



2024

PROGRAM GUIDE

For Camps Bowman, Marriott, & Olmsted

MERIT BADGES,
ACTIVITIES,
& PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTIONS,
PREREQUISITES,
& OTHER INFO

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A Note on Limited Class Size

All classes will have size limits. These classes are first come, first served. Once classes are full, further sign ups will be placed on a waitlist and added as space opens.

A Note on Prerequisites

Some Merit Badges have requirements which cannot (or should not) be completed at camp. These requirements may be completed before or after camp, but in order to complete the badges at camp, we will need evidence of completion of prerequisites.

If it says to do something (such as cook a meal, meet with your family, etc...)

Bring a note from an adult who was there and can verify completion of the requirements (ie family member, scoutmaster, troop adult leader, etc.) Pictures are not required but are welcome.

If it says to make something (such as prepare a survival kit, make an exercise plan, etc...)

Bring what you made to show your instructor! This includes written products such as menus and other documents.

A Note on Age Recommendations

Any program that says “Must be X years or older” is an age requirement. All others are age recommendations based on information from our program staff based on instructional content or physical skills that are covered in that program.

A Note on Open Program

Programs listed as “Part of Open Program” do not have online sign ups. For these activities, scouts can participate by showing up to the program during Open Program for that program area.

Aquatics

Please Be Aware: Campers must pass BSA Swimmer's Test to take Aquatics Merit Badges.

Canoeing Merit Badge

Learn the skills necessary to canoe with confidence and style.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test.

Free Swim/Open Swim

Come cool off in the afternoon! Be sure to bring a buddy. All levels of swimming ability welcome.

Instructional Swim

Not a Merit Badge. Basic swimming skills instruction with completing the BSA Swimmer's Test in mind. Good for new swimmers wishing to pass their swim check before the end of the week. Participants do not need to register to attend.

Prerequisites: None

Kayaking Merit Badge

Flat water kayaking with instruction dedicated to other types you may experience. A good sense of balance helps a lot!

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test.

Lifesaving Merit Badge

Eagle-required

A good challenge for older Scouts with powerful swimming skills, teaching basic water rescue skills and knowledge. Long sleeve button-down shirt, pants, belt, shoes, and socks need to be brought to camp.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test, 2a, 16b

Mile Swim Award

Good for Older Scouts.

An advanced challenge for strong swimmers! It's not just about completing evening program's Mile Swim! Check your camp's program schedule and/or check in with the Aquatics Director to complete the other requirements and earn the Award.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test.

Motorboating Merit Badge

Camp Bowman exclusive!

Recommended for 14 years and older.

This course allows you to take out a motorboat and learn to drive around beautiful Lake Merriweather.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test.

Open Boating

Check out a boat and enjoy the serenity of the lake. Bring a buddy! Must be a swimmer to use a canoe or kayak or pilot a rowboat. If a beginner, can be a passenger in a rowboat with an adult who is a swimmer and a buddy.

Rowing Merit Badge

Instruction on how to pilot a rowboat and other rowing craft effectively. Good workout for those inclined to strengthen their arms.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test.

Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge

Recommended for 13 years and older.

An especially fun badge that teaches sailing on single and multi-hulled vessels shorter than 15 feet in length. Requires a good observer with coordination to do well.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test

Swimming Merit Badge

Eagle-required

Good for new Scouts.

Intermediate swimming instruction on the finer points of in-water locomotion and safety.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test

Water Sports Merit Badge

Camps Bowman & Marriott exclusive!

Recommended for 14 years and older.

Waterskiing or wakeboarding instruction for fit older Scouts who enjoy a challenge. Must have good balance and overall strength to withstand the stresses involved.

Prerequisites: Pass swimmer's test.

Culture Craft (Bowman/Olmsted) & Eagle's Eyrie (Marriott) & Trading Post (Marriott)

American Cultures Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

Explore the contributions of different racial, cultural, national, and ethnic groups to the melting pot that is the United States of America.

