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SC193	Archery (2025 version)	Added to catalog:
	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.	03-15-2026
	Linked Requirements: Archery	4 periods
	Notes and Prerequisites: BSA Activities consent form is required to attend this Class. Form MUST be signed by parent , NOT Unit leader	Fee: 15.00
SC231	Artificial Intelligence (AI) (2025 version)	Added to catalog:
	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.	03-18-2026
	Linked Requirements: Artificial Intelligence (AI)	1 period
SC156	Citizenship in the Community (2026 version)	Added to catalog:
	A nation is a patchwork of communities that differ from each other and may be governed differently. But regardless of how local communities differ, they all have one point in common: In the United States, local government means self-government. Good citizens help to make decisions about their community through their elected local officials.	03-11-2026
	Linked Requirements: Citizenship in the Community	1 period
	Notes and Prerequisites: 8 hours of community service required to complete this badge	
SC157	Citizenship in the Nation (2022 version)	Added to catalog:
	As Scouts fulfill the requirements for this merit badge, they will learn how to become active citizens are aware of and grateful for their liberties and rights, to participate in their governments and protect their freedom, helping to defend their country and standing up for individual rights on behalf of all its citizens.	03-11-2026
	Linked Requirements: Citizenship in the Nation	2 periods
	Notes and Prerequisites: Requirement 7 - Options for completing Requirement 7 will be discussed during the first session. If you have previously completed one of the site visits listed in Requirement 7, please bring documentation such as photographs, ticket stubs, etc. and be ready to have a conversation with the counselor about your visit.	
SC107	Citizenship in the World (2016 version)	Added to catalog:
	Scouts who earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge will discover that they are already citizens of the world. How good a world citizen each person is depends on his willingness to understand and appreciate the values, traditions, and concerns of people in other countries.	12-11-2025
	Linked Requirements: Citizenship in the World	1 period
	Notes and Prerequisites: Updated requirements for 2026	

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SC55	Coin Collecting (2025 version)	Added to catalog: 09-30-2025 1 period
	<p>Coin collecting is one of the oldest of all hobbies. Hoards of ancient coins found in excavations indicate that coins were one of the first collectibles. From earliest times, people valued coins not only as a means of trading and storing wealth, but also as miniature works of art.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Coin Collecting</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Updated requirements for 2026</p>	
SC160	Cybersecurity (2025 version)	Added to catalog: 03-11-2026 2 periods
	<p>The Cybersecurity Merit Badge equips Scouts with essential knowledge and skills to navigate and protect the digital world. Scouts learn about online safety, ethical behavior, cyber threats, and how to defend against them using tools like firewalls, antivirus software, and strong passwords. They explore encryption, connected devices, and the risks of public Wi-Fi, while also practicing safe habits like updating software and backing up data. Through hands-on activities, Scouts investigate real-world cyber incidents, participate in cybersecurity challenges, and explore career opportunities in the field.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Cybersecurity</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Scouts must bring an operable laptop with wifi connectivity to both classes</p>	
SC161	Disabilities Awareness (2021 version)	Added to catalog: 03-11-2026 2 periods
	<p>Understand various disabilities and how they affect your friends, family, and community members with the Disability Awareness Merit Badge. Scouts will learn about the experiences of someone with a disability, explain the significance of disability etiquette, and how it may differ depending on the specific disability.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Disabilities Awareness</p>	
SC73	Entrepreneurship (2014 version)	Added to catalog: 09-30-2025 1 period
	<p>By earning the Entrepreneurship merit badge, Scouts will learn about identifying opportunities, creating and evaluating business ideas, and exploring the feasibility (how doable it is) of an idea for a new business. They will also have the chance to fit everything together as they start and run their own business ventures.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Entrepreneurship</p>	
SC164	Environmental Science (2025 version)	Added to catalog: 03-11-2026 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>	

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SC144	Family Life (2023 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>The family is the basic unit of society and is important to both individuals and communities. The world is rapidly changing, making today's society much more complex than ever before. As Scouts earn this merit badge, they will realize why it is important to know more about family life and how to strengthen their families.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Family Life</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Updated requirements for 2026</p>	03-10-2026 1 period
SC136	Genealogy (2023 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>Exploring your roots-where your family name came from, why your family lives where it does, what your parents and grandparents did for fun when they were your age-can be fascinating. Discovering your ancestors back through history is what genealogy is all about.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Genealogy</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: A 6 week journal 3 generation family tree 4 generation pedigree chart At least 1 supporting document (e.g., birth certificate) Family member interview Documentation: create a 4- generation pedigree chart and at least one family group record (covering parents and siblings). Research: interview a relative to collect family history and, if possible, find one supporting document (e.g., birth certificate, obituary, or marriage license). Journaling: keep a personal journal for 6 wks. (At least one entry per week) or create a timeline/biography for a relative. Preparation: Research 3 types of genealogical resources (e.g., court house library, online databases) and understand how to use them. Updated requirements for 2026</p>	02-25-2026 1 period
SC135	Moviemaking (2026 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>Moviemaking is a way to tell stories visually through the art and science of motion picture photography.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Moviemaking</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites Read the pamphlet Moviemaking merit badge pamphlet downloadable</p> <p>Equipment required Equipment check: ensure you have access to a camera ie smart phone or digital camera. Editing software and necessary equipment</p> <p>Key project prep</p> <p>Scouts should come prepared to discuss shooting techniques (tripods, panning, and lighting) and have an idea for their required film project (e.g., a short film, documentary, or training video).</p>	02-25-2026 1 period
SC167	Nature (2025 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>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.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Nature</p>	03-11-2026 1 period

