GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITE LIST

2009

Merit Badge	Comments	Complete before camp
Archery	Some may require many hours to complete this merit badge; usually not recommended for first year Scouts	
Art	Good for any Scout	4
Astronomy	Weather premitting time consuming	5b, 6
Aviation	Good for older Scouts	4
Backpacking	Scouts should review requirements before committing to this badge	8b, 8c, 8d, 9b, 9d, 9e, 10, 11
Basketry	Cost of materials about $25	
Bird Study	Good for Scouts with a major interest. Requires studying while at camp	
Camping	Scouts should review requirements before committing to this badge	7b, 8d, 9
Canoeing	Physical strength needed, pass swimmers test on first day	
Communications	Not recommended for first year Scouts	8-can be done in camp by the troop; will not be done during class
Computers	Good for older Scouts	7
Electricity	Good for older Scouts	2, 8
Electronics	Good for older Scouts	
Emergency Preparedness	Good for older Scouts	1, 2c
Energy	Good for older Scouts	4
Engineering	Good for older Scouts	
Environmental Science	Not recommended for first year Scouts	
First Aid	Not recommended for first year Scouts	
Fish and Wildlife Management		5, 7 - 7 requires Scout to catch a fish; will not have poles available
Fishing	Fishing rod required	9 - maybe be difficult
Forestry	Not recommended for first year Scouts	7 will be done in camp upon availability of local forester
Geology	Difficult to complete at camp	
Hiking	Difficult to complete at camp	5, 6, 7
Insect Study		7
Indian Lore	Good for any Scout; may cost $10-$15	
Journalism	Good for older Scouts	2

Leatherwork	Good for first year Scouts, cost of materials about $15	
Lifesaving	Good for older Scouts and strong swimmers skills, long sleeve buttondown shirt, pants, belt, shoes, and socks	1a
Mammal Study	Part of first year program, good for any Scout	
Music	Good for older Scouts	3
Nature	Difficult to complete at camp	If Scouts want the following options: 4a(2), 4d(2), 4f(1, 2)
Nuclear Science	Good for older Scouts	5
Oceanography	Not recommended for first year Scouts	
Orienteering	1-2 hours a day not frecommended or first year, bring compass	
Photography	Not for first year Scouts, fil m and developing about $15	
Pioneering	2 hours daily, not recommended for first year Scouts	
Public Speaking		
Reptile and Amphibian study	Good for any Scout	8
Rifle shooting	Requires two hours daily previous	
Rowing	Physical strength needed, pass swimmers test on first day good for older Scouts	
Sculpture		
Shotgun Shooting	Good for older Scouts, require physical strength; cost $25- $40	
Small Boat Sailing	Limited Class Sizes; Age and rank comes first, pass swimmers test on first day	
Space Exploration	Cost about $10-$15	
Soil and Water Conservation	Time consuming, good for older Scouts	
Swimming	Part of first year program, pass swimmers test on first day, long sleeve buttondown shirt, and long pants	Second Class Rank: 7a-7c; First Class Rank 9a-9c
Textile	Good for any Scout	
Theater		1
Weather	Good for any Scout	
Wilderness Survival	Overnight trip, good for older Scouts	
Wood Carving	Good for older Scouts, cost about $10	2a

Other

BSA Lifeguard	Must be 14 takes 6-8 hours a day everyday
Kayaking BSA	Good for older Scouts
X-Pride	Must be at least 14