Prerequisites: None

American Heritage Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

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.

Prerequisites: 3c, 4

Architecture Merit Badge

Camps Olmsted exclusive!

Building has always satisfied the human need to create something of meaning. Even the simplest form of architecture is a work of art that requires thought and planning.

Prerequisites: 1a, b

Bowman History

Camp Bowman exclusive!

Not a Merit Badge. Learn the legends and lore of Goshen Scout Reservation and Camp Bowman. From the origins and ghost stories to the modern day events that shaped our camp. Thursday only!

Chess Merit Badge

Camp Marriott: Scheduled and Open Program options.

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.

Prerequisites: None

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.

Prerequisites: 5, 7

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 in class.

Prerequisites: 7

Communication Merit Badge

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 must be brought every day.

Prerequisites: 8

Offered at the Tech Center at Camp Olmsted.

Entrepreneurship Merit Badge

Camp Marriott: Combined with Salesmanship Merit Badge.

Learn about starting businesses and think up your own.

Prerequisites: 3

Taught at the Trading Post at Camp Marriott.

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!

Prerequisites: 8

Offered at Handicraft at Camp Marriott.

Offered at the Tech Center at Camp Olmsted.

Journalism Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

Camp Olmsted: Combined with Photography Merit Badge.

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

Prerequisites: 2, 4

Law Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

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!

Prerequisites: 4, 7

Moviemaking Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Make a movie of your week at camp with the skills you learn in this badge.

Prerequisites: None

Offered at Handicraft at Camp Marriott.

Personal Management Merit Badge

Eagle-required

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Learn the basic life skills of managing personal finance, making budgets, and managing your time.

Prerequisites: 1, 2, 8

Photography Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted.

See main entry under Handicraft for additional information.

Public Speaking Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted: Part of Open Program.

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.

Prerequisites: None

Salesmanship Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

*Camp Marriott: Combined with
Entrepreneurship Merit Badge.*

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

Prerequisites: 5

*Taught at the Trading Post at Camp
Marriott.*

Theater Merit Badge

Camp Bowman exclusive!

Scouts will learn to appreciate live
performances as members of the audience
as well as go behind the footlights to see
the view from the other side.

Prerequisites: 1

Ecology (Marriott/Olmsted) & Nature (Bowman)

Animal Science Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

Get an introduction to the biology of farm animals. This badge covers general topics on a range of farm animals and goes in depth into horses.

Prerequisites: None

Archaeology Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Recommended for 13 years and older.

Before written history, we only have one way to discover our past.

Prerequisites: None

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.

Prerequisites: 5b

Offered at the Tech Center at Camp Olmsted.

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.

Prerequisites: 5

Chemistry Merit Badge

Good for older Scouts.

Explore and experiment with the behaviors and interactions of chemicals we use in our everyday lives and see how chemistry is used in the world.

Prerequisites: None

Engineering Merit Badge

Use scientific principles to invent, design, and build. Completion of requirement 4 is based on the availability of an engineer to meet with the class during the week.

Prerequisites: 4

Offered at the Tech Center at Camp Olmsted.

Offered at The Guild at Camp Marriott.

Environmental Science Merit Badge

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.

Prerequisites: None

Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Learn how various fish and animal populations are managed. Requires time outside of class. 7 can be completed at camp if scout catches fish.

Prerequisites: 7

Offered at Scoutcraft at Camp Olmsted.

Fishing Merit Badge

At Camp Bowman.

See main entry under Scoutcraft for additional information.

Forestry Merit Badge

Learn about the importance of forests to humans and wildlife and how they are managed. Requires siesta event to meet a forester.

Prerequisites: None

Geology Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted: Combined with Mining in Society Merit Badge.

Even the rocks have a story to tell.

Prerequisites: None

Mammal Study Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted: Part of Open Program.

Good for new Scouts.