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SC142	Oceanography (2026 version)	Added to catalog:
	<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: Updated requirements for 2026</p>	<p>03-10-2026 1 period</p>
SC113	Personal Fitness (2026 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>Personal fitness is an individual effort and desire to be the best one can be. Regardless of their current levels of personal fitness, in the twelve weeks it will take Scouts to complete the athletic requirements for this merit badge, they will be in better shape, feel better about themselves, have more energy, and gain self-confidence in their overall abilities.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Personal Fitness</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Completion of Merit Badge includes a 12 Week "comprehensive 12-week physical fitness and nutrition program". Plan Must be approved by the merit Badge counselor prior to the beginning the program.</p> <p>Updated requirements for 2026 Come prepared to discuss requirements 1 &2 Scouts should dress accordingly to participate in physical conditioning assesment, which includes running and exercise</p>	<p>01-12-2026 1 period</p>
SC18	Personal Management	Added to catalog:
	<p>Personal management is about mapping a plan for your life that will involve setting short-range and long-range goals and investigating different ways to reach those goals. Education, training, and experience all help make your goals become a reality. To achieve your goals, you will choose the best path and make a commitment to it, while remaining flexible enough to deal with changes and new opportunities.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Personal Management</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Not all can be completed between 1st and 2nd Weekend</p>	<p>09-30-2025 1 period</p>
SC143	Public Speaking (2003 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>A lot happens during the course of every person's life and your ability to communicate your feelings and ideas is the best way to connect to the larger world. Even if you haven't stood at a podium on the stage and find the whole idea scary, sooner or later, someone is going to ask you to get up and say a few words. If you are prepared, it won't be scary. It can even be fun.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Public Speaking</p>	<p>03-10-2026 1 period</p>
SC62	Public Speaking (2003 version)	Added to catalog:
	<p>A lot happens during the course of every person's life and your ability to communicate your feelings and ideas is the best way to connect to the larger world. Even if you haven't stood at a podium on the stage and find the whole idea scary, sooner or later, someone is going to ask you to get up and say a few words. If you are prepared, it won't be scary. It can even be fun.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Public Speaking</p>	<p>09-30-2025 1 period</p>

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SC122	<p>Reading (2026 version)</p> <p>If you have ever wanted to go back in time or wished you could visit the future, if you are curious about the world, or if you are interested in how things work or like to learn new things, these are all reasons why you should want to read. Reading is fascinating. It's full of surprises. And it will take you places you can't get to in any other way.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Reading</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Updated requirements for 2026</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 02-06-2026 1 period</p>
		
SC130	<p>Rifle Shooting (2025 version)</p> <p>The Rifle Shooting merit badge shows you how a rifle works, how to handle it safely, and how to care for it. There is much more to shooting than squeezing the trigger. Once you have learned the fundamentals of rifle shooting, you can begin to apply them to various rifle-shooting sports and activities.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Rifle Shooting</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Activities consent form required. Must be signed by parent, NOT Unit leader</p> <p>Additional fee of \$15.00 applies to this merit badge</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 02-16-2026 4 periods Fee: 15.00</p>
		
SC90	<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: Updated requirements for 2026</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 10-14-2025 2 periods</p>
		
SC175	<p>Sustainability (2024 version)</p> <p>Learn to reduce waste and teach sustainable practices to others so you can help conserve Earth's resources with the Sustainability Merit Badge. Scouts will develop and implement a plan to reduce their water usage, household food waste, and learn about the sustainability of different energy sources, including fossil fuels, solar, wind, nuclear, hydropower, and geothermal.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Sustainability</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Requirement #2 Water A - Develop and implement a plan that attempts to reduce your family's water usage. As a family, discuss water usage. To aid in your discussion, if past water bills are available, you may choose to examine a few. As a family, choose three ways to help reduce water consumption. Implement those ideas for one month. Share what you learn with your counselor, and tell how you think your plan affected your family's water usage</p> <p>Requirements then may be completed between the first weekend and the second weekend</p> <p>Must be atleast 13 years of age and First Class</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-11-2026 2 periods Min. Age: 13 Min. Rank: First Class</p>
		
SC176	<p>Textile (2004 version)</p> <p>People use countless fibers and fabrics in their everyday lives: clothes, carpets, curtains, towels, sheets, upholstered furniture. Add to that list boat sails, book bindings, bandages, flags, sleeping bags, mailbags, airbags, seat belts, backpacks, parachutes, umbrellas, basketball nets, and more.</p> <p>Linked Requirements: Textile</p> <p>Notes and Prerequisites: Prerequisites 2, 3 & 6</p>	<p>Added to catalog: 03-11-2026 1 period</p>
		

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Weather

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.

Linked Requirements: Weather

Notes and Prerequisites: Updated requirements for 2026

Weather merit badge prerequisites

Weather log (req 9) build a homemade instrument (wind vane, anemometer, rain gauge, or hydrometer), and keep a daily log for 7 days recording temperature, wind, precipitation, and clouds.

Safety Presentation (Req 10) prepare a 5 minute talk on weather safety (lightning, tornados, floods for a group.

Req 7 draw a diagram of the water cycle and label its major processes explain the water cycle

Requirement 8: Identify some human activities that can alter the environment and describe their impact on the climate and people.

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