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BPMB228	American Indian Culture (2024 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>Far different from the stereotypes or common images that are portrayed on film, on television, and in many books and stories, American Indians have many different cultures, languages, religions, styles of dress, and ways of life. To learn about these different groups is to take an exciting journey of discovery in which you will meet some of America's most fascinating peoples.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: American Indian Culture</p>	01-27-2026 2 periods
BPMB187	Animal Science	Added to catalog:
	<p>Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, hogs, poultry, and other domesticated animals are important to people for many reasons. They supply us with food and clothing, we use them for recreational purposes, they work with and for us.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Animal Science</p>	01-27-2026 2 periods
BPMB230	Archaeology (2021 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>Archaeologists are detectives who study how people lived in the past. They figure out what happened, when, how, and why. Using the clues that people left behind, they try to understand how and why human culture has changed through time.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Archaeology</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites:</p> <p>7. Do ONE of the following and discuss your findings with your counselor.</p> <p>(a) Visit a museum to observe how artifacts aid in conveying history.</p> <p>(b) Present to your counselor a significant family artifact/heirloom and discuss its history.</p> <p>(c) Make a list of the trash your family throws out during one week. Discuss with your counselor what archaeologists might learn about you and your family if they found your trash a thousand years from now.</p> <p>8. Research a group of people who lived in your area more than 100 years ago. Find out about their ways of life, including housing, clothing, arts and crafts, tools, trade and markets, rituals and religions, and diets, and their relationships with other groups of people in the area. Describe what you would expect to find at an archaeological site where these people lived. Explain how these people influenced your current community.</p>	01-27-2026 2 periods
BPMB101	Archery	Added to catalog:
	<p>Archery is a fun way for Scouts to exercise minds as well as bodies, developing a steady hand, a good eye, and a disciplined mind. This merit badge can provide a thorough introduction to those who are new to the bow and arrow - but even for the experienced archer, earning the badge can help to increase the understanding and appreciation of archery.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Archery</p>	01-27-2026 3 periods

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BPMB103	Art	<p>This merit badge concentrates on two-dimensional art, specifically drawing and painting in various media, including an introduction to design applications in the fields of graphic arts and industrial design, history and design principles, and how these fields relate to fine art</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Art</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 6. With your parent or guardian's permission and your counselor's approval, visit a museum, art exhibit, art gallery, artists' co-op, or artist's workshop. Find out about the art displayed or created there. Discuss what you learn with your counselor.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods</p>
			
BPMB262	Artificial Intelligence (AI) (2025 version)	<p>The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Merit Badge introduces Scouts to the fundamentals of AI and automation through hands-on activities and real-world examples. Scouts learn key terms, explore how AI and automation are used in daily life, school, and work, and examine ethical concerns like bias and privacy. They also investigate deepfakes, practice communicating effectively with AI, and apply their knowledge through a project or teaching activity. Finally, Scouts explore career paths in AI by researching or interviewing professionals in the field.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Artificial Intelligence (AI)</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-31-2026 2 periods</p>
			
BPMB160	Astronomy	<p>In learning about astronomy, Scouts study how activities in space affect our own planet and bear witness to the wonders of the night sky: the nebulae, or giant clouds of gas and dust where new stars are born; old stars dying and exploding; meteor showers and shooting stars; the moon, planets, and a dazzling array of stars.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Astronomy</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):</p> <p>4(c) Make two sketches of the Big Dipper or Cassiopeia from direct observation. In one sketch, show the Big Dipper's or Cassiopeia's orientation in the early evening sky. Make another sketch, showing its position several hours later. In both sketches, show the North Star and the horizon. Record the date and time each sketch was made.</p> <p>6(a) Sketch the face of the Moon and indicate five seas and five craters. Label these landmarks.</p> <p>6(b) Sketch the phase and position of the Moon, at the same hour and place, for four nights (or days) within a one-week period by direct observation. Include landmarks on the horizon such as hills, trees, and buildings. Explain the changes you observe.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods</p>
			
BPMB165	ATV Instruction - 14 & 15 Year Olds	<p>ATV Safety Institute's Rider Course followed by a trail ride. Participants must complete the prerequisites prior to camp. There are a limited number of ATVs on property which individuals under the age of 16 are allowed to operate. BPMB 165 is limited to those youth who are ages 14 & 15, while BPMB 166 is limited to those individuals age 16 and up. Please do not sign up individuals who are younger than 14 or older than 15 to this course; instead sign them up for BPMP 166. Thanks.</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Complete online safety course - https://cbt.svia.org/login/index.php Fill out the combined ASI & Bay-Lakes ATV Participation waivers.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-04-2026 7 periods Min. Age: 14 Max. Age: 15 Fee: 60.00</p>
			

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All Scouts must have their States DNR Approved ATV Education Card.

BPMB166



ATV Instruction - 16 & Older

ATV Safety Institute's Rider Course followed by a trail ride. Participants must complete the prerequisites prior to camp. There are a limited number of ATVs on property which individuals under the age of 16 are allowed to operate; which is why there are two ATV classes (BPMB165 & BPMB 166) set up even though they're happening simultaneously, with the same instructors. BPMB 165 is limited to those youth ages 14 & 15, while BPMB 166 is open to anyone 16 or older. However, youth 16 or older will get priority for these seats in BPMB 166. If there are adults who sign up but then a youth signs up and is waitlisted, we will bump the adult and give their spot to a youth member (we'll refund your fee if you've paid it before the bump).

Notes and Prerequisites: Complete online safety course - <https://cvt.svia.org/login/index.php>

Fill out the combined ASI & Bay-Lakes ATV waivers.

All Scouts must have their States DNR Approved ATV Education Card.

Added to catalog:

05-04-2026

7 periods

Min. Age: 16

Fee: 60.00

BPMB104



Basketry

Basketry is a handy skill for a Scout. A basket can be a sturdy companion on campouts, carrying clothes snugly and efficiently, holding potatoes and corn for roasting over a campfire, or carrying the day's fishing catch back to camp for dinner. Baskets and basket-weaving projects also make great gifts for family and friends.

