

# MNSR 2025 Merit Badges




## Mount Norris Scout Reservation Summer Camp 2025





Use this information to make your 2025 merit badge selections.

Go to <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/> for additional 2025 change information.





For 2025 we developed a color-coding system to describe three different merit badge categories at the Mt. Norris Scout Reservation. **A Green-type box depicts our core merit badge offerings, available every year. A Blue-type box depicts those merit badges which are offered during our four specialty weeks. Finally, a Red-type box depicts “by-chance” merit badge offerings that are offered because an expert MB Counselor is in camp that week and has agreed to teach the class.**

	Type	Merit Badge	2024 Ranking (of 138)	Restrictions (If necessary)	Changes & Prerequisites	Section & Block	Counselor Recommendation & Information
		Archery	17 of 138	Class size limited to	<b>Changes:</b> Requirement 1a-e; Requirement 5 (Option A) a-e, f (1) a-d; 2 Requirement 5 (Option B) a-e, f (1) a-d; 2	Target & Range Activities	Great “First Year” merit badge!






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		Art	22 of 138	None	No changes from 2024	Handicraft  Mon/Tue Block 3 Wed/Thur Block 3	Great “First Year” merit badge!
		Astronomy	33 of 138	Will require one night of observation outside of merit badge session.	<b>Changes:</b> Requirement 4a-d; 6a-b, 8b, 8f and 9a or 9b <b>Prerequisites:</b> 5b and 9	E-Con  Mon/Tues Block3	Great “First Year” merit badge!
		Basketry	39 of 138	None	No changes from 2024	Handicraft  Mon/Tue Block 3	Back by popular demand!
		Camping	7 of 138	None	<b>Prerequisites:</b> 4(b), 5(e), 8(c), 8(d), 9	Scoutcraft  Wed/Thur Block1	Eagle-required






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	Green	Canoeing	25 of 138	Must have Swimmer designation.	No changes from 2024	Aquatics  Canoeing 1 Weeks 1-4 Mon/Tues Block 1 & 2  Canoeing 2  Weeks 1,2 and 4 Wed/Thur Block 1 & 2	Good 1 <sup>st</sup> Year merit badge choice.  <b>Class dependent on staffing levels.</b>
	Red	Chemistry	52 of 138	<b>Class Limited to 8 Scouts</b>	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 1a-d; 2a-c; 3a-b;4a-d; 5, 6 7 and 8a-c	E-Con  Block 3 Wed/Thur	Every slot taken in 2024!  Over 80% of the MB changed from last year.
	Blue	Citizenship in the Community	12 of 138	<b>Week 1 only MB offering</b>	<b>Change:</b> Requirement 2a (1-4) & 3a <b>Prerequisites:</b> Bring materials that describe your town or city.	Yon Porch Mon/Tue Block 1	<b>Eagle-Required</b>
	Blue	Citizenship in the Nation	5 of 138	<b>Week 1 only MB offering</b>	No Changes from 2024  <b>Prerequisites:</b> Requirement 5 and 7	Yon Porch  Block 1 Mon/Tues	<b>Eagle-Required</b>  <b>Taught by Mr. George Hasselback</b>






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		Citizenship in Society	4 of 138	Week 1 only MB offering	No Changes from 2024  <b>Prerequisites:</b> <b>2a, 6a-b</b>	Mon-Thurs Block 3	Eagle-Required
		Citizenship in the World	2 of 138	Week 1 only MB offering	No changes from 2024:  <b>Prerequisites:</b> Requirement 7	Yon Porch  Block 1 Wed/Thur	Eagle-Required  Taught by Mr. George Hasselback
		Climbing	28 of 138	Class size limited to 9 Scouts. Scout must be at least 12 years old.	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 3, 4d, 7a-e, 8a-c, 9, 120a-e, 11a-b, 12a-c and 13	Keyser Lodge Block 1 Mon-Thur Block 2 Mon-Thur Block 3 Mon-Thur	Pretend you're Spiderman!
		Collections	77 of 138	Weeks 2-4 Only	<b>Prerequisites:</b> Requirement 5: <b>Bring your collection to camp!</b>	Dining Hall Mon/Tues Block 3	Returning from 2024!
		Communications	6 of 138	Week 1 only MB offering	No changes from 2024	Mon/Tues Block 2	Eagle-Required






