



**GOSHEN SCOUT  
RESERVATION**

**SCOUTS BSA HOMECAMPING  
PROGRAM GUIDE**

## Advancement (New Scout Ranks)

See the New Scout Schedule for details.

## American Heritage Merit Badge

Scouts will learn about the rich culture and heritage of the United States of America from our founding in 1776 to present day and what things in our past have developed or current traditions.

## Archery Merit Badge

Learn the fundamentals and safety involved with archery.

**Requirements not covered: 3c, 5**

*Materials provided: Arrow making supplies*

*Household materials required: Glue*

## Art Merit Badge

**Good for new Scouts.**

Get creative! A good Merit Badge for any Scout. Allows Scouts to produce creative work.

**Requirements not covered: 6 (will have references and recommendations during session for virtual tours)**

*Household materials required: General art supplies*

## Astronomy Merit Badge

Address the allure of reaching beyond our own world. Scouts must be available for several nights to participate in a star party on a clear night.

**Requirements not covered: 4, 8**

*Household materials: Printer (optional)*

## Basketry Merit Badge

**Good for new Scouts.**

Learn about baskets and make woven souvenirs to take home. Projects include a round basket, a square basket, and a small stool. To avoid confusion, please wait and buy materials at camp. This badge can call for Scouts to put in extra work.

*Materials provided: Kits for round basket, square basket, and stool kits*

*Materials required: Bucket of water, glue, mallet*

## Bird Study Merit Badge

Learn about the diversity and impact of birds in the environment. This is a time consuming badge and requires work outside of instruction time.

*Materials required: Bird feeder supplies (will be discussed in class - use what you have around)*

## Camping Merit Badge

*Eagle-required*

Offers an introduction to many basic outdoor skills, including trip planning, packing, Leave No Trace, basic land navigation, and gear familiarization.

**Requirements not covered: 4b, 5e, 8d, 9**

*Materials required: General camping equipment you have on hand*

## Chess Merit Badge

### **Good for new Scouts.**

Scouts in this badge will learn the basic terminology and strategy of the centuries old game of chess, including reacting against an opponent and planning your moves.

## Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge

### *Eagle-required*

### **Recommended for 13 years and older.**

Scouts will learn about the importance of their community and its role in government. Be prepared to participate as well as write multiple days.

**Requirements not covered: 3**

## Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge

### *Eagle-required*

### **Recommended for 13 years and older.**

Scouts will learn about what it takes to be a good citizen in the United States of America. Be prepared to participate as well as write on multiple days.

## Citizenship in the World Merit Badge

### *Eagle-required*

### **Recommended for 13 years and older.**

Scouts will learn about being good world citizens by learning about their responsibilities as such and the responsibilities of other people all around the world. Be prepared to participate.

## Communication

### *Eagle-required*

Scouts will learn about the importance of good communication and how vital communication is to our everyday lives. Be prepared to write a 5 minute speech, an advertisement, and have discussions. Requires time outside of class. Pencil and paper or word processing program must be brought every day.

**Requirements not covered: 8**

## Cooking Merit Badge

### *Eagle-required*

### **Good for older Scouts.**

Scouts will learn the skills to safely handle and prepare food, and then develop the basic skills required to make a meal.

**Requirements not covered: 4 (covered during, requires outside work), 5, 6**

*Household materials required: Requires cooking supplies & ingredients (specifics will be discussed in class)*

## Crime Prevention Merit Badge

Awareness is the first step in preventing crime. Learn how agencies and programs in your community work to prevent crime and what you can do to help.

**Requirements not covered: 7**

## Dentistry Merit Badge

You may have been to the dentist, but how much do you know about what they do?

**Requirements not covered: 3**

*Household materials required: Art supplies (pencil & paper or digital art program)*

## Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge

*Eagle-required*

**Good for older Scouts.**

Introduces Scouts to various aspects of emergency planning and response, including advanced first aid, search and rescue, backcountry emergency response, and emergency prevention and recovery. Need to have First Aid Merit Badge or be taking concurrently.

**Requirements not covered: 1, 7a (2c & 8b will require outside work with family)**

*Household materials required: Will need a family member's assistance for one session & emergency kit items (will discuss in class)*

## Environmental Science

*Eagle-required*

**Recommended for 13 years and older.**

Learn about the relevance of the scientific view of nature. This is a time consuming badge and requires work outside of instruction time.

*Household materials required: Water, oil, dish soap, art supplies (pencil & paper)*

## First Aid Merit Badge

*Eagle-required*

**Good for older Scouts.**

Teaches basic first aid for common injuries and medical emergencies that Scouts may face.

*Materials provided: First aid instructional supplies (ex. roller gauze, triangular bandages)*

*Household materials required: Basic first aid supplies (ex. bandaids)*

## Forestry Merit Badge

Learn about the importance of forests to humans and wildlife and how they are managed.

**Requirements not covered: 5, (1 & 6 will require time outside of instruction)**

## Game Design Merit Badge

Analyze tactics and strategies that went into designing various games and learn how to use these tactics and strategies to create games of your own. Good for any Scout!

*Household materials required: General craft and writing utensils*

## Geocaching Merit Badge

Geocaching is kind of like treasure hunting with a GPS! Find and place geocaches while learning about geocaching culture and practices. Will require time outside of instruction to complete requirements.

**Requirements not covered: 9, (7 & 8 will require time outside of instruction)**

*Household materials required: GPS or phone with GPS app (will give recommendations during session)*

## Journalism Merit Badge

Get the scoop on how to gather facts and report the news.

**Requirements not covered: 2, 4**

## Law Merit Badge

Learn about legal traditions from the dawn of civilization to our present legal codes, how our civil and criminal laws were developed, and the types of careers in the legal field. Be prepared to participate in a mock trial!

## Mammal Study Merit Badge

### **Good for new Scouts.**

Find out how mammals play into the ecosystem. Will require time outside of instruction and ability to get outside.

## Music Merit Badge

One of the original 57 Merit Badges issued by the BSA, this badge is great for Scouts with an interest in music and basic music theory.

*Household materials required: Your musical instrument, rice, paper plates, tape*

## Photography Merit Badge

Good for Scouts who like technology and wish to learn the basics of photography. Scouts are encouraged to bring their own digital camera. Scouts must have completed their Cyber Chip.

### **Prerequisites: 1b**

*Household materials required: Digital camera (cell phone is acceptable)*

## Public Speaking Merit Badge

Develop your confidence speaking in front of a group. This course will include multiple opportunities to write and deliver speeches and talks in front of a group.

## Oceanography Merit Badge

### **Good for older Scouts.**

An opportunity to study the greater part of the Earth. Requires completion of a 500 word essay.

*Household materials required: Construction paper, crayons/colored pencils*

## Rifle & Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges

### **Good for older Scouts.**

Learn the fundamentals and safety involved with rifle and shotgun shooting and handling. Covers requirements for both Merit Badges.

**Requirements not covered: Rifle 2  
Option A hjlm; Shotgun 2 Option A gik**

## Salesmanship Merit Badge

Study how salespeople work and learn how you can use the skills in your life.

**Requirements not covered: 5**

## Weather Merit Badge

Learn the basics of predicting and tracking weather patterns.

**Requirements not covered: 9**

## Wood Carving Merit Badge

Learn about the hobby of carving and make carved souvenirs to take home. Projects include a relief carving and a neckerchief slide. Scouts must have Totin' Chip.

### **Prerequisites: 2a**

**Requirements not covered: 7**

*Materials provided: Neckerchief slide kit  
Household materials required: Pocketknife or wood carving knife, adult supervision recommended*