Linked Requirements: Basketry

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

2 periods

BPMB193



Bird Study

Birds are among the most fascinating creatures on Earth. Many are beautifully colored. Others are accomplished singers. Many of the most important discoveries about birds and how they live have been made by amateur birders. In pursuing this hobby, a Scout might someday make a valuable contribution to our understanding of the natural world.

Linked Requirements: Bird Study

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 7:

5. Observe and be able to identify 20 species of wild birds. Prepare a field notebook, making a separate entry for each species, and record the following information from your field observations and other references.

(a) Note the date and time.

(b) Note the location and habitat.

(c) Describe the bird's main feeding habitat and list two types of food that the bird is likely to eat.

(d) Note whether the bird is a migrant or a summer, winter, or year-round resident of your area.

7. Explain the function of a bird's song. Be able to identify five of the 20 species in your field notebook by song or call alone. Explain the difference between songs and calls. For each of these five species, enter a description of the song or call, and note the behavior of the bird making the sound. Note why you think the bird was making the call or song that you heard.

Added to catalog:

01-13-2026

2 periods

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BPMB105



Camping

Camping is one of the best-known methods of the Scouting movement. When he founded the Scouting movement in the early 1900s, Robert Baden-Powell encouraged every Scout to learn the art of living out-of-doors. He believed a young person able to take care of himself while camping would have the confidence to meet life's other challenges, too.

Linked Requirements: Camping

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):

8(c) Prepare a camp menu. Explain how the menu would differ from a menu for a backpacking or float trip. Give recipes and make a food list for your patrol. Plan two breakfasts, three lunches, and two suppers. Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination.

(d) While camping in the outdoors, cook at least one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner for your patrol from the meals you have planned for requirement 8c. At least one of those meals must be a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove.

9. Show experience in camping by doing the following:

(a) Camp for at least 20 nights at designated Scouting activities or events. One long-term camping experience of up to six consecutive nights may be applied toward this requirement. Two nights may be counted toward the total for each additional long-term camping trip. Each night must be spent either under the sky, in a tent you have pitched yourself (if a tent is provided and already set up, you do not need to pitch your own), in a hammock that is safely strung outdoors, in a lean-to, or other three-sided shelter with an open front. Nights spent in indoor lock-in events, cabin camping, hotel stays, or other covered accommodations do not count toward the 20 nights.

(b) On any of these camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision.

- (1) Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 1,000 vertical feet.
- (2) Backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski for at least 4 miles.
- (3) Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.
- (4) Take a nonmotorized trip on the water of at least four hours or 5 miles.
- (5) Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience.
- (6) Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.

Note: Speak with a commissioner to arrange 9b3, 9b6, or both as a unit. We have limited capacity, so it is first come, first serve.

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

2 periods

BPMB106



Canoeing

For several centuries, the canoe was a primary method of travel for explorers and settlers. Today, it remains an important part of the wilderness experience and an enjoyable leisure activity that teaches communication, teamwork, and physical fitness.

Linked Requirements: Canoeing

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp):

2 BSA Swimmer Required before the start of this merit badge.

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

3 periods

Max. Age: 17

BPMB107



Chemistry

Chemistry explores how substances react with each other, how they change, how certain forces connect molecules, and how molecules are made are all parts of chemistry. Stretch your imagination to envision molecules that cannot be seen - but can be proven to exist - and you become a chemist.

Linked Requirements: Chemistry





Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

2 periods

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BPMB108	<p>Chess</p> <p>Chess builds critical thinking, forward thinking, and proper sportsmanship in young people.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Chess</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB110	<p>Climbing</p> <p>Climbing is not a sport that requires tremendous muscular strength; it demands mental toughness and the willingness to practice hard to master a set of skills. The adventure of climbing can also provide a new way to enjoy the outdoors.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Climbing</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Recommended for Scouts 13 and older, long pants are recommended, closed toed shoes are required.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 6 periods</p>
		
BPMB222	<p>Communication (2014 version)</p> <p>This clear and concise definition comes from the U.S. Department of Education: "Communication focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The field of communication promotes the effective and ethical practice of human communication."</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Communication</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):</p> <p>5. Attend a public meeting (city council, school board, debate) approved by your counselor where several points of view are given on a single issue. Practice active listening skills and take careful notes of each point of view. Prepare an objective report that includes all points of view that were expressed, and share this with your counselor.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB247	<p>Complete Angler Award</p> <p>Earn the BSA Complete Angler Award, earning three merit badges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) Fly Fishing 2.) Fishing 3.) Fish and Wildlife Management <p>and a special patch at the end of the week pending completion of all the merit badges.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Fish and Wildlife Management; Fishing; Fly Fishing; BSA Complete Angler Award</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: A fishing license with a trout stamp is required in order to sign up for this program. Please bring rod, reel & tackle to camp.</p> <p>Fly Fishing:</p> <p>10. Catch one fish on a fly and identify it.</p> <p>Note- Scouts will be given plenty of opportunity to catch fish on a fly; however, we cannot control if our fish bite! It is likely that scouts will be able to complete this requirement at camp.</p> <p>11. If regulations and health concerns permit, clean and cook a fish you have caught. If you are unable to catch a fish for eating, acquire a fish, clean the fish you acquired, and cook the fish you acquired.</p> <p>Note- It is not required that you eat the fish.</p> <p>Fishing:</p> <p>Note- There are no prerequisites for the fishing part of the Complete Angler Award only. For the separate Fishing MB, please see the Fishing MB prerequisites.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-01-2026 8 periods</p> <p>Fee: 5.00</p>
		

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Fish and Wildlife Management:

5. Do ONE of the following:

- (a) Construct, erect, and check regularly at least two artificial nest boxes (wood duck, bluebird, squirrel, etc.) and keep written records for one nesting season.
- (b) Construct, erect, and check regularly bird feeders and keep written records daily over a two-week period of the kinds of birds visiting the feeders.
- (c) Develop and implement a fishery improvement project or a backyard wildlife habitat improvement project. Share the results with your counselor.
- (d) Design and construct a wildlife blind near a game trail, water hole, salt lick, bird feeder, or birdbath and take good photographs or make sketches from the blind of any combination of 10 wild birds, mammals, reptiles, or amphibians.