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	Green	Cooking	10 of 138	None	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 3 and 3d, 4a-f, 5d and 7a or 7b <b>Prerequisites:</b> 4, 5 and 6	Scoutcraft Mon-Thur Block 3	Eagle-Required
	Red	Dentistry	130 of 138	Week 3 Only.	<b>Changes:</b> Requirement 1a-d; 7 <b>Prerequisites:</b> Requirement 3 (Visit a Dentist)	Location TBD  Block 1 Wed/Thur	Here is your chance to earn a hard-to-get MB!
	Blue	Disabilities Awareness	82 of 138	Week 2 only MB Offering	Prerequisites: Do part of Requirement 4 (Option A); “Your School” or “Your place of Worship.”)	See Program Director	Was New in 2024!
	Green	Emergency Preparedness	14 of 138	None	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 2a1-5; 2b1-21; 3a-c; 4a-b; 5a-d; 6a-c; 7; 8a-c; 9a1-4; 9b-d; 10 a-c <b>Prerequisites:</b> Have First Aid Badge	Location TBD  Block 2 Mon-Thur	Eagle-Required  Significant Changes in 2025
	Red	Entrepreneurship	86 of 138	None	None	See Program Director	Pitch your product to the MNSR Staff Shark Tank!  May be added at camp.






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		Environmental Science	8 of 138	None	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 1; 2a-b; 3a-c; 4a-c; 5a-c; 6a-c; 7a-c; 8a-c; 9; 10 & 11	E-Con Mon-Thur Block 1	<a href="#">Eagle-Required</a>
		Fingerprinting	13 of 138	None	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 2a-c & 6	Dining Hall Block 1 Wed/Thur	Be the Sleuth you always wanted to be!
		Fire Safety	50 of 138	Week 2 Only	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 1a-c; 2a-c; 3a-d; 4a-b; 5a-I; 6a-c; 7a-b; 8a-h; 9a-b; 10a-b. Requirements 11-13 deleted	Block 2 Wed/Thur	Taught by State Fire Marshall Staff during their visit to MNSR!
		First Aid	1 of 138	Class size limited to ten Scouts	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 1a-g; 2a, 2b1&2; 3a-q; 4a-d; 5a-e; 6a-g; 7a-g; 8a-c; 8d1-3; 8e1-4; 9a-d; 10a-e; 11a-f; 12a-d; 14; 15a-d; Requirement 16 deleted.	Yon Porch Block 1 (Mon-Thu) Each week  Block 3 (Mon-Thu Week 2)	<a href="#">Eagle-Required</a>
		Fish & Wildlife Management	53 of 138	None	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 6a; 7b; 7c; 7d and 8 <b>Prerequisites:</b> 6c	E-Con Mon/Tues Block 2	One of three merit badges required for The Complete Angler Award.

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		Fishing	23 of 138		<b>Changes:</b> Requirement 1a-d	See Program Director	May be added at camp.
		Fly Fishing	100 of 138	No license required for under Age 15; One-day license for Age 15-17 for \$8.00. Go to: <a href="https://anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/LicenseInformation.aspx">https://anrweb.vt.gov/FWD/FW/LicenseInformation.aspx</a> for more info.	No changes from 2024	Scoutcraft Wed/Thur Blocks 1 & 2	One of three merit badges required for The Complete Angler Award  Taught by Mr. Michael Block
		Forestry	57 of 138	None	No changes from 2024	E-Con Wed/Thur Block 3	
		Geocaching	46 of 138		No changes from 2024 <b>Prerequisite:</b> Requirement 8	Scoutcraft Mon/Tue Block 3	
		Golf	81 of 138	<b>Week 3 Only</b> Dave McAllister is teaching	No changes from 2024	Location TBD Mon-Thur Block 3	First time at MNSR!