Find out how mammals play into the ecosystem.

Prerequisites: None

Mining in Society Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Camp Marriott & Olmsted: Combined with Geology Merit Badge.

Explore both the history and current status of mining and learn about modern mining careers and mining safety.

Prerequisites: None

Nature Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted: Part of Open Program

Understanding the connection between soil, plants, and animal life and the impact we have upon it is important to preserving the wilderness and to our own well-being as members of the web of nature. Requires a large amount of requirements to be completed outside of instruction time.

Prerequisites: 4 (if cannot complete at camp)

Nuclear Science Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Nuclear energy is used in many different disciplines today, from medicine to space exploration. Learn about the parts of an atomic nucleus and the energy that it can produce.

Prerequisites: None

Oceanography Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Good for older Scouts.

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

Prerequisites: None

Pulp and Paper Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

A giant industry that is often taken for granted. Learn about and try out the art of papermaking. Good for any scout.

Prerequisites: None

Reptile and Amphibian Study Merit Badge

Camps Bowman & Olmsted exclusive!

Camp Olmsted: Part of Open Program

Learn about the biology and habitat of reptiles and amphibians.

Prerequisites: 8

Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge

Camp Bowman exclusive!

Learn about the underlying reason for our survival.

Prerequisites: None

Space Exploration Merit Badge

Good for new Scouts.

How are we getting into space and what do we do once we're there? In addition to learning about space, Scouts will build a model rocket and launch it during evening program as part of this Merit Badge.

Class fee is \$15.

Prerequisites: None

Offered at the Tech Center at Camp Olmsted.

Weather Merit Badge

Learn the basics of predicting and tracking weather patterns.

Prerequisites: 9

Handicraft

Animation Merit Badge

Camps Bowman & Olmsted exclusive!

Tell stories, test your creativity, and demonstrate your artistic skills.

Prerequisites: None

Offered at the Tech Center at Camp Olmsted.

Art

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

Camp Olmsted: Combined with Sculpture Merit Badge.

Good for new Scouts.

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

Prerequisites: 6

Basketry Merit Badge

Good for new Scouts.

Camps Marriott & Olmsted: Part of Open Program.

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.

Cost of materials is \$15 to \$25.

Prerequisites: None

Collections Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

Do you collect something? If so, this badge is for you! Make sure to bring pictures of your collection to camp. Stamp and coin collecting are excluded from eligibility from this badge.

Prerequisites: None

Crime Prevention Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

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.

Prerequisites: 4, 7

Fingerprinting Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Camps Marriott & Olmsted: Part of Open Program.

Good for new Scouts.

Learn about fingerprints and how we have come to use them today.

Prerequisites: None

Game Design Merit Badge

At Camp Marriott.

See main entry under Culture Craft/Eagle's Eyrie for additional information.

Inventing Merit Badge

Camps Bowman & Olmsted exclusive!

Are you ready to be one of the top innovators of tomorrow? Get your start here.

Prerequisites: 8

Leatherwork Merit Badge

Good for new Scouts.

Camps Marriott & Olmsted: Part of Open Program.

Learn about leather and make some souvenirs to take home. Projects include a knife pouch and a segment of woven gimp.

Cost of materials \$10 to \$20.

Prerequisites: None

Model Design and Building Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

With implications for both hobbyists and for industry, there are many types of models and purposes for making models both large and small.

Prerequisites: None

Moviemaking Merit Badge

At Camp Marriott.

See main entry under Culture Craft/Eagle's Eyrie for additional information.

Music Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program

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.

Prerequisites: 3

Painting Merit Badge

Camp Bowman exclusive!

Make the whole world your canvas as you explore the world of colors, sheens, stains, and paints. A great badge for those considering exterior or interior painting projects in the future.

Prerequisites: None

Photography Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted: Combined with Journalism.

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

Prerequisites: 1b

Offered at Culture Craft at Camp Olmsted.

