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GDAB228	American Indian Culture (2024 version)	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods
	<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>	
GDAB187	Animal Science	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods
	<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>	
GDAB101	Archery	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 3 periods
	<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>	
GDAB103	Art	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods
	<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>	
GDAB160	Astronomy	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods
	<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>	

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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.

GDAB165



ATV Instruction - 14 & 15 Year Olds

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.

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

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

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

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7 periods
Min. Age: 14 Max.
Age: 15

Fee: 60.00

GDAB166



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://cbt.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.

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7 periods
Min. Age: 16

Fee: 60.00

GDAB105



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

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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.

GDAB106

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.

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Max. Age: 17

GDAB110

Climbing



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.

Linked Requirements: Climbing

Notes and Prerequisites: Recommended for Scouts 13 and older, long pants are recommended, closed toed shoes are required.

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6 periods

GDAB222

Communication (2014 version)



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."

Linked Requirements: Communication

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

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.






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GDAB112	Cooking  <p>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.</p> <p>Requirement 5 is no longer a prerequisite.</p>	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods Fee: 10.00
GDAB113	Cycling  <p>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</p>	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 6 periods Min. Age: 13
GDAB185	Eagle Challenge: First Class  <p>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.</p>	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 3 periods
GDAB184	Eagle Challenge: Second Class  <p>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>	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 3 periods
GDAB183	Eagle Challenge: Tenderfoot  <p>Scouting America Tenderfoot rank advancement Linked Requirements: Rank: Tenderfoot Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 4D</p>	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 3 periods

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GDAB264	Environmental Science (2025 version)	Added to catalog: 05-28-2026 2 periods
	<p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Environmental Science</p>	
GDAB120	First Aid	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 3 periods
	<p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: First Aid</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
GDAB227	Fish and Wildlife Management (2025 version)	Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods
	<p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Fish and Wildlife Management</p> <p>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.</p>	

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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.)

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GDAB263



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.

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GDAB123



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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GDAB200	<p>Geology</p> <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: 05-27-2026 2 periods</p>
GDAB130	<p>Kayaking</p> <p>A basic-level merit badge for flat-water kayaking - whitewater kayaking will still fall under Whitewater merit badge.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Kayaking</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp): 2 BSA Swimmer Required.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods</p>
GDAB132	<p>Lifesaving</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Lifesaving</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Prerequisites (Complete unit swim record prior to arrival or test at camp): 2B, BSA Swimmer Required.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 3 periods</p>
GDAB133	<p>Mammal Study</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Mammal Study</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisite: 3. Do ONE of the following: (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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods</p>
GDAB236	<p>Music (2017 version)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Music</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites: 3. Do TWO of the following:</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods</p>

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(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.

GDAB253

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

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2 periods

GDAB205

Pulp and Paper



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.

Linked Requirements: Pulp and Paper

Notes and Prerequisites: 7. With your parent or guardian's and counselor's approval, do ONE of the following:

- (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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GDAB144

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

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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.

GDAB258

Salesmanship (2023 version)

Added to catalog:



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.

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Linked Requirements: Salesmanship

Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisite:

2 periods

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:

(a) Help your unit raise funds through sales of merchandise or of tickets to a Scout event.

(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.

(c) Earn money through retail selling.

(Popcorn sales count towards this)

GDAB237

Scouting Heritage (2014 version)

Added to catalog:



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.

Linked Requirements: Scouting Heritage

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

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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.

2 periods

GDAB146

Sculpture

Added to catalog:



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.

Linked Requirements: Sculpture

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GDAB148	<p>Signs, Signals, and Codes</p> <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>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods</p>
GDAB192	<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</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: 05-27-2026 3 periods</p>
GDAB233	<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</p> <p>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 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 2 periods</p>
GDAB156	<p>Whitewater Merit Badge</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Whitewater</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites (Completed prior to arrival & documents brought to camp): 3b & be a BSA Swimmer.</p> <p>3b. Before doing requirements 4 through 12, earn the KAYAKING merit badge.</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 05-27-2026 8 periods Min. Age: 13 Fee: 25.00</p>

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GDAB157

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.

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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.

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