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		Kayaking	21 of 138	Must have Swimmer designation. None	No changes from 2024	Aquatics Weeks 1-4 Mon-Thur Block 3	Class dependent on staffing levels.
		Leatherwork	18 of 138	None	No changes from 2024 <b>Prerequisite:</b> 5a	Handicraft Mon-Thur Block 2	Good 1 <sup>st</sup> year Merit Badge choice.
		Lifesaving	29 of 138	Must have Swimmer designation.	No changes from 2024. <b>Prerequisite:</b> Requirement 2a (Must have Swimming Merit Badge)	Aquatics Weeks 1-4 Mon-Thur Blocks 1 & 2	Eagle-Required alternate to the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge  Class dependent on staffing levels.
		Mammal Study	32 of 138	None	No changes from 2024.	E-Con Wed/Thur Block 2	Be the first to sight a moose in 2024!
		Mile Swim		Scoutmaster should weigh in on individual ability.	None	Aquatics Mon/Tue Block 1	This is a great individual athletic opportunity! Attain bragging rights for your Patrol and Troop!  Class dependent on staffing levels.







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		Motorboating	62 of 138	Week 3 Only Class limited to 6 Should have watercraft License	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 1b, 5a-h <b>Prerequisites:</b> Must have Swimmer Designation	Aquatics  Week 3 Wed/Thur Block 1 & 2	Not offered very often. This is your chance! Class dependent on staffing levels.
		Nature	40 of 138	None	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 4d1; 5 and (New) 71 or 2	E-Con  Wed/Thur Block 2	Excellent first year MB choice.
		Oceanography	64 of 138		No changes from 2024	E-Con  Wed/Thur Block 1	Back after a 2-year absence!
		Orienteering	56 of 189	None	No changes to 2024 requirements. <b>Prerequisites:</b> Requirements 7(a) and 7(b), 9	Scoutcraft  Mon/Tues Block 2	
		Paddleboarding Badge		Must have Swimmer designation.	None	Aquatics  Weeks 1-4  Wed/Thur Block 1 Or Block 2	Class dependent on staffing levels.





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		Personal Fitness	9 of 139	Weeks 1 & 3 Only	No changes from 2024 <b>Prerequisites:</b> 1a, 1b, 6, and 7	Scoutcraft <b>Week 1:</b> Wed/Thur Block 2 <b>Week 3:</b> Mon/Tues Block 1	<a href="#">Eagle-Required</a>  Week 1 class may extend into Friday
		Photography	26 of 139	None	No changes from 2024	Handicraft  Mon-Thu Block 1	Great 1 <sup>st</sup> year MB choice!  Council recently purchased new camera in 2024 for this MB.
		Pioneering	45 of 139	None	No changes from 2024	Scoutcraft  Mon-Fri Block 1	Not a good 1 <sup>st</sup> Year choice. Must fully master knots.
		Railroading	73 of 139	None	No changes from 2024	Scoutcraft  Mon/Tues Block 2	New for 2025!





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		Rifle Shooting	16 of 139	Class size limited to 8	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements 1a-f; 1g(1&2); 1h-j; 2 (Option A) a-k; 2 (Option B) a-j 2 (Option C) a-n & (New), 3.	SBSA Rifle Range  Mon-Thur Block 1 Mon-Thur Block 2 Mon-Thur Block 3	Enjoy our newly-refurbished Rifle Range!
		Robotics	43 of 139	Week 2 Offering Only	No changes from 2024	Yon Porch Mon/Tue Block 1 & 2	
		Rowing	75 of 139	Must have Swimmer designation.	No changes from 2024	Aquatics  Weeks 1-4 Mon-Thur Block 3	Class dependent on staffing levels.
		Small Boat Sailing	37 of 138	Must have Swimmer designation.	No changes from 2024	Aquatics  Weeks 1-4 Mon-Thur Block 3	Class dependent on staffing levels.