Pottery Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Learn about the art of pottery and ceramics. Use a pottery wheel, kiln, and sculpting tools to make art.

Prerequisites: None

Sculpture Merit Badges

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

Camp Olmsted: combined with Art.

Express your creativity in 3D and learn about the importance of visual arts.

Prerequisites: None

Sports Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

From physical fitness to sportsmanship and everything in between. Scouts should review the requirements before committing to this badge.

Prerequisites: 4, 5

Welding Merit Badge

Camp Marriott & Bowman exclusive!

Recommended for older Scouts.

Learn the fundamentals and techniques of welding, along with how to safely work with welding equipment.

Prerequisites: None

Offered at The Guild at Camp Marriott.

Wood Carving Merit Badge

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

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. Bring money to first class.

Cost of materials \$3 to \$8.

Prerequisites: 2a

Scoutcraft

Backpacking Merit Badge

Camp Bowman exclusive!

Learn about how you can be prepared for expeditions in the backcountry. Scouts should review requirements before committing to this badge.

Prerequisites: 6b, 8cd, 9, 10, 11

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. Difficult to complete at camp. Opportunities for 9c will be available outside of class.

Prerequisites: 4b, 5e, 7, 8cd, 9abc

Cooking Merit Badge

Eagle-required

Camps Bowman & Marriott exclusive! **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.

Prerequisites: 4, 6

Offered at The Guild at Camp Marriott.

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. Need to have First Aid skills prior to camp. Need to bring personal emergency kit to camp.

Prerequisites: 1, 2c, 8b

Exploration Merit Badge

Learn about exploring through the ages and go on your own expedition during the week.

Prerequisites: 5

First Aid Merit Badge

Eagle-required

Good for older Scouts.

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

Prerequisites: 1, 5b

Taught at Admin at Camp Bowman.

Fishing Merit Badge

Learn about the sport of fishing. Scouts will most likely need to spend time outside of class to catch fish. Fishing rod recommended. Requirement 9 can be completed at camp if Scout catches fish.

Prerequisites: 9, 10

Offered at Nature at Camp Bowman.

Geocaching Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Geocaching is kind of like treasure hunting with a GPS! Find and place geocaches while learning about geocaching culture and practices. It is a good idea to bring trinkets (like toy soldiers) so you can trade.

Prerequisites: None

Open Fishing

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

Not a Merit Badge. Get the tips on the best fishing spots from the Scoutcraft staff.

Open Geocaching

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

Not a Merit Badge. Bring a buddy, trinkets to trade, and a sense of adventure to find some geocaches.

Orienteering Merit Badge

Good for older Scouts.

Teaches the sport of orienteering and the principles of land navigation. Compass recommended.

Prerequisites: 7 (some courses may be offered at camp outside of class time)

Pioneering Merit Badge

Camps Bowman & Marriott exclusive!

Good for older Scouts.

Teaches Scouts knot tying, lashings, rope care, and advanced rope techniques so that by the end of the week, they can design and construct a large scale pioneering project.

Prerequisites: None

Pioneering Skills

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

Not a Merit Badge. Learn the skills for rank advancement requirements with whipping and fusing, knots, and lashings. What will you build?

Radio Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Combined with Signs, Signals, and Codes Merit Badge.

Radio is many things: a broadcast for music or news, a hobby and a community, a survival skill, and more. Learn about the technology behind it all.

Prerequisites: 7

Search and Rescue Merit Badge

Camps Marriott & Olmsted exclusive!

Good for older Scouts.

Teaches the theory and practice of search and rescue.

Prerequisites: None

Signs, Signals, and Codes Merit Badges

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Combined with Radio Merit Badge.

Learn about the importance of signs, signals, and codes in the past as well as during our current age.

Prerequisites: None

Wilderness Survival Merit Badge

Teaches survival mentality, firecraft, improvised shelter, survival techniques for different environments, and signaling and rescue readiness. Scouts will hike up the mountain and spend the night in a shelter they must construct. Not recommended for first year Scouts.