BPMB112

Cooking



The Cooking merit badge introduces principles of cooking that can be used both at home or in the outdoors. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about food safety, nutritional guidelines, meal planning, and methods of food preparation, and will review the variety of culinary (or cooking) careers available.

Linked Requirements: Cooking

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 4A-E, 6A-F. You need good documentation of the meals you prepared at home and on the trail.

Requirement 5 is no longer a prerequisite.

Added to catalog:
01-27-2026
2 periods

Fee: 10.00

BPMB245

Cowboy Action Shoot



In various old-time western scenarios, Scouts play "good guys" who prove their accuracy by shooting at things like spinning metal targets where they hit the spinner to "ring the bell." All shooters choose their own cowboy action names before starting so the NRA instructors-dressed in cowboy attire-can call them by those names.

Added to catalog:
03-14-2025
1 period
Min. Age: 14

Fee: 10.00

BPMB113

Cycling



Since 1911, hundreds of thousands of Scouts have made the most of their two-wheel adventures by earning the Cycling merit badge. Whether you just got your first bicycle or have been cycling for years, you will learn more about your bike and what it can do by working on the requirements for this badge.

Linked Requirements: Cycling

Added to catalog:
01-13-2026
6 periods
Min. Age: 13

BPMB185

Eagle Challenge: First Class



Scouting America First Class rank advancement

Linked Requirements: Rank: First Class





Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):

2E: On one campout, serve as cook. Supervise your assistant(s) in using a stove or building a cooking fire. Prepare the breakfast, lunch, and dinner planned in First Class requirement 2a. Supervise the cleanup.

Added to catalog:
04-16-2026
3 periods






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BPMB184	<p>Eagle Challenge: Second Class Scouting America Second Class rank advancement Linked Requirements: Rank: Second Class Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 5B</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 04-16-2026 3 periods</p>
		
BPMB183	<p>Eagle Challenge: Tenderfoot Scouting America Tenderfoot rank advancement Linked Requirements: Rank: Tenderfoot Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 4D</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 04-16-2026 3 periods</p>
		
BPMB226	<p>Emergency Preparedness (2025 version) Scouts are often called upon to help because they know first aid and they know about the discipline and planning needed to react to an emergency situation. Earning this merit badge helps a Scout to be prepared by learning the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency. Linked Requirements: Emergency Preparedness Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):</p> <p>2. Planning for Family Emergencies. Do the following:</p> <p>(a) At a family meeting, discuss the situations on the chart you created for requirement 1b and make emergency plans for sheltering-in-place and for evacuation of your home. Discuss your family meeting and plans with your counselor.</p> <p>(b) Develop and practice a plan of escape for your family in case of fire in your home. Draw a floor plan with escape routes and a map with a safe meeting place. Discuss your family's home escape plan with your counselor.</p> <p>(c) Using a checklist in the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge pamphlet or one approved by your counselor, prepare or inspect a family disaster kit for sheltering-in-place and for evacuation of your home. Review the needs and uses of the items in a kit with your counselor.</p> <p>8. (c) Using a checklist in the Emergency Preparedness merit badge pamphlet or one approved by your counselor, prepare or inspect a personal emergency service pack for a mobilization call. Explain the needs and uses of the contents to your counselor. Notes: Bring this one to camp!</p> <p>9. First Aid Merit Badge Earn the First Aid merit badge. Notes: This can be done during the same week at camp.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB256	<p>Energy (2025 version) Saving, producing, and using energy wisely will be critical to America's future. If we are to leave future generations with a world in which they can live as well or better than we have, Scouts and other potential leaders of tomorrow must begin the hard work of understanding energy and the vital role it will play in the future. Linked Requirements: Energy</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-24-2026 2 periods</p>
		

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BPMB195	Engineering	Added to catalog:
	Engineers use both science and technology to turn ideas into reality, devising all sorts of things, ranging from a tiny, low-cost battery for your cell phone to a gigantic dam across the mighty Yangtze River in China.	01-27-2026
	Linked Requirements: Engineering	2 periods
	Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):	
	2. Select an engineering achievement that has had a major impact on society. Using resources such as the internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), books, and magazines, find out about the engineers who made this engineering feat possible, the special obstacles they had to overcome, and how this achievement has influenced the world today. Tell your counselor what you learned.	
BPMB229	Environmental Science (2025 version)	Added to catalog:
	While earning the Environmental Science merit badge, Scouts will get a taste of what it is like to be an environmental scientist, making observations and carrying out experiments to investigate the natural world.	03-10-2025
	Linked Requirements: Environmental Science	2 periods
BPMB210	Expeditions	Added to catalog:
	Monday: Whitewater Rafting. Prepare to take on the rapids as you go whitewater rafting! This exhilarating adventure will be challenging, exciting, and most of all, fun!	04-18-2026
	Tuesday: ATV: Scouts who've already attained their ASI Rider Card will be able to participate in a trail ride. Those who have not yet attained their ASI Rider Card will be invited to do so during this time.	7 periods
	Wednesday: COPE & Climbing: After some great low COPE activities to heighten team-building skills, Scouts will get to spend quality time on the High course and Climbing Tower at Gardner Dam Adventure Base.	Min. Age: 14
	Thursday: Horseback Riding OR Ziplining.	Fee: 90.00
	Notes and Prerequisites: Daily activities are subject to change. All equipment is supplied by camp.	
	Required Waivers found under attachments on main registration page for summer camp include: ASI & Bay-Lakes Council ATV Waiver and Minor Whitewater Waiver, Horseback Riding or Zipline Waiver (once details are finalized).	
BPMB221	Exploration (2017 version)	Added to catalog:
	Exploration Merit Badge.	01-13-2026
	Linked Requirements: Exploration	6 periods
BPMB225	Fingerprinting (2025 version)	Added to catalog:
	In earning the Fingerprinting merit badge, Scouts will learn about and use an important technique that is used by law enforcement officers, along with other materials like matching dental records and DNA sampling, to help identify amnesia victims, missing persons, abducted children, and others.	01-27-2026
	Linked Requirements: Fingerprinting	2 periods

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BPMB254



Fire Safety (2025 version)

The ability to use fire safely is essential to human survival. By earning this merit badge, Scouts will learn to use fire safely and responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention, and camping safety.

