmer		
 <p>Weather</p>	Nature Lodge	BC		Req. 9b (optional)	
 <p>Wilderness Survival</p>	Scoutcraft	BC		Req. 5	
 <p>Woodcarving</p>	Handicraft	AB	Req. 2a Totin' Chip		

 ATV	Meyers Building	b	Must be 14 years or older.		
Guyasutha Braves	Brave Pavilion				
Tye Dye	Handicraft				
Custaloga Town Trek Weeks 2,4 only			Must be 14 years or older.		

Merit Badge Supplies

Merit badges supplies are all provided in the cost for camp. Scouts will not need to bring additional money to pay for supplies like basket kits, leather work projects, rockets etc.

Merit Badge Books

Please purchase all merit badge books before coming to camp!!! They are available at the McGarvey Scout Service Center in Erie or online at www.scoutstuff.org. The trading post will only have a limited supply available for purchase.