



Troop 5's Recommended Sequence of Merit Badges

Which badges first? - Scouts can work on merit badges from the age of 10-1/2 until they reach the age of 18. BSA has designed merit badges that will be interesting and challenging for boys throughout that age range. Some merit badges are significantly easier than others. When selecting merit badges on which to work, it is important to pick badges that are age-appropriate, otherwise the Scout can be overwhelmed and get discouraged.

Troop 5's recommended sequence of merit badges is as follows:

Level 1 - New Scouts / Ages 10 1/2-11 / 5th and 6th Grades

Eagle Required	Non-Eagle Required
Personal Fitness	Art Fishing Basketry Indian Lore Climbing Leatherwork Dog Care Mammal Study Fingerprinting Pets Fire Safety Woodcarving

Level 2 - Second Class / Ages 11-13 / 6th and 7th Grades

Eagle Required	Non-Eagle Required
Camping First Aid Emergency Prep* (First Aid MB req'd before) Hiking, Swimming or Cycling** Family Life	Archery Model Design & Building Astronomy Music & Bugling Bird Study Nature Canoeing Orienteering Coin Collecting Painting Collections Pioneering Crime Prevention Plant Science Disabilities Awareness Pottery Fish And Wildlife Mngt. Pulp & Paper Fly Fishing Reading Forestry Reptile & Amphibian Study Gardening Rowing Home Repairs Safety Insect Study Scholarship Law Sports Metalwork Stamp Collecting

Level 3 - First Class & Star / Ages 13-14 / 7th and 8th Grades

Eagle Required	Non-Eagle Required
<p>Citizenship in the Community Citizenship in the Nation Environmental Science Lifesaving* (Swimming MB req'd before)</p>	<p>American Business Journalism American Cultures Landscape Architecture American Heritages Motorboating American Labor Oceanography Animal Science Photography Archeology Plumbing Architecture Public Health Athletics Public Speaking Aviation Radio Computers Railroading Cooking Rifle Shooting Dentistry Salesmanship Drafting Sculpture Electricity Skating Electronics Small Boat Sailing Energy Snow Sports Entrepreneurship Soil & Water Conservation Farm Mechanics Textile Genealogy Truck Transportation Geology Veterinary Medicine Golf Waterskiing Graphic Arts Woodwork Horsemanship</p>

Level 4 - Star & Life / Ages 14-15 / 8th Grade and UP

Eagle Required	Non-Eagle Required
<p>Citizenship in the World Communications Personal Management</p>	<p>Atomic Energy Shotgun Shooting Auto Mechanics Space Exploration Backpacking Surveying BSA Lifeguard Theater Chemistry Traffic Safety Cinematography Weather Engineering Whitewater Medicine Wilderness Survival</p>

Notes:

Troop 5 suggests that each Scout earn **Cooking MB and the Pioneering MB** before the rank of Star.

For Eagle, only 12 of the 15 Eagle Required Merit Badges are required. Only one of Emergency Prep* or Lifesaving* is required, and only one of Swimming**, Hiking** or Cycling** is required.

Troop 5 now encourages that each Scout go outside the troop counselor list to find a merit badge