Linked Requirements: Fire Safety

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

(5)(g) Develop a home fire-escape plan and a fire-drill schedule with your family, draw a floor plan of your home with exits marked and a map showing your family meeting point, and conduct a home fire drill.

Bring evidence to camp.

Added to catalog:

03-03-2026

2 periods

BPMB120



First Aid

First aid - caring for injured or ill persons until they can receive professional medical care - is an important skill for every Scout. With some knowledge of first aid, a Scout can provide immediate care and help to someone who is hurt or who becomes ill. First aid can help prevent infection and serious loss of blood. It could even save a limb or a life.

Linked Requirements: First Aid

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

2. Preparing for First Aid Emergencies. Do the following:

(a) Obtain a copy of the Scout Annual Health and Medical Record and discuss the importance of the form including information on immunizations, allergies, medications, health history, and medical examinations to providing first aid at Scouting events.

(b) Using checklists provided in the First Aid merit badge pamphlet or ones approved by your counselor, do the following:

(1) Assemble a personal first-aid kit for hiking and backpacking. Demonstrate the proper use of each item in your first-aid kit to your counselor.

Requirement 15 is readily doable at camp as we have a resident health officer available for interview. This interview will happen outside of class time.

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

3 periods

BPMB227



Fish and Wildlife Management (2025 version)

Wildlife management is the science and art of managing the wildlife - both animals and fish - with which we share our planet. Maintaining the proper balance and the dynamics that go with it requires humankind's attention. We use this stewardship tool to help minimize or eradicate the possibility of extinction of any given species. We want our descendants to have the opportunity to experience the same animal diversity that we now enjoy.

Linked Requirements: Fish and Wildlife Management

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

5. Do ONE of the following:

(a) Construct, erect, and check regularly at least two artificial nest boxes (wood duck, bluebird, squirrel, etc.) and keep written records for one nesting season.

(b) Construct, erect, and check regularly bird feeders and keep written records daily over a two-week period of the kinds of birds visiting the feeders.

(c) Develop and implement a fishery improvement project or a backyard wildlife habitat improvement project. Share the results with your counselor.

(d) Design and construct a wildlife blind near a game trail, water hole, salt lick, bird feeder, or birdbath and take good photographs or make sketches from the blind of any combination of 10 wild birds, mammals, reptiles, or amphibians.

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2 periods

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BPMB122



Fishing

In Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell offers this advice: "Every Scout ought to be able to fish in order to get food for himself. A tenderfoot [beginner] who starved on the bank of a river full of fish would look very silly, yet it might happen to one who had never learned to catch fish."

Linked Requirements: Fishing

Notes and Prerequisites: Please bring rod, reel & tackle to camp.

Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):

9. Catch one fish and identify it.

Note- Scouts will be given plenty of opportunity to catch fish at camp; however, we cannot control if our fish bite! It is likely that scouts will be able to complete this requirement at camp, if they put some time in.

10. If regulations and health concerns permit, clean and cook a fish you have caught. If you are unable to catch a fish for eating, acquire a fish, clean the fish you acquired, and cook the fish you acquired. (It is not required that you eat the fish.)

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

2 periods

BPMB263



Fly Fishing (2024 version)

Fly-fishing is a specialized form of fishing that combines skill and artistry. Because it is so rich with tradition, it is a passion for millions of people. The beauty of the water, the solitude, and the skills that the sport requires have made fly-fishing very important in the lives of many notable people.

Linked Requirements: Fly Fishing

Notes and Prerequisites: A fishing license with a trout stamp is required in order to sign up for this program. Feel free to bring your own equipment, though not a prerequisite.

Fly Fishing:

10. Catch one fish on a fly and identify it.

Note- Scouts will be given plenty of opportunity to catch fish on a fly; however, we cannot control if our fish bite! It is likely that scouts will be able to complete this requirement at camp.

11. If regulations and health concerns permit, clean and cook a fish you have caught. If you are unable to catch a fish for eating, acquire a fish, clean the fish you acquired, and cook the fish you acquired.

Note- It is not required that you eat the fish.

Added to catalog:

04-16-2026

2 periods

BPMB123



Forestry

In working through the Forestry merit badge requirements, Scouts will explore the remarkable complexity of a forest and identify many species of trees and plants and the roles they play in a forest's life cycle. They will also discover some of the resources forests provide to humans and come to understand that people have a very large part to play in sustaining the health of forests.

Linked Requirements: Forestry

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):

8. Visit one or more local foresters and write a brief report about the person (or persons). OR write about a forester's occupation including the education, qualifications, career opportunities, and duties related to forestry.