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		Scouting Heritage	78 of 138	Weeks 2-4 Only	No changes from 2024  <b>Prerequisites:</b> Requirements 5 (Bring unit history) and 6 (Bring your scouting memorabilia collection to camp.)	Dining Hall  Wed/Thur Block 3	If the Scout does not want to bring their scouting memorabilia collection to camp, have them take several pictures that can then be explained to the class and counselor.
		Sculpture	51 of 138	None	No changes from 2024	Handicraft	Used as a “back-up” merit badge for any Scout completing another Handicraft MB ahead of schedule.  Will be scheduled at camp.
		Search and Rescue	49 of 138	Week 2 MB Offering Only	No changes from 2024	Mon-Tue Block 3	
		Shotgun Shooting	27 of 138	Class size limited to 6	<b>Changes:</b> Requirements: 1a-f; 1g(1&2); 1h-j; 2 (Option A) a-k; 2 (Option B) a-n and (New) 3	Shotgun Range Mon-Thur Block 1 Mon-Thur Block 2 Mon-Thur Block 3	Not a good 1 <sup>st</sup> Year fit. Counselor recommends Scout takes Rifle Shooting MB first.






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		Signs, Signals & Codes	60 of 138	Weeks 2-4 Only	No changes from 2024	Scoutcraft Wed/Thur Block 2	Not a good 1 <sup>st</sup> Year fit. Course material is geared for older Scouts. May extend into Friday
		Soil & Water Conservation	71 of 138	Weeks 2-4 Only	No changes from 2024	E-Con Wed/Thur Block 2	
		Space Exploration	30 of 138	Weeks 2-4 Only	No changes from 2024  <b>Prerequisite:</b> 8	E-Con Mon/Tue Block 2	No-cost to the Scout for rockets used in this MB.
		Snorkeling Badge		Must have Swimmer designation.	None	Aquatics Weeks 1-4 Mon/Tue Block 2	Class dependent on staffing levels.

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	Green	Swimming	3 of 138	Must have Swimmer designation.	No changes from 2024	Aquatics Swimming 1 <b>Weeks 1, 2 &amp; 4</b> Mon-Tues Block 1 & 2  Swimming 2 Weeks 1-4 Wed/Thur Block 1 & 2  Swimming 3 Week 1-4 Mon-Thur Block 3	<b>Eagle-Required</b>  <b>Class dependent on staffing levels.</b>
	Red	Surveying	2 <sup>nd</sup> rarest MB earned by Scouts in 2024!  137 of 138	<b>Week 1 Only</b>  <b>Class limited to 8 Scouts</b>	No changes from 2024	Location TBD  Mon-Thur Blocks 1 & 2	Not offered very often at MNSR. Now is your chance.  Taught by licensed surveyor, Keith Van Iderstine
	Green	Textile	103 of 138		No changes from 2024	Handicraft  Wed/Thur Block 3	New for 2025!

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	Red	Traffic Safety	70 of 138	Week 2 Only	No changes from 2024	Dining Hall Mon/Tue Block 1	
	Blue	Watersports	125 of 138	Week 3 Only  Must have Swimmer designation.	No changes from 2024	Aquatics  Week 3  Mon/Tue Block 1 & 2	Not offered very often at MNSR. Now is your chance.  Class dependent on staffing levels.
	Green	Weather	44 of 138	None	No changes from 2024	E-Con  Mon/Tues Block 3	
	Green	Wilderness Survival	24 of 139	Overnight on Tuesday night.	No changes from 2024  <b>Prerequisite:</b> Requirement #5,	Scoutcraft  Mon/Tues Block 1	Scoutmaster might want to council 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Scouts and those who would camp in the woods for the first time.  Overnight on Tuesday night.
	Green	Woodcarving	20 of 139	None	No changes from 2024	Handicraft  Mon-Thur Block 2	See Trading Post Manager for proper knife selection.