Prerequisites: 5

Shooting Sports

Our different camps offer Shooting Sports Merit Badges in different scheduling formats based on how the staff of that camp have best success with the scouts they teach.

Camp Bowman & Camp Olmsted

When scouts sign up for Shooting Sports Merit Badges, they are signed up for a block in the morning (Part 1) and in the afternoon (Part 2). For example, Archery A is Period 1 and Period 4. Archery B is Period 2 and 5.

Camp Marriott

Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges are in 2 hour blocks. Scouts should select either a morning block or an afternoon block. Archery Merit Badge will be 1 hour blocks with smaller class sizes than the 2 hour sections.

Archery Merit Badge

Learn the fundamentals and safety involved with archery. 2 hours daily (Camps Bowman, Olmsted) or small class sizes (Camp Marriott).

Prerequisites: None

Rifle Shooting Merit Badge

Learn the fundamentals and safety involved with rifle shooting and handling. 2 hours daily. Not recommended for first year Scouts.

Prerequisites: None

Open Shoot

A shooting session for anyone who wants to shoot. There are open shoot sessions for Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun. Shotgun Open Shoot has an entrance fee of \$5. Campers taking Shotgun Merit Badge can attend Shotgun Open Shoot for free. Entrance tokens can be purchased at the Trading Post.

Shotgun open shoot entrance fee: \$5

Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge

Recommended for 13 years and older, though largely dependent on the size of the Scout.

Learn the fundamentals and safety involved with shotgun shooting and handling.

Class fee \$50.

Prerequisites: None

Tech Center (Olmsted only)

Animation Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted.

See main entry under Culture Craft/Eagle's Eyrie for additional information.

Astronomy Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted.

See main entry under Ecology/Nature for additional information.

Aviation Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

An introduction to the world of mechanical flight and the aircraft industry.

Prerequisites: 4a OR b OR c

Communication Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted.

See main entry under Culture Craft/Eagle's Eyrie for additional information.

Dentistry Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

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

Prerequisites: 3

Digital Technology Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

It is now part of our everyday lives, but just how tech savvy are you? Requires up to date Cyber Chip.

Prerequisites: None

Engineering Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted

See main entry under Ecology/Nature for additional information.

Game Design Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted.

See main entry under Culture Craft/Eagle's Eyrie for additional information.

Programming Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

In this tech-focused badge, Scouts will learn about the history and current standards of programming and be able to put their coding skills to the test with three projects.

Prerequisites: None

Research Time

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

Not a Merit Badge. Time any Scout can go to the Tech Center and use it for any project or report needs for any Merit Badge.

Prerequisites: None

Robotics Merit Badge

Camp Olmsted exclusive!

Enter the fun world of robotics and be prepared to compete by the end of the week!

Prerequisites: None

Space Exploration Merit Badge

At Camp Olmsted.

See main entry under Ecology/Nature for additional information.

The Guild (Marriott only)

Automotive Maintenance

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Good for older Scouts.

Get hands on experience with our old camp vehicles and learn about the inner-workings of cars, trucks, and other motor vehicles.

Prerequisites: None

Composite Materials Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Take on a new type of craft. Learn about composite materials and use them to complete projects.

Prerequisites: 4

Cooking Merit Badge

At Camp Marriott.

See main entry under Scoutcraft for additional information.

Electricity Merit Badge

Camps Bowman & Marriott exclusive!

Learn what happens when you turn on a switch and make your own electrical connections.

Prerequisites: 2, 8, 9a

Offered at Handicraft at Camp Bowman.

Electronics Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Apply your knowledge of electricity to complete circuit boards and other electronic devices.

Prerequisites: None

Engineering Merit Badge

At Camp Marriott.

See main entry under Ecology/Nature for additional information.