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BPMB249	Game Design (2025 version)	<p>Games come in almost every shape, size, format, and flavor imaginable. Games can be fast-paced, slow, or anything in between. Some are competitive. Some are cooperative. They may be for individuals, small groups, or thousands of players at a time. They might take seconds to complete or last for years. However you slice it, everyone has played games, and games help make us who we are.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Game Design</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-01-2026 2 periods</p>	
	BPMB125	Geocaching	<p>The word geocache is a combination of "geo," which means "earth," and "cache," which means "a hiding place." Geocaching describes a hiding place on planet Earth - a hiding place you can find using a GPS unit. A GPS (Global Positioning System) unit is an electronic tool that shows you where to go based on information it gets from satellites in space.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Geocaching</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisite (completed prior to arrival & documentation brought to camp):</p> <p>7. With your parent or guardian's permission*, go to www.geocaching.com. Type in your city and state to locate public geocaches in your area. Share with your counselor the posted information about three of those geocaches. Then, pick one of the three and find the cache.</p> <p>*To fulfill this requirement, you will need to set up a free user account with www.Geocaching.com. Before doing so, ask your parent for permission and help.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods</p>
	BPMB200	Geology	<p>Geology is the study of Earth. It includes the study of materials that make up Earth, the processes that change it, and the history of how things happened, including human civilization, which depends on natural materials for existence.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Geology</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods</p>
	BPMB126	Horsemanship	<p>In addition to learning how to safely ride and care for horses, Scouts who earn this merit badge will gain an understanding of the instincts and behaviors of horses and humane and effective methods for training horses.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Horsemanship</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Off-site program, requires waiver & adult drivers. Departs at 8:45am. Waiver found at BearPaw.camp</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 6 periods Min. Age: 12 Fee: 25.00</p>
	BPMB128	Insect Study	<p>In earning the Insect Study merit badge, Scouts will glance into the strange and fascinating world of the insect. There, they will meet tiny creatures with tremendous strength and speed, see insects that undergo startling changes in habits and form as they grow, and learn how insects see, hear, taste, smell, and feel the world around them.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Insect Study</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods</p>
				

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BPMB243	Instructional Swim	Added to catalog:
	Trying to pass the BSA Swim Test? Need a little extra help? We've got trained swim instructors here to help you better your skills so you can pass the test and safely enjoy all the extra fun activities being a Swimmer at camp affords you!	03-10-2025 2 periods
BPMB257	Journalism (2024 version)	Added to catalog:
	One thing is for sure about journalism: It is never boring. For a reporter, almost every day is different from the last. One day you might interview the mayor of the city, the next day report on a car accident, and the day after that preview a new movie. Linked Requirements: Journalism	03-24-2026 2 periods
BPMB130	Kayaking	Added to catalog:
	A basic-level merit badge for flat-water kayaking - whitewater kayaking will still fall under Whitewater merit badge. Linked Requirements: Kayaking Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp): 2 BSA Swimmer Required.	01-27-2026 2 periods
BPMB131	Leatherwork	Added to catalog:
	Scouts who complete the requirements to earn the Leatherwork merit badge will explore leather's history and its endless uses. They will learn to make a useful leather item using the same types of raw materials that our ancestors used; be challenged to master skills like hand-stitching, lacing, and braiding.; and learn how to preserve and protect leather items so they will last a lifetime and beyond. Linked Requirements: Leatherwork	01-27-2026 2 periods
BPMB132	Lifesaving	Added to catalog:
	No Scout will ignore a plea for help. However, the desire to help is of little use unless one knows how to give the proper aid. The main purpose of the Lifesaving merit badge is to prepare Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies. Linked Requirements: Lifesaving Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 2A & 16B (CPR) must be completed with a CPR/AED instructor at home - bring documentation. Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp): 2B, BSA Swimmer Required.	01-27-2026 3 periods
BPMB133	Mammal Study	Added to catalog:
	Mammal Study: A mammal may weigh as little as 1/12 ounce, as do some shrews, or as much as 150 tons, like the blue whale. It may spring, waddle, swim, or even fly. But if it has milk for its young, has hair of some kind, is relatively intelligent, and has warm blood, then it is a mammal. Linked Requirements: Mammal Study Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 3. Do ONE of the following:	01-13-2026 2 periods

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(a) Spend three hours in two different kinds of natural habitats or at different elevations for a total of 6 hours. List the different mammal species and how many of each you identified by sight or sign. Tell why all mammals do not live in the same kind of habitat.

You could do both of these 3 hour sessions at camp in your free time. We suggest that scouts do at least 1 three hour session before camp, taking notes to bring to camp.

BPMB232



Mining in Society (2022 version)

Mining has been an important part of our nation since the 19th century. Today, the industry employs 3 million Americans, directly and indirectly, and is a major contributor to the global mining landscape. This merit badge covers the history of mining, explores the status of mining in the 21st century, introduces Scouts to modern mining careers, and explores the all-important topic of mining safety.

Linked Requirements: Mining in Society

Added to catalog:

01-13-2026

2 periods

BPMB201



Model Design and Building

Model making, the art of creating copies of objects that are either smaller or larger than the objects they represent, is not only an enjoyable and educational hobby: it is widely used in the professional world for such things as creating special effects for movies, developing plans for buildings, and designing automobiles and airplanes.

Linked Requirements: Model Design and Building

Added to catalog:

01-13-2026

2 periods

BPMB248



Motorboating (2026 version)

The Motorboating Merit Badge is a fun merit badge for Scouts interested in Sea Scouts. The Motorboating Merit Badge allows Scouts to learn about different types of motorboats and motors, so they can safely navigate the open waters. Scouts will get hands-on experience driving and handling a motorboat while learning about the various types of personal floatation devices and explaining the rules and laws that apply to recreational boating in their communities.

Linked Requirements: Motorboating

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp):

2a BSA Swimmer required before the start of this merit badge. You need to take and pass the State of Wisconsin approved Boater Education Course if you are at least 12 years old, were born on or after January 1, 1989, and will be operating a motorboat or PWC in Wisconsin. The course can be found at <https://www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin/>. The course takes approximately 3.5 hours to complete. Please print your temporary license and bring it to camp with you.

Added to catalog:

03-01-2026

3 periods

BPMB250



Moviemaking (2026 version)

Moviemaking is a way to tell stories visually through the art and science of motion picture photography.

Linked Requirements: Moviemaking

Notes and Prerequisites: Bring a recording device such as a camera or phone to record a movie with.

Added to catalog:

03-01-2026

2 periods

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BPMB251



Multisport (2026 version)

Multisport is a racing competition that includes any combination of running, biking, or swimming. This badge serves as a natural progression for Scouts who are interested in or have earned individual badges for Swimming, Cycling, Athletics, or Personal Fitness. For Scouts active in one of these sports, it provides a fun opportunity to expand into another fitness area and enjoy the benefits of cross-training. Scouts proficient in two sports can discover new ways to combine their skills, which offers both immediate and long-term benefits for well-being, personal growth, and athletic endeavors.

Linked Requirements: Multisport

Notes and Prerequisites: Notes: This summer, we will be running the Duathlon. At camp, we will run 1.5 km, bike 3 km, and then run 0.75 km at the end.

Added to catalog:
03-03-2026
6 periods

Prerequisites:

5. Do the following:

(a) With guidance from your counselor, establish a four-week training plan that combines your chosen multisport format to develop proper techniques, gain self-confidence, and increase endurance. Each session should last at least 25 minutes and include a proper warmup before the session and stretching afterward.

(b) Use a chart or other tracking method to monitor your training and development during this period.

(c) Set a personal goal for improvement based on one or more of the following criteria: time, technique, or distance.

Our four week training plan from a certified personal trainer:

Week 1:

Day 1:

Dynamic stretching (front leg swings, Walking Toe Touch, calf stretch)

Run: .5 miles

Day 2:

Dynamic stretching (small-arm circles, lunge torso twists, Knee Grabs)

Bike: 1 mile

Week 2:

Day 1:

Dynamic stretching (front leg swings, Walking Toe Touch, calf stretch)

Run: .75 miles

Day 2:

Dynamic stretching (small-arm circles, lunge torso twists, Knee Grabs)

Bike: 1.5 miles

Week 3:

Day 1:

Dynamic stretching (front leg swings, Walking Toe Touch, calf stretch)

Run: 1.25 miles

Day 2:

Dynamic stretching (small-arm circles, lunge torso twists, Knee Grabs)

Bike: 2 miles

Week 4: Your week at camp. We will train together.

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BPMB236



Music (2017 version)

The history of music is rich and exciting. Through the ages, new music has been created by people who learned from tradition, then explored and innovated. All the great music has not yet been written. Today, the possibilities for creating new music are limitless.

Linked Requirements: Music

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

3. Do TWO of the following:

(a) Attend a live performance, or listen to three hours of recordings from any two of the following musical styles: blues, jazz, classical, country, bluegrass, ethnic, gospel, musical theater, opera. Describe the sound of the music and the instruments used. Identify the composers or songwriters, the performers, and the titles of the pieces you heard. If it was a live performance, describe the setting and the reaction of the audience. Discuss your thoughts about the music.

(b) Interview an adult member of your family about music. Find out what the most popular music was when he or she was your age. Find out what his or her favorite music is now, and listen to three of your relative's favorite tunes with him or her. How do those favorites sound to you? Had you ever heard any of them? Play three of your favorite songs for your relative, and explain why you like these songs. Ask what he or she thinks of your favorite music.

(c) Serve for six months as a member of a school band, choir, or other organized musical group, or perform as a soloist in public six times.

(d) List five people who are important in the history of American music and explain to your counselor why they continue to be influential. Include at least one composer, one performer, one innovator, and one person born more than 100 years ago.

Added to catalog:

01-13-2026

2 periods

BPMB253



Nature (2025 version)

There is a very close connection between the soil, the plants, and all animal life, including people. Understanding this connection, and the impact we have upon it, is important to preserving the wilderness, as well as to our own well-being as members of the web of nature.

Linked Requirements: Nature

Added to catalog:

03-03-2026

2 periods

BPMB242



NRA FIRST Steps Pistol Orientation Experience

The class goal is to provide beginning / intermediate shooters with an introduction / review of the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary to own and use a semi-automatic pistol safely.

After completion of the NRA First Steps Pistol Orientation, students will be able to:

Handle a firearm safely at all times, both on and off the range. This includes safely unloading and loading the firearm, safely shooting the firearm, and safely cleaning the firearm.

Know the fundamentals of aiming their firearm and be able to place 5 shots within a 9 inch diameter at a distance of 15 feet.

Make the necessary sight adjustments to "zero" their firearm.

Notes and Prerequisites: Minimum Age of 14 OR 13 AND have completed 8th Grade.

DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREARMS TO CAMP

Added to catalog:

03-10-2025






2 periods

Min. Age: 13

Fee: 25.00

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BPMB234	Oceanography (2013 version)	Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods
	<p>The oceans cover more than 70 percent of our planet and are the dominant feature of Earth. Wherever you live, the oceans influence the weather, the soil, the air, and the geography of your community. To study the oceans is to study Earth itself.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Oceanography</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 8(a) Write a 500-word report on a book about oceanography</p>	
BPMB204	Orienteering	Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 3 periods
	<p>Orienteering, the use of map and compass to find locations and plan a journey, has been a vital skill for humans for thousands of years. Orienteering is also a recognized sport at the Olympic Games, and thousands of people participate in the sport each year in local clubs and competitions.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Orienteering</p>	
BPMB235	Painting (2025 version)	Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods
	<p>This merit badge provides an opportunity for Scouts to learn more about painting, including both the artistic and practical aspects.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Painting</p>	
BPMB141	Pioneering	Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 3 periods
	<p>Pioneering-the knowledge of ropes, knots, and splices along with the ability to build rustic structures by lashing together poles and spars-is among the oldest of Scouting's skills. Practicing rope use and completing projects with lashings also allow Scouts to connect with past generations, ancestors who used many of these skills as they sailed the open seas and lived in America's forests and prairies.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Pioneering</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Practice knots.</p>	
BPMB205	Pulp and Paper	Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods
	<p>Here's an astonishing number to digest. Each person in the United States uses about 700 pounds of paper each year. Paper is everywhere in our lives. Every year in the United States, more than 2 billion individual books, 24 billion newspapers, and 350 million magazines are published on paper.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Pulp and Paper</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: 7. With your parent or guardian's and counselor's approval, do ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Visit a pulp mill. Describe how the mill converts wood to cellulose fibers. (b) Visit a paper mill and get a sample of the paper made there. Describe the processes used for making this paper. Tell how it will be used. (c) Visit a container plant or box plant. Describe how the plant's products are made. (d) Visit a recycled paper collection or sorting facility. Describe the operations there. (e) Using books, magazines, your local library, the internet (with your parent or guardian's permission), and any other suitable research tool, find out how paper products are developed. Find out what role research and development play in the papermaking industry. Share what you learned with your counselor. 	