Metalwork Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Good for older Scouts.

Learn about the different areas of metalwork and try your hand at working with sheet metal and blacksmithing. You'll need your arm strength here!

Prerequisites: None

Plumbing Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Plumbing is all about the systems that keep us comfortable. Practice cutting, threading, and soldering and be prepared for the next time something springs a leak.

Prerequisites: None

Traffic Safety Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Camp Marriott: Part of Open Program.

Thinking about getting your learner's permit or your driver's license? Riding your bicycle or scooter around town? Be prepared with this badge and learn all about safety on the road.

Prerequisites: None

Welding Merit Badge

At Camp Marriott.

See main entry under Handicraft for additional information.

Woodwork Merit Badge

Camp Marriott exclusive!

Good for older Scouts.

Although they both work with wood, woodworking requires a different set of tools than wood carving and creates larger scale projects, like furniture, birdhouses, toys, and such. Completion of requirement 7 is based on the availability of a cabinetmaker or carpenter to meet with the class during the week.

Prerequisites: 1c, 7

New Scout Programs

Each of the Scouts BSA camps offers its own program for new Scouts. These programs are designed to introduce the Scout that has just crossed over or just joined to Scouts BSA and Scout Camp. All programs offer a mix of advancement requirements from Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class, a chance to earn Merit Badges, and, of course, fun!

To see what requirements are covered and the Merit Badges and activities available for each program, please refer to the schedules for the specific camps.

Bowman Brigade

At Camp Bowman

To register, sign up for the all day advancement session. Part of this schedule will include Merit Badges, which Scouts will select at camp as part of the program.

New Scout Quest

At Camp Marriott

To register, sign up for the morning advancement session. Then, sign up for Merit Badges or other activities to complete your daily schedule. Check out the NSQ Schedule for recommended Merit Badges or look for Merit Badges in this packet recommended for new Scouts. Taking an Open Program badge at Handicraft? No need to sign up! Just remember to go to Handicraft at that time!

Trailhead

At Camp Olmsted

To register, sign up for the afternoon or morning advancement session. Then, sign up for Merit Badges or other activities to complete your daily schedule. Check out badges in this packet recommended for new Scouts.

Older Scout Activities

In addition to advanced Merit Badges and activities, Older Scouts can take part in four of the reservation-wide programs offered to Scouts at the three Goshen Scout Camps – Bowman, Marriott, and Olmsted. When necessary, Scouts should arrange transportation with the Camp Staff at the Admin building or provide their own transportation.

ATV Program

Must be 14 years or older.

Not a Merit Badge. Explore the beautiful scenery of Goshen Scout Reservation while learning how to safely operate an All-Terrain Vehicle. Participants must bring a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and sturdy shoes. Participants will earn the ATV Safety Institute Basic Driver Certificate by the end of the week. This program is offered at Camp Post.

Class fee \$65.

Climbing Merit Badge

Recommended for older Scouts.

Learn about the fundamentals and basics of climbing, belaying, and belaying safety. Classes take place in hour and a half sections at the Camp Post climbing wall.

Prerequisites: None

COPE

Recommended for older Scouts.

Not a Merit Badge. Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, or COPE, is a positive learning experience for an individual or group. Learn leadership skills, teamwork, and build confidence with other Scouts by completing team-building initiatives along with both low and high ropes courses. COPE is offered at Camp Post.

Goshen Vets

Recommended for 14 years and up.

Not a Merit Badge. Goshen Vets is Goshen's premier customizable program, intended for older scouts and offering more freedom than any other program on the lake. Take advantage of the coolest activities at Goshen, including waterskiing, wakeboarding, shooting, hiking, and a Taste of Lenhok'sin with visits to outposts (All activities are subject to availability, and the ages and abilities of the Vets participants. 21+ leadership may be required for activities outside of base camps). The first Goshen Vets meeting will be on Monday at 9am near the Camp Bowman Admin building.

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