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BPMB143



Reptile and Amphibian Study

Boys always have been interested in snakes, turtles, lizards, and alligators, as well as frogs and salamanders. Developing knowledge about these captivating creatures leads to an appreciation for all native wildlife; understanding the life cycle of a reptile or amphibian and keeping one as a pet can be a good introduction to natural history; and knowing about venomous species can help Scouts to be prepared to help in case of an emergency.

Linked Requirements: Reptile and Amphibian Study

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites:

8. Do ONE of the following:

(a) Take custody of one or more reptiles or amphibians in a manner approved by your counselor. Maintain one or more reptiles or amphibians for at least a month. Record food accepted, eating methods, changes in coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits; or keep the eggs of a reptile from the time of laying until hatching; or keep the eggs of an amphibian from the time of laying until their transformation into tadpoles (frogs) or larvae (salamanders). Whichever you chose, keep records of and report to your counselor how you cared for your animal/eggs/larvae to include lighting, habitat, temperature and humidity maintenance and any veterinary care requirements. Unless you are the long-term owner, at the conclusion of this study, turn the animal(s) over to another responsible party approved by your counselor.

(b) Choose a reptile or amphibian that you can observe or foster at a local zoo, aquarium, nature center, local rescue, or other such exhibit (such as your classroom or school). Study the specimen weekly for a periods of three months. At each visit, sketch the specimen in its captive habitat and note any changes in its coloration, shedding of skins, and general habits and behavior. Discuss with your counselor how the animal you observed was cared for to include its housing and habitat, how the lighting, temperature, and humidity were maintained, and any veterinary care requirements. Find out, either from information you locate on your own or by talking to the caretaker, what this species eats and what are its native habitat and home range, preferred climate, average life expectancy, and natural predators. Also identify any human-caused threats to its population and any laws that protect the species and its habitat. After the observation period, share what you have learned with your counselor.

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

2 periods

BPMB144



Rifle Shooting (2025 version)

Unless a rifle is handled incorrectly or recklessly, it is not dangerous. A rifle, like any other precision instrument, is manufactured to perform a specific task and can do so at no risk to the user or others. By earning this badge, Scouts can develop their shooting skills while learning safe practices.

Linked Requirements: Rifle Shooting

Notes and Prerequisites: Rifle - Research the information in the following requirements and bring talking points, as these will be discussed during the week

1(e) Explain the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state.

1(f) Explain how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.

1(g) Successfully complete a state hunter education course, or obtain a copy of the hunting laws for your state, then do the following:

(1) Explain the main points of hunting laws in your state, and any special laws on the use of guns and ammunition, AND

(2) List the kinds of wildlife that can be legally hunted in your state.

1(i) Identify places in your community where you can join or be a part of range and target activities.

1(j) Discuss with your counselor a list of sources you could contact for information on firearms and their use.

Added to catalog:





06-18-2025

3 periods

Fee: 10.00





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BPMB145	<p>Rowing</p> <p>Rowing is the use of oars as a means of propelling boats, has grown from a basic method of transportation to a competitive sport and an enjoyable method of exercising.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Rowing</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp): 2 BSA Swimmer Required before the start of this merit badge.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 3 periods</p>
		
BPMB258	<p>Salesmanship (2023 version)</p> <p>By studying salesmanship, Scouts can learn self-confidence, motivation, friendliness, and the persistence necessary to overcome obstacles and solve problems. Sales can offer a challenging and rewarding career for those who enjoy interacting with people from all walks of life.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Salesmanship</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisite:</p> <p>5. Do ONE of the following and keep a record (cost sheet). Use the sales techniques you have learned, and share your experience with your counselor:</p> <p>(a) Help your unit raise funds through sales of merchandise or of tickets to a Scout event.</p> <p>(b) Sell your services such as lawn raking or mowing, pet watching, dog walking, show shoveling, and car washing to your neighbors. Follow up after the service has been completed and determine the customer's satisfaction.</p> <p>(c) Earn money through retail selling.</p> <p>(Popcorn sales count towards this)</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-24-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB237	<p>Scouting Heritage (2014 version)</p> <p>Introduces youth to the history of the Boy Scouts of America. They'll learn it all - from Scouting's beginnings under Lord Baden-Powell to the history of their own troop.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Scouting Heritage</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):</p> <p>6. Make a collection of some of your personal patches and other Scouting memorabilia. With their permission, you may include items borrowed from family members or friends who have been in Scouting in the past, or you may include photographs of these items. Show this collection to your counselor, and share what you have learned about items in the collection. (There is no requirement regarding how large or small this collection must be.) TAKE A PICTURE and bring it with you.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB146	<p>Sculpture</p> <p>This merit badge introduces Scouts to sculpture, an art form that allows an artist to express what he sees and feels by using these three dimensions by shaping materials such as clay, stone, metal, and wood.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Sculpture</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods</p>
		





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BPMB231	Search and Rescue (2014 version)	Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods
	<p>The process and safety methods of working around specialized teams such as aircraft, canine, and aquatic rescue teams. Identifying differences between search and rescue environments, such as coastal, wilderness, rural, and urban landscapes. Determining when Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) and latitude and longitude (Lat/Lon) should be used.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Search and Rescue</p>	
BPMB147	Shotgun Shooting	Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 3 periods
	<p>A shotgun is a precision instrument, designed to shoot a shot charge in a specific pattern to cover a designated area at a certain distance. Unlike a rifle, the bore of the shotgun is not rifled, so the shot emerging from the muzzle is not spinning.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Shotgun Shooting</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Shotgun - Research the information in the following requirements and bring talking points, as these will be discussed during the week</p> <p>1(e) Explain the main points of the laws for owning and using guns in your community and state.</p> <p>1(f) Explain how hunting is related to the wise use of renewable wildlife resources.</p> <p>1(g) Successfully complete a state hunter education course, or obtain a copy of the hunting laws for your state, then do the following:</p> <p>(1) Explain the main points of hunting laws in your state, and any special laws on the use of guns and ammunition, AND</p> <p>(2) List the kinds of wildlife that can be legally hunted in your state.</p> <p>1(i) List and explain three shotgun sports. Identify places in your community where you could practice these sports, and explain how you can join or be a part of range and target activities.</p> <p>1(j) Discuss with your counselor a list of sources you could contact for information on firearms and their use.</p>	Fee: 10.00
BPMB148	Signs, Signals, and Codes	Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods
	<p>American Sign Language (ASL) is the third most used language in the United States. The Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge will cover Morse code, ASL, Braille, signaling, trail markings, and other nonverbal communications. Did you know that some of these have even saved people's lives'</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Signs, Signals, and Codes</p>	
BPMB149	Small-Boat Sailing	Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 6 periods
	<p>Sailing is one of the most enjoyable pastimes on the open water. The quiet and peacefulness of the water can provide a pleasant break from everyday life. However, smooth sailing requires paying careful attention to safety.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Small-Boat Sailing</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Be a BSA Swimmer.</p>	

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BPMB239	<p>Sustainability (2024 version) Sustainability Merit Badge.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Sustainability Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 8. Do the following: (8)(a) On a campout or other outdoor Scouting activity that you attend, make notes on the sustainability practices you and your fellow Scouts practice. Observe transportation, forestry, soil conservation, water resources, habitat, buildings, campsites, and sanitation. Share what you observed and learned with your counselor. (8)(c) Identify 5 behavioral changes that you and your family can make to improve the sustainability of your household. Share and discuss each with your counselor.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB192	<p>Swimming</p> <p>Swimming is a leisure activity, a competitive sport, and a basic survival skill. Scouts who earn this badge will learn about safety when swimming and diving, how swimming can contribute to overall fitness and health, and gain some basic competitive swimming skills.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Swimming Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp): 2 BSA Swimmer required before the start of this merit badge.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-27-2026 3 periods</p>
		
BPMB252	<p>Veterinary Medicine (2026 version)</p> <p>The field of veterinary medicine in the 21st century is one of the most exciting medical professions in which to work. The skills of a veterinarian are practiced with cutting-edge technology and treatment options, and the profession offers a wide range of career choices.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Veterinary Medicine Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 6. Do ONE of the following: (a) Visit a veterinary clinic, hospital, or veterinary referral teaching hospital that does work in one of the practices listed in requirement 1. Spend as much time as you can observing the veterinarians and their staff. Prepare a presentation on what you observed and learned at the facility and share with your counselor. (b) Spend as much time as possible with a veterinarian who works in one of the fields listed in requirement 2. Learn what special training beyond veterinary medical school may have been required for that position. Learn about any special or unusual activities required of this position. Prepare a presentation and share what you have learned about this field of veterinary medicine with your counselor. Include how this field serves the needs of the general public.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-03-2026 2 periods</p>
		
BPMB233	<p>Weather (2026 version)</p> <p>Meteorology is the study of Earth's atmosphere and its weather and the ways in which temperature, wind, and moisture act together in the environment. In addition to learning how everyday weather is predicted, Scouts can learn about extreme weather such as thunderstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, and how to stay safe.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Weather Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 10(a) Make one of the following instruments: wind vane, anemometer, rain gauge, hygrometer. Keep a daily weather log for one week using information from this instrument as well as from other sources such as local radio and television stations, NOAA Weather</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 01-13-2026 2 periods</p>
		

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Radio All Hazards, and Internet sources (with your parent or guardian's permission). Record the following information at the same time every day: wind direction and speed, temperature, precipitation, and types of clouds. Be sure to make a note of any morning dew or frost. In the log, also list the weather forecasts from radio or television at the same time each day and show how the weather really turned out.

10(b) Visit a National Weather Service office or talk with a local radio or television weathercaster, private meteorologist, local agricultural extension service officer, or university meteorology instructor. Find out what type of weather is most dangerous or damaging to your community. Determine how severe weather and flood warnings reach the homes in your community.

BPMB156



Whitewater Merit Badge

Kayaking through whitewater rapids can be a thrilling experience. Safe whitewater fun requires each participant to understand the the equipment and techniques and to have a firm respect for the power of nature's waterways.

Linked Requirements: Whitewater

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 3b & be a BSA Swimmer.

3b. Before doing requirements 4 through 12, earn the KAYAKING merit badge.

Added to catalog:

01-13-2026

8 periods

Min. Age: 13

Fee: 25.00

BPMB157



Wilderness Survival

In their outdoor activities, Scouts learn to bring the clothing and gear they need, to make good plans, and do their best to manage any risks. But now and then, something unexpected happens. When things go wrong, the skills of wilderness survival can help make everything right again.

Linked Requirements: Wilderness Survival

Notes and Prerequisites: Involves spending a night in an improvised shelter.

Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp):

4 First Aid Kits. Put together a personal first aid kit and a personal survival kit. Show how items in the kits are used.

Added to catalog:

01-13-2026

2 periods

BPMB158



Wood Carving

Wood Carving: As with any art, wood carving involves learning the basics of design, along with material selection and tools and techniques, as well as wood-carving safety. The requirements of the Wood Carving merit badge introduce Scouts to an enjoyable hobby and that can become a lifetime activity.

Linked Requirements: Wood Carving

Notes and Prerequisites: Small Pocket/Wood Carving Knife. Pocket knives with blades over 3.5 inches are prohibited.

Added to catalog:

01-27-2